

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
JANUARY 26, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Ann Long Voelkner, Todd Haugen Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Daman – Negotiations/Community

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the December 11, 2025, December 15, 2025, January 5, 2026, and January 14, 2026 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$3,992,609.02
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignation
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Certified Staff Appointment
- F. Request to Submit Grant: Lumberjack High School
- G. Request to Submit Grant: Bemidji High School

SPECIAL TOPICS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold reported on e-learning days, the Vocalmotive Dinner Show, and a new club.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in the listening session.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried

by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$800.00 to BHS Choir from Bemidji Lions Club Foundation.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### **Student Activity Annual Reporting**

The student activity reports were presented.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Designating a Local Education Agency Representative for Various Federal Programs**

Jack Aakhus introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING VARIOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED LOCAL EDUCATION  
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE AS RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota, to participate in various programs available through the federal government; and

WHEREAS, each of these programs require the designation of an authorized Local Education Agency Representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alexis Wilde, Director of Special Education, be designated as the authorized Local Education Agency Representative relating to the following federal programs; and that she is hereby authorized to prepare and submit applications for funding relating hereto.

Federal Funds for Special Education, IDEIA 2004, Public Law 105-17  
Federal Flow-Through Funds  
Federal Preschool Initiative Funds  
Flow-Through Personnel Development 3-22  
Preschool Incentive Personnel Development 3-5  
Federal Low Incidence Discretionary  
Federal Part C Infants and Toddlers  
Federal IEIC Committees  
Federal Early Intervention Family Services  
Development of Coordinated Services  
Federal Splinter Funds  
Federal Discretionary CSPD Regional  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act  
Limited English Proficient  
Early Intervening Funds

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:  
AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall, Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, and Todd Haugen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### **Designating a Local Education Agency Representative for Title Programs and P.L. 81-874 Impact Aid**

Anna Manecke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TITLE & IMPACT AID PROGRAMS  
AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED LOCAL EDUCATION  
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE AS RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota, to participate in the Title and Impact Aid programs;

WHEREAS, these programs require the designation of an authorized Local Education Agency Representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, be designated as the authorized Local Education Agency Representative relating to Title I and Impact Aid; and that she is hereby authorized to prepare and submit applications for funding relating hereto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall, Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, and Todd Haugen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**FY 2025-2026 Revised Budget**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and the vote was carried by all in attendance to approve the FY 2025-2026 revised budget as presented.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, February 23, 2026, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson shared events happening around our district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:49 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Todd Haugen, Chair

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Date Approved