

**Eagle Ridge Academy
Special Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2007
7255 Flying Cloud Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344**

Board Members:

Present: Jim Ripple, John Niemann, Kathy Rogers, Cindy Ripple, Len Twetan, Carolyn Sommers, Jim Romportl

Absent: John Neve

Additional Attendees: Judi Ingison-Director, Matthew Kilanowski-Teacher, Jan Ashbaugh-Parent

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. C. Ripple discussed the cover letter to Alice Seagren requesting the waiver.
2. The board discussed adding a paragraph highlighting the various professional skills brought to the board by the current board members.
3. Ingison brought up the issue of whether the bylaws should be amended to reflect a collegial model.
4. Ann Peterson's Report was discussed.
5. The letter to Friends of Ascension was touched upon.
6. Niemann expressed the teachers' concerns about how Ann Peterson's discussion with the teachers was conducted.
7. Niemann said that if the board was willing to wait to conduct further discussions with the teachers, they might be willing to write a letter of support as an addendum to the waiver request.
8. Rogers stated that given the 60 day lead time for holding any board election, that the waiver request needed to be submitted immediately.
9. The board agreed that the Governance Committee would meet within the next month to determine the precise structure of the collegial model to be used. This would allow the board to have a plan in place so that if the waiver were granted, the school could proceed with preparations for the elections without delay.

10. Rogers moved that it be resolved that the Board of Directors of Eagle Ridge Academy request from the Commissioner of Education of Minnesota, a waiver of the requirement in Minn. Stat. 124D.10, subd. 4c that “licensed teachers employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction under a contract with a cooperative, must be a majority of the members of the board of directors before the school completes its third year of operation, unless the commissioner waives the requirement for a majority of licensed teachers on the board” for a period of three years, beginning July 1, 2007. J. Ripple seconded the motion. J. Ripple, Rogers, C. Ripple, Twetan, Sommers, and Romportl voted for the motion. Niemann voted against the motion.

Meeting was adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rogers, Secretary.