

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
JUNE 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room with Justin Hoover attending remotely from The Kempinski Hotel Lobby, To the Ring Rd, Second New Cairo, Cairo Governorate 11477.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amanda Nelson – Specialist schedule and cut to technology K-3

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the May 20, 2024 Regular and June 10, 2024 Special Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,993,195.12
- C. Certified Staff Appointment
- D. Release from Contract Requests
- E. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 900-80-1:Public Data and Data Subject Requests MSBA 722
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-25-1:Student Attendance MSBA 503 and 400-25-1R:Student Attendance Procedures MSBA 503R

SPECIAL TOPICS

Middle School and High School Activities – Andra Vaughn, Kristen McRae, student athletes Mia Hoffmann and Moses Son

Andra Vaughn spoke about why students choose to participate in sports. Kristen McRae spoke about having more students participating and raising more money in fundraisers. Mia Hoffmann spoke about taking advantage of the many opportunities that are available to students and the lessons that she has learned from them. Moses Son spoke about being determined and having coaches show him the way in sports, relationships and believing in himself. He spoke about how failure can help you grow in your sport.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in listening sessions.

DONATIONS

There were no donations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Spring Sports State Participants

A list of the spring state participants were given.

After School Clubs

Colleen Cardenuto spoke about the after school clubs that ran during the 2022-2024 school years.

ACTION ITEMS

Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the Minnesota Department of Education External User Access Recertification System

Jenny Frenzel introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXTERNAL USER ACCESS RECERTIFICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, MDE's External User Access Recertification System is a password protected website for members of educational organizations who have received prior approval to access statewide testing and graduation information. On behalf of Bemidji Area Schools, Jeremy Olson is designated by the School Board as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Bemidji Area Schools for the secure site for Minnesota Department of Education Secure Systems information. This School Board action will be forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Education as a matter of record.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota, designates Jeremy Olson, Superintendent of Schools, as the Identified Official with Authority with the Minnesota Department of Education for External User Access Recertification System related to the testing and graduation information of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji Area Schools effective July 1, 2024.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Julie Laitala, Anna Manecke, Justin Hoover, Jenny Frenzel, and Dave Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Request for Licensed Staff

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to add a 1.0 FTE Kindergarten teacher beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

2024-25 Budget Book and Adoption of Preliminary Operating Budget

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2024-25 preliminary operating budget.

Student Handbooks Approval

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2024-2025 student handbooks as presented and with a future change in the Bemidji High School handbook regarding cell phone use.

First Reading of Revised SBR 700-40-2:Student Discipline MSBA 506 and SBR 700-40-2R:Code of Conduct MSBA 506R

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 700-40-2: Student Discipline MSBA 506 and SBR 700-40-2R:Code of Conduct MSBA 506R.

First Reading of Revised SBR 300-70-1:Payment of Fees and Other Charges

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 300-70-1:Payment of Fees and Other Charges.

Recommendation to Rescind Policies

SBR 200-10-9:Certified Personnel School Day
SBR 200-80-1:Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy for Employees
SBR 200-90-7:Civil Rights
SBR 200-90-8:Conditions of Employment in Homebound and Adult Programs
SBR 200-90-14:Personnel Files
200-90-15:Miscellaneous Harassment, Violence and Discrimination Standards of Behavior for Staff and Students

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to rescind the above names policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July School Board Meeting, July 15, 2024, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to go into closed session for the Superintendent's Evaluation. Time: 7:50.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Closed Session, MN State Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3)

The meeting was called into open session. Time 9:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:59 p.m.

Anna Manecke, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved