

# NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

## January 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty a.m. (7:30 a.m.) on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at St. Germain Elementary/NPMLC. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Betty Wright (via Google Meet), Emilie Braunel (via Google Meet), Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet, left at 8:25), Karen Weber-Mendham (via Google Meet), Laura Rozga (via phone), Debbie Tank (via Google Meet) and Jennifer Jefferson (via Google meet). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal (via Google Meet,) Ann Perry, Lead Teacher SOAR HS (via Google Meet), and recording secretary, Michele Hotmar.

**Open Meeting Verification** – Emilie Braunel stated that the meeting had been duly called with meeting notices posted at the following locations:

1. The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River
2. The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain
3. The Vilas County Courthouse – Eagle River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River

**Approval of Agenda** – MOTION by Betty Wright that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

**Oath of Office to New Board Member Term:** Oath issued to Debbie Tank, SOAR HS Parent Member.

**Public Participation** – There were no citizen comments.

**Minutes of Past Meetings** – MOTION by Jennifer Jefferson that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2020 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Karen Weber-Mendham. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

**Board Communication** – The Board talked about changing the Charter Board meetings from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Board members agreed that 7:30 a.m. would be a better time to start to get around work schedules. Board members also discussed keeping meeting virtual for the rest of the 2020-2021 Board meeting calendar. It will be discussed again at the annual Board meeting when the 2021-2022 Board meeting calendar is voted upon.

### **Administrative Report:**

**Tony Duffek - NPMLC:** Written report

**Carie Brock - SOAR MS:** Written report

**Ann Perry – SOAR HS:** Written report

**Finance Update:** Schools presented their current budgets and expenditures.

**Discussion/Action items:**

**12a) Update on school year and response to COVID-19:** There is nothing major to report. Attendance numbers have been good as it seems to go in spells. November had the highest cases of student absences because of COVID, and absences went up a little again after the holiday break. Safety measures put in place seem to be preventing a lot of common viruses.

**12b) District Calendar:** The district changed the school calendar to include 3 in-service days for teachers, and 1 optional day for students. These days are for teacher planning. On optional days for teachers they will have a half day with students doing enrichment activities, and have a half day for planning. When students are not with their teacher, they will be participating in enrichment activities with support staff.

**12c) MLC and SOAR MS application window and lottery:** The application window to apply is January 4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. We are advertising all over but there seems to be fewer applications this year. If we receive more application than spots open there will be a lottery on February 4, 2021 at Eagle River Elementary School at 9:00 a.m.

**12d) Work Session:** The Board will have a work session in February for handbook changes. Jennifer Jefferson will draft an agenda for the Board to go by.

**12e) Adjournment:** MOTION by Betty Wright that the Board adjourn. Second by Laura Rozga. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.