



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Agenda

January 4, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | R-P School Administrative Meeting Room

Announcements/Roll call - Chair Ryman presided.

Present: Chuck Ehler, Sally Ryman, Rick Buchanan, Jack Culhane, Jenny Helgemoe, John Linder, Jo Anne Agrimson, Emily Didier, Joyce Iverson, Kathy Wade, Lisa Lawston, Donna Boyum, June Vitse, Claire Olstad and Brenda Tesch.

Not Present: Jen Hengel

The meeting was called to order by President Ryman at 8 a.m.

Approval of agenda. Motion to approve by Kathy Wade; Seconded by Chuck Ehler. Approved.

Approval of minutes from December 7, 2018 meeting. Moved by Chuck Ehler; Seconded by Clair Olstad to approve the minutes. Approved.

Financial Report:

Bills to pay: 157.25 for contract with the Chamber for 8 ½ hours. Motion to approve by Kathy Wade; Seconded by Chuck Ehler. Approved.

Donations: We received a \$250 donation for the general fund and a \$100 for the Angel Fund.

Scholarship Payments

Jenny Helgemoe reached out to all scholarship award winners. All but three students have given Jenny their transcripts, proving progress. Motion made by Joyce Iverson; seconded by Jack Culhane to pay the scholarships for those showing progress and to make payments to others as the transcripts arrive. (Jenny will send payment information to Jen Hengel). Motion passed.

Website Update - The SMG Preferred Package contract was signed. It includes everything: Site design and development, hosting, domain management, updates, backups, analytics, site monitoring, and website support is \$500 per year or \$49 per month. A target to complete the updated site is the end of January/mid-February 2019. Sally Ryman asked for volunteers to review the website and its functions. Brenda Tesch offered to review the site with Robin Honken and Sally Ryman.

BLT & Fall Feast Dates -

BLT: At our December meeting we discussed August 17 or 24 for the BLT and later in the fall for the Fall Feast. Members checked on school and community events that could be conflicts before setting the dates.

The 17th is open; the 24th is feasible, but not a good choice. Kathy Wade suggested using the school's Wellness Committee to help make it more fun while having more competition among school staff members. Another possibility is to ask the administration to find something to entice staff members to become involved. Kathy also talked to Principal Jake Timm to get more participation from staff.

A motion was made to move the BLT to August 17 by Jo Anne Agrimson, pending the availability of Gopher Events; Seconded by Lisa Lawston. Approved.

Fall Feast: October 12 was chosen as the best weekend, tentatively, to set the Fall Feast. Moved by Joyce Iverson; seconded by Lisa Lawston. Approved.

Planning for 2019 scholarships

Current monies available:

\$9,592 BLT fund (+250)

\$15,490 scholarship fund

\$6,892 general fund (operating funds)

Scholarships awarded in 2018 to be paid in 2010 out of the scholarship fund total \$6,125.

We will be doing a fundraiser this spring with some type of mailing, but this is not our main funding. The monies raised in 2019 would go into funds for next year, not this year's scholarships. In the past, we have kept around \$3000 in the BLT fund for operating expenses.

How much should we move into the endowment fund? A portion of this fund's interest could eventually be used for future scholarships if we continually support the fund. Chuck Ehler recommended that \$12,000 be taken from our funds to put into the endowment fund, coming from these areas: \$5,000 BLT fund, \$2,000 general fund, and \$5,000 scholarship fund.

There are 49 seniors this year. Our goal is 10% of that population, but we have given 6 scholarships in the past few years. It was suggested that it might be good to keep the 6 scholarships.

Jack Culhane mentioned that trade businesses were open to giving another year for trade scholarships. Lisa Lawston suggested asking other major businesses for funds for the scholarships. We generally ask them for funds for BLT. Jack Culhane will head up the Trade Scholarship committee, which will meet right after our February meeting. He asked that the people who worked with him last year continue their work to raise the funds for this year's trade scholarships.

2018 Trade Scholarship Sponsoring businesses were:

Anderson Auto	Hammell Equipment	Pam's Corner
Brown Tire & Battery Inc.	Johnson Rolling Acres	Rushford Manufacturing
Connaughty Sales	L&L Volkman Auto Body Repair	Smith Farms
Curt's Place	Mel's Shear Magic	The Shop Salon
Darr Auctions & Realty / D&D Car Wash	Metz Hart-Land Creamery	Visions Salon
Deer Brook Farms	New Beginnings Salon	Woxland Heating & Cooling
Duane Bunke Construction	Norman's Electric Service	Woxland Plumbing

Discussion was held as to whether we give renewable scholarships or fund scholarships for more students. Chuck Ehler suggested that giving to more students might be the best route to go.

Moved by Kathy Wade; seconded by Lisa Lawston that we give ten \$500 scholarships for general college. Discussion was to make this *up to* 10 rather than mandate that we simply give 10. The amended Motion carried.

Chuck Ehler moved and Joyce Iverson seconded a motion that \$12,000 be taken moved into the endowment fund, coming from these areas:

\$5,000 BLT fund
\$2,000 general fund
\$5,000 scholarship fund

Motion carried.

Chuck Ehler added that, as this is his final year as superintendent, in 5 years it is wonderful to see the growth of the funds in this committee that is student-centered and student-focused.

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. made by Kathy Wade; seconded by June Vitse. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 1, in the R-P School Administrative Meeting Room.