



FOUNDATION FOR RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes **Friday, January 3, 2025** **Forum Room, R-P Schools**

Called to Order at 7:30 a.m. by President Iverson.

Attendance: Joyce Iverson, Barb Zoelle-Johnson, Megan LaFleur, Will LaFleur, Jenny Helgemoe, Ben Bernard, Amy Woxland, Jen Hengel, Duane Koenen, Kenna Gudmundson, Jake Dahl, Steve Oian
Absent: Rhonda Bauer

Meeting Schedule for 2025: A proposal was initiated at the November 2024 meeting to change the Board's schedule from monthly to quarterly meetings. A quarterly meeting schedule will have the remaining 2025 Board meetings on April 4; July 11; and October 3. Important business requiring the Board's attention during the interim months can be conducted by a call of a special meeting or e-mail. A motion was made by Woxland with a second from Koenen to approve quarterly Board meetings in 2025. All in favor. Motion approved.

Election of Officers for the service term of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025: Megan LaFleur volunteered to continue as the Board's Vice President. Barb Zoelle-Johnson volunteered to continue as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer. A motion to accept M. LaFleur and Zoelle-Johnson in these respective positions was made by Oian with a second by Woxland. All in favor. Motion approved.

Woxland nominated Duane Koenen for the role of Board President. Current President Iverson provided information regarding the president's job description and responsibilities. Oian made a motion to elect Duane Koenen as the Board President with a second from Gudmundson. All in Favor. Motion approved. The Board welcomed Duane Koenen as the in-coming President and sincerely thanked Joyce Iverson for her service and dedication to the Board.

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

Minutes of November 8, 2024 Annual meeting: Motion to approve the November 8, 2024 minutes made by M. LaFleur, seconded by Woxland. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: Gudmundson shared that the planning is in full swing for the Senior Class Trip to Galveston, Texas. There are currently about 25 students planning to go. W. LaFleur shared that the basketball season is well underway.

Financial Reports, Jennifer Hengel, Funds Coordinator:

Fund Summaries as of December 30, 2024:

General Fund	\$ 8,751.40
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 7,099.82
Scholarship	\$ 14,923.97

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Named Scholarships	\$	24,283.75
Endowment Fund	\$	<u>64,333.65</u>
	\$	119,392.59

Jen Hengel provided an overview of the current financial report. A motion was made by Dahl to approve the Financial Report with a second by Woxland. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Bills to Pay/ Angel Fund/Fall Fundraising: There were no bills to be paid or Angel Fund requests at this time.

2025 Scholarship Application: The Board reviewed the current template of the Scholarship Application for 2025. A motion was made by M. LaFleur with a second by Woxland to approve the form. All in favor. Motion passed.

Superintendent Bernard shared information and insights that pertain to the scholarship process for the Board to consider. These insights will be further discussed at the April 2025 meeting.

BLT – Looking Ahead to 2025: The Bluff Land Triathlon is scheduled for August 16, 2025. The Kids Challenge will be held in July in conjunction with Rushford Days. Megan LaFleur and Jake Dahl will co-chair the Kids Challenge Committee. The Bluff Land Tri Committee will continue and meetings will commence soon in 2025. All Foundation board members are encouraged to assist and support the committees in planning and facilitating these events.

Other Business:

- Jen Hengel shared that the Rushford Community Foundation agreed to create the Rushford Peterson Valley Royalty Scholarship under its umbrella.
- Jake Dahl brought up the possibility of adding another fundraising event such as a golf tournament. The idea will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next Meeting (meetings to be conducted quarterly): April 4, 2025 at 7:30 a.m., Forum Room.
(July 11, October 3)

Adjourned at 8:04 a.m. on motion by Iverson, second by Woxland. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Secretary