

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shirlee Walker – Patriotic Education

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the January 27, 2025 Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$3,736,872.02
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignation
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Lane Advancements
- F. Request for Extended Leave, Gretchen Rusch
- G. Certified Staff Appointment
- H. Resignation of Administrative Staff Member - Kim Goodwin
- I. Field Trip Request, Bemidji Middle School Math League
- J. Field Trip Request, Bemidji Middle School Robotics
- K. Request to Accept Grant, Minneapolis Foundation
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-20-1: Organization of Grade Levels MSBA
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-30-1: Class Size
- N. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-40-2: School District Testing Plan and Procedure MSBA 614
- O. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-40-3: Curriculum Development MSBA 603

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation “CTE Classes in the High School”

Tony Hommes and Nick Rowland shared about the CTE classes in the high school. They spoke about the modernization of the tools used for technical education and graduation rates being higher for students that participate in CTE classes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold spoke about registering for classes and menstrual products not being restocked in bathrooms.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in the listening session.

DONATIONS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Class Size Report

There are no classes over the Board targets.

ACTION ITEMS

2025-2026 School Calendar with Early Outs

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to accept the 2025-2026 School Calendar with Early Outs.

First Reading of the 2026-2027 School Calendar

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by everyone in attendance to accept the first reading of SBR 400-90-3: 2026-2027 School Calendar.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-40-4:Instructional Curriculum MSBA 604

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-40-4: Instructional Curriculum.

Policies to Rescind

SBR 400-30-1R
SBR 400-30-4
SBR 400-30-4R
400-40-2R

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the rescinding of the above named policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next School Board Meeting, March 17, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Discussion on Student Voice

The Superintendent will contact the High School try to collaborate between Student Government and the School Board. He will also look into having the Student Council from BMS and GDE report to the School Board Student Representative.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:29 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved