

**Resurrection Lutheran School Board**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**October 17, 2023**

**Voting Board Members Present:** Mackenzie Sottini, John Heilman, Chris Alladin, John Leuenberger, Bill Xenakis, Pat Smith, Larry Cameron, Chris Johanson  
**Absent:** Fonda Ingram

**Non-voting Board Members Present:** Robin Hester, Carey Reynik  
**Absent:** Pastor Jonathan Blanke

**Staff Present:** Deb Mahan  
**Absent:** Rosie Creasy

Presiding officer Mackenzie Sottini opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and Pat Smith led the opening prayer.

**Teacher Rep News**

Carey Reynik reported the Kindergarten teachers; Jen King and Penny Hancock are grateful for the soon to occur air conditioning repairs.

The JK and Kindergarten teachers would like to have their classes capped @ 12 students per classroom.

**Principal's Report**

Robin Hester reported RLS should have 179 students when school returns from Fall Break.

A renewed web page should launch in January they're looking to streamline the application process. Brian Lee is building the shell and Rosie is giving content. She also sent a survey to the parents to get their opinions on enhancing web usage.

The first MAP Testing assessments were given to students. Teachers met in mentor groups to evaluate scores. Results can be fed to IXL so additional skill practice can be used when needed. Three students who were applying to RLS were given a shorter version of the MAP test. It may become one of the evaluation tools used for admission purposes.

A representative from Lumio spent 2 days instructing the teachers on how to use the software. She will check in with Pam Barnette once a month for any followup questions/concerns.

It was decided to give a formal thank you/flowers to Louise Louis for her efforts in bringing the SmartBoards with Lumio to our school.

The Fall Hootenanny was a great success.

The Fall Middle School dance will be held next week and has an 80's theme.

Volleyball and Cross Country have finished their seasons.

Bill Xenakis said "Mr. Fixit Day" to honor Garrett Nigg's birthday was a great idea.

Larry Cameron and John Heilman are still experiencing email malfunctions (not receiving all emails) this will be looked into and corrected.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chris Alladin reported the current budget reflects one student's departure, but not the second student who left RLS. The budget should even out when 2 new students begin next week.

### **Tuition for 2024-2025 School Year**

Mackenzie stated a "tuition committee " met last Friday to discuss the history, evaluate what other schools in the area charge for tuition and come up with a plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

Extensive discussion followed.

During the Board discussion, many different factors were considered i.e: affordability, student enrollment, different percentage rates, what influence school choice may have, teacher salaries, enrollment fees, instructional fees, inflation.

### **Motion**

Bill made a motion to increase tuition to \$9,900 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Chris A. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Motion**

John H. made a motion to increase Enrollment fees to \$400 and the Instructional fee to \$500 with a \$1,000 cap per family. Bringing the total cost to \$10,800 per student for the 2024-2025 school year. John Leuenberger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Committee Updates**

John L. reported STEM instructors will present at the November Board meeting.

*Presiding officer Mackenzie Sottini adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.*

*Minutes submitted by Secretary, Chris Johanson*