



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | Upper Commons, RP School

In Attendance: Donna Boyum, Joyce Iverson, Claire Olstad, Jo Anne Agrimson, Supt. Jon Thompson, Brenda Tesch, Amy Woxland

Absent: June Vitse, Jenny Helgemoe, Lisa Lawston, Jack Culhane, Jen Hengel, Bonnie Prinsen (replacing Kathy Wade; Bonnie had no advance notice of the meeting), Aaron Prinsen

President Joyce Iverson called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by Jo Anne Agrimson; seconded by Claire Olstad. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes from May 7, 2021 by Donna Boyum; seconded by Brenda Tesch. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Members received a report from Jen Hengel. The Angel Fund received \$100 from Balloons by Kevin thanks to Shelby Tesch. Other revenue totaling \$725 went toward named scholarships.

There are no current bills to pay.

Motion made by Jo Anne Agrimson; seconded by Amy Woxland to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Scholarship Recipients 2021:

Foundation for R-P Schools Scholarships: Christina Scaife, Hannah Linder, Rylin Hoel, Emma Schuster, Callie Kingsley, Hailey Jenkins and Morgana Simpson

Foundation for R-P Schools Trade & Tech Scholarships: Helen Newman, Alora Wilkemeyer

Foundation for R-P Schools Service Award: Hannah Linder

Foundation for R-P Schools Chuck Ehler Honorary Scholarship: Lily Thompson

Named Scholarships under the Foundation for R-P Schools:

Merle & Bette Evenson Memorial Scholarship: Calli Kingsley & Alayna Helgemoe

Merlin & Lila Jameson Memorial Scholarship: Alyvia Eide

Ronald Kjos Honorary Scholarship: Emma Schuster & Alayna Helgemoe

Michael Reinhardt Memorial Scholarship: Alayna Helgemoe & Megan Ekern

Mitch Thompson Memorial Scholarship: Ben Wieser & Brad Colbenson

R-P Retired Teachers' Scholarship: Megan Ekern

Bruce Victor Bartelson Memorial Scholarship: Julia Maynard & Christina Scaife

BLT Planning: Brenda Tesch reported that there were many people registered online for the BLT who had not registered in the past three years. Also, the event is drawing more people who are not from our area (25 of the 33 registered so far), which is also good news. More media exposure is planned to get the word out. The date is August 21. Volunteers will be needed that day, especially along the route to cheer on and guide the participants. Board members were asked to spread the word.

Bluff Land Trojan Kids' Challenge Saturday, July 17 during Rushford Days for ages 10 & under: Thanks to the generous support of the RP Booster Club, this event is free. Practice rounds are planned from noon to 1:30 for participants; they will be entered in categories by age for the races which begin at 1:30. Medals will be given to those coming in 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Every participant will receive something for participating.

Trade Scholarships: Claire Olstad, Jack Culhane and Jo Anne Agrimson met to begin a draft that defines a Trade Scholarship. The following is that draft, with suggestions by President Iverson in red:
A post-secondary educational institution **that** is designed to train students for a specific job in a skilled trade career. Trade schools offer hands-on training to prepare students for actual work in their chosen field. They are entirely concentrated on relevant job training. A trade school gives students the knowledge needed in order to start a career in a field that requires technical expertise or hands-on experience. A skilled trades training program can take two years or less; however, most students have enough training to begin their careers in a year. **For the Foundation for R-P Schools Trade Scholarship, a trade school education may not be considered** a stepping stone to a four-year bachelor's degree from a college.

Secretary Jo Anne Agrimson reported that board member Amy Woxland had also sent possible revisions. Woxland stated that post-secondary schools do not use the term Trade in their names, which could cause confusion for students. She suggested adding a list of some of the career paths trade schools offer. There was a discussion about creating a list that could never be all-inclusive, but which would be helpful. Agrimson suggested we table the discussion to get more feedback and do more research about what constitutes a trade school. Many members who could contribute were absent. Joyce Iverson suggested Jenny Helgemoe's experience could help us as we create this definition.

Motion made by Jo Anne Agrimson to table the discussion until the next meeting; seconded by Donna Boyum. Motion carried.

New Members/Student Member: President Iverson reminded us that we need to find a junior in high school who is willing to participate as a student representative. She had asked Aaron Prinsen if he would be willing to suggest or recommend a junior. Prinsen asked whether the candidate should be a female; Iverson replied that alternating between a male/female has been the tradition. Iverson also asked Board Members to be thinking about new citizen members as they need to be voted on in October so they will be on the Board by November 1, the start date for new members decided on earlier this year.

Next meetings are scheduled for Fridays: July 9; August 6; September 10, 2021 @ 8 a.m. at R-P School.

Adjourn Motion made by Claire Olstad to adjourn at 8:19; seconded by Brenda Tesch. Meeting adjourned.