



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 4, 2024

Forum Room, RP School

Called to Order at 7:33 a.m. by President Iverson.

Attendance: Joyce Iverson, Barb Zoelle-Johnson, Megan LaFleur, Will LaFleur, Jenny Helgemoe, Ben Bernard, Amy Woxland, Brenda Tesch, Rhonda Bauer

Absent: Jen Hengel, Duane Koenen, Steve Oian, Kenna Gudmundson, Jake Dahl

The Board welcomed two new members. Amy Woxland is the new School Board representative replacing Nancy Snyder, and Rhonda Bauer will step in for Brenda Tesch, whose term is complete. The Board sincerely thanks both Nancy and Brenda for their service.

Regular Meeting Agenda: There were no changes to the proposed agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made by M. LaFleur, seconded by Woxland. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Minutes of September 6, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve the September 6, 2024 minutes was made by Woxland, seconded by Tesch. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: No updates.

Financial Reports, Jennifer Hengel, Funds Coordinator:

Fund Summaries as of September 28, 2024:

General Fund	\$ 7,904.40
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 7,939.02
Scholarship	\$ 20,623.97
Named Scholarships	\$ 27,353.75
Endowment Fund	\$ 61,135.29
	\$ 124,956.43

Hengel was not present at the meeting but had forwarded a written update attached to the current financial report. Hengel's report stated that "the only changes since [the] September 6, 2024 meeting are a \$100.00 donation to the Bluff Land Tri Fund (received at the event) and the \$2,503.10 in BLT expenses [the Board] approved at the last meeting, both of which are reflected in the Current Quarter Activity section [of the financial report]." A motion was made by Woxland to approve the Financial Report with a second by Bernard. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Bills to Pay/ Angel Fund/Fall Fundraising:

Bills: A bill for 134 BLT t-shirts received from Jay & Dee's Special T's LLC for \$839.20. The total invoice for the t-shirts was \$1,339.20, \$500.00 of the cost was covered by Thrivent cards.

Angel Fund:

(1) A request from Principal Angela Shepard to cover the cost of milk for five (5) elementary students: \$55.00 per student = \$275.00 and for one kindergarten student = \$50.00 for a total cost of \$325.00.

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(2) A request from Technology Director Corey Mattson via Jenny Helgemoe for three (3) Chromebook leases for MS/HS students for a total of \$225.00.

(3) A request from Technology Director Corey Mattson via Jenny Helgemoe for four (4) Chromebook leases for MS/HS students for a total of \$300.00.

A motion was made by Woxland with a second from Helgemoe to approve the bill to be paid and the Angel Fund requests. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Fall Fundraising: Sally Ryman is completing the fundraising letter and will coordinate with Jen Hengel in getting the contact information to facilitate mailing out the letters.

BLT – Looking Ahead to 2025: The Bluff Land Tri is schedule next year for August 16, 2025. The event will benefit from increasing the number of bike racks available to the participants. There are currently seventeen (17) bike racks for the event. It is hoped that seven (7) more racks can be purchased for use in 2025. The estimated cost for these additional bike racks is \$1,056.00. An application has been submitted to the Arlin Falck Foundation to request funding support for these additional racks. A response from the Falck Foundation is expected by November 2024. There may be additional funding from SHIP grants that are administered by Fillmore County Public Health. A motion to formally apply for SHIP grant funding is made by Tesch with a second by M. LaFleur. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Kids Challenge: The Kids Challenge event needs new volunteers to plan for the 2025 event. Brenda Tesch and Nathan & June Vitse have historically administered this event, but they are not available to continue in this role going forward. The event must have new volunteers for the Kids Challenge to continue as an event during the annual Rushford Days celebration. Foundation board members, R-P Booster Club and community members are encouraged to come on board to plan and facilitate the Kids Challenge.

Other Business: No new business.

Next Meeting (usually the 1st Friday of the month): Annual Meeting is November 8, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. in the Forum Room. A December meeting will be scheduled if needed.

Adjourned: Motion by Woxland, seconded Tesch, to adjourn. All in Favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Secretary

Actions for SMIF:

From the Bluff Land Tri Fund (#01014) - Jay & Dee's Special T's LLC for \$839.20

From the General Fund (#359) – Rushford-Peterson Schools for \$850.00