MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, November 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 31, as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3rd, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 36,221 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Carol L. Johnson	7,831
Dave Wall	6,120
Robert P. Hagge	6,203
Jenny Frenzel	8,672
Colleen Bakken	7,184
WRITE-IN	211
Total Votes	36,221

Jenny Frenzel, Carol L. Johnson, and Colleen Bakken, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2027.

The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Dave Wall and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES Jenny Frenzel, Ann Long Voelkner, Anna Manecke, Dave Wall, Jack Aakhus, Todd Haugen
NOES None
ABSENT None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties

Jack Aakhus introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10 provides, “After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service,” and

WHEREAS, the school board of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji Area Schools has canvassed the general election for school board members held November 3, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji Area Schools as follows:

The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji Area Schools to the following candidates:

Jenny Frenzel
Carol L. Johnson
Colleen Bakken

who have received a sufficient number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statues, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The above resolution was seconded by Dave Wall and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES	Jenny Frenzel, Ann Long Voelkner, Anna Manecke, Dave Wall, Jack Aakhus, Todd Haugen
NOES	None
ABSENT	None

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared passed and adopted by Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji Area Schools, State of Minnesota, this 10th day of November 2026.

Consideration of Approval of Extended Leave Agreement for Employee

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the Extended Leave Agreement.

Adjournment

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 5:06 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk Date Approved

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Todd Haugen, Chair Date Approved