

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 3, 2024

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on January 3, 2024 in the conference room at the high school at 6:00PM. Board members present: Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Greg Larson, and Staci Allmaras (MicrosoftTeams).

Board Members Absent: None

Student Representatives present: Eduardo Sanchez & Ellie Welch

Student Representatives absent: None

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Laura Januszewski, Emily Evenson, Cary Haugrud, Derrick Nelson, and PJ Breen.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chair, Jon Karger.

Anne Peterson moved to approve the meeting agenda with the movement of part 8. Presentations to immediately follow this approval. The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Presentations

Staff Development

Mr. Derrick Nelson & Mrs. Laura Januszewski

Board Chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board chair. Greg Larson nominated Jon Karger as chair. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Jon Karger as elected 2024 board chair by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board vice-chair. Greg Larson nominated Anne Peterson as vice-chair. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Anne Peterson as elected 2024 vice-chair by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board clerk. Jon Karger nominated Brenda Olson as clerk. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Brenda Olson as elected 2024 clerk by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board treasurer. Brenda Olson nominated Molly Welch as treasurer. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Molly Welch as elected 2024 treasurer by acclamation.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance (Personnel/Facilities) Committee: Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, Greg Larson (alternate: Molly Welch)

Policy Committee: Staci Allmaras, Anne Peterson, Molly Welch

Acknowledgements

Jon Karger - Completion of the MSBA Leadership Development Workshop Series

Local Businesses for their support and involvement in the Commercial Driver's License course offering.

Pelican Rapids Food Shelf - raised funds and food along with PRHS and VES

Administrative reports

A. Student School Board Representatives

Mr. Eduardo Sanchez & Ms. Ellie Welch

B. Finance Director

Mr. Rudy Martinez

C. Superintendent

Mr. Brian Korf

Brenda Olson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

A. Approve board minutes - December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

B. Financial claims - December bills

C. Treasurer's report

D. Accept Donations

Student Accounts - \$80 - Laura Klimek

Viking Butikk - \$80 - Laura Klimek

PRHS Scholarship Fund in Memory of Erling Kelting - \$50 - Anonymous

Rex & Linda Haugen Scholarship - \$100 - Marty Christianson

E. Personnel

Approve the resignation of David Brown as English Teacher at PRHS

Approve the resignation of Shari VerDorn as Administrative Assistant at VES

Approve the hire of Maria Poblano-Tapia as Part-time HeadStart Sp.Ed. Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Devyn Syverson as English Teacher at PRHS

The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Greg Larson introduced the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, if the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, if there has been a reduction in student enrollment and,

WHEREAS, if the reduction in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of program, and

WHEREAS, if a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. #548 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Roll Call Vote

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk

The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Greg Larson, & Staci Allmaras.

The following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Brenda Olson made a motion to approve the Non-Certified Staff Payout for Unused Sick Leave. The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Greg Larson made a motion to approve the Employee Assistance Program Agreement with Lakeland Mental Health Center for January 1, 2024-December 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Anne Peterson made a motion to approve the first readings of Policy 425: Staff Development. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Anne Peterson made a motion to approve the second reading of the following policies:

Policy 621: Literacy and Read Acts

Policy 802: Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material

Policy 805: Waste Reduction and Recycling

The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Molly Welch made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Board Chair

Board Clerk