

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2909
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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
Nicole Culbert-Dahl	John Uhan
Brandi Lautigar	Jodi Westby
	Lisa Westby

Other Staff Present:

Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent

Members Absent:

None

- I. Chair UHAN called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the agenda** made by LAUTIGAR seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR INPUT:** Paul Peltier – reminder to vote in November for the Permanent School Fund which will be on the general election ballot.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** made by RIORDAN, seconded by J. WESTBY. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Approval of June 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Approval of hire of Robert Sandstrom for the Custodian/GM/Grounds/Driver position at a rate of \$25.75/hour effective June 11, 2026.
 - C. Approval of hire of Kiera Zemke for the Summer Day Camp Staff position at a rate of \$15.00/hour effective June 26, 2026.
 - D. Approval of hire of Kari Mackey for the Special Education EBD (Grades 10-12) (RRHS) position with a salary of \$76,384 (Step J BA+10) effective August 24, 2026.
 - E. Approval of hire of Amber Lind for the Early Childhood Special Education (PES) position with a salary of \$50,163 (Step B BA) effective August 24, 2026.
 - F. Approval of hire of Patrick Hemann Murphy for the Special Education EBD (Grades 7-9) (RRHS) position with a salary of \$55,291 (Step D BA) effective August 24, 2026.
 - G. Approval of hire of Patrick Murphy for the Flag Football Coordinator position with a stipend of \$1,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - H. Approval of transfer of Mike Nystrom from the Performing Arts Center AV Tech position to the Sound and Light and Stage Manager position at a rate of \$50/hour (as needed) effective July 15, 2026.
 - I. Acceptance of resignation of Kiera Zemke from the Summer Day Camp Staff position effective July 18, 2026.
 - J. Approval of clerical corrections to hiring details of Kelsey Everson, Physical Therapist - ECSE. Corrections include the spelling of her last name and the addition of July 20, 2026 as an additional day to her work schedule.
 - K. Approval of clerical correction to hiring details for Daniel Merfeld, North Star Principal. Salary changed from \$123,045.86 to \$118,045.86.
 - L. Approval of lane change of Ethan Stachovich from BA +20 to BA+30/MA effective July 8, 2026.
 - M. Approval of lane change for Nichole Reid from Step J BA+10 to Step J BA+30/MA effective June 23, 2026.
 - N. Approval of lane change for Benjamin Norman from Step F MA+10 to Step F MA+18 effective June 23, 2026.

- O. Approval of lane change for Kimberly Wolner from Step J MA+10 to Step J MA+18 effective July 10, 2026.

V. **REPORTS:**

- A. Cassandra Hainey, PCN Grant Coordinator, gave a final report on the 5-year Positive Community Norms Grant that ended at Rock Ridge on June 30.
- B. Supt. Schmidt updated the board that teachers will be providing programming for students on Constitution Day which is September 17. An updated staffing list for the 2026-2027 school year was provided to the board. It continues to be a live document with changes being made throughout the summer. The construction of the 2nd roundabout located on Progress Pkwy has started and is expected to be done by the start of the school year. Finally, a group of teachers continues to meet about student behavior and ways to make improvements for the upcoming year. Some of these changes will be added to the student handbook.
- C. Motion to **approve the payment of the bills** made by BONNER, seconded by L. WESTBY. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion to **approve the Resolution Authorizing ISD 2909 To Make Application To and Accept Grant Funds From IRRR FY27 School Account Disbursement** made by CULBERT-DAHL, seconded by L. WESTBY. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to **approve the Pupil Transportation Agreement between Northstar Student Transportation and ISD 2909 effective 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031** made by BONNER, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Motion to **approve the Resolution Adopting Independent School District No. 2909 FY28 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Plan** made by LAUTIGER, seconded by RIORDAN. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to **approve the Software License Agreement between SpEd Forms LLC and ISD 2909 effective August 8, 2026** made by RIORDAN, seconded by LAUTIGAR. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

CHAIR

CLERK