

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

**ROCK RIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1405 PROGRESS PARKWAY, VIRGINIA, MN 55792
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Members Present:

Jennifer Bonner
Tim Riordan
Jodi Westby

Lisa Westby
John Uhan

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent
Scott Manni, Rock Ridge High School Principal
Stephanie Aagenes, Special Education Director

Members Absent:

Nicole Culbert-Dahl
Brandi Lautigar

- I. Chair UHAN called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
 - A. UHAN deleted 7.0. *Closed Session for preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual who is subject to the Board's Authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 2(b) and 7.1 Possible action based on the topics discussed in closed session.*
 - B. Motion to **approve the agenda as amended** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Molly Peltier – Music Task Force proposal and lack of board action on the proposal.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by L. WESTBY. Discussion was held on Item 4.14 *Approval of BSN/Under Armour athletic agreement with Rock Ridge for team apparel effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.* Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Approval of April 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 school year: Nick Peters (JH Baseball), Ben Delich (Softball).
 - C. Approval of additional duties for the following staff members for the 2025-2026 school year: Sheila Wilcox (Fiddle Club \$505), Michelle Pietila (ESY Summer School Teacher - Special Education \$33/hour), Amber King (ESY Summer School Teacher - Special Education \$33/hour), Eli Little (Construction Club \$505).
 - D. Approval of RRHS club advisors and stipends for the 2025-2026 school year (attachment).
 - E. Approval of hire of Ashley Samargia for the Community Education Softball Coordinator position with a stipend of \$1,500 effective April 28, 2026 (summer schedule, as needed).
 - F. Approval of unpaid leave of absence for Lillian Archambeau from the Paraprofessional position effective August 24, 2026 through January 4, 2027.
 - G. Acceptance of resignation of Jessica Johnson from the Co-Head Girls Tennis Coach position effective December 4, 2025.
 - H. Acceptance of resignation of Kortney Rosati from the Co-Head Girls Tennis Coach position effective December 4, 2025.
 - I. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Wayne Roberts from the Physical Education Teacher position effective May 29, 2026.
 - J. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Julie Eddy from the Activities & Community Education Secretary position effective June 30, 2026.
 - K. Acceptance of resignation of Alison Glade from the Secondary Science Teacher position effective June 30, 2026.

- L. Acceptance of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Shannon Malovrh from the CTE/Perkins Grant Coordinator position from the True North Stars Perkins Consortium effective September 30, 2026.
- M. Permission for Mary Rantala to attend the national Anatomage training in California this summer. There is no cost to the school district
- N. Approval of BSN/Under Armour athletic agreement with Rock Ridge for team apparel effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

V. **REPORTS:**

- A. Principal Sheena Stefanich gave her report about the happenings and events taking place at North Star Elementary.
- B. Supt. Schmidt reported that the staffing assignments for all teachers for the 2026-2027 school year will be shared with the board at the May 11 regular meeting.
- C. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by BONNER, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the response letter to the Minnesota Department of Education regarding the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee vote of non-compliance** made by RIORDAN, seconded by BONNER. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between ISD 2909 and AFSCME, Council 65, AFL-CIO, Local Union No. 3 effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027** made by BONNER, seconded by RIORDAN. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Motion to **rescind Resolution #26-15 Placing Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher Gena Flank on Unrequested Leave of Absence To The Extent of 1.0 FTE** made by BONNER, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to **rescind Resolution #26-16 Placing Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher Benjamin Norman on Unrequested Leave of Absence To The Extent of 1.0 FTE** made by L. WESTBY, seconded by J. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Motion to **approve the 2026-2027 school calendar** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Motion to **approve the Amendment to Contract No. 17891 between St. Louis County / Public Health and Human Services Department and Rock Ridge Public Schools to extend the term of the Agreement** made by BONNER, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made. The school board also acknowledged and thanked our dedicated staff members who are retiring – Wayne Roberts, Julie Eddy, and Shannon Malovrh.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

CHAIR

CLERK