

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Pugleasa, Richard (Bill) Faver, Melissa Bahr, Carol L. Johnson, and Superintendent James Hess

Nicole Jensen, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner and Jeff Haack

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Richard (Bill) Faver, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the September 19, 2016 and September 28, 2016 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$3,382,594.19
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations: Robert Caneen, Anita Froelich, Ryan Midgarden, Krista Scanlan, Cheri Todavich, Kathleen White
- D. Certified Staff Appointments: Nicole Cartier, Melissa Williams
- E. Assurance of Compliance With State and Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination
- F. Lane Advancements
- G. Request to Submit Grant Application – Wells Fargo Foundation
- H. Request to Submit Grant Application – Region 2 Arts Council
- I. Request to Accept Grant – Wells Fargo Foundation
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-4: Instruction – Provision of Title I and Special Education Services in Private Schools

SPECIAL TOPICS

**Program Spotlight:** Horace May School Forest – Ami Aalgaard, Jon Shorter, Kate Pearson, Carley Luggar

**Program Spotlight:** One District-One Book – Dr. Jim Hess explained the district efforts to promote family literacy by providing copies of the book, The World According to Humphrey to K-5 students.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Nicole Jensen, Student Representative to the Board, reported on Bemidji High School activities.

## LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Carol L. Johnson reported on the following Listening Session Topic: Bemidji High School Media Center Activities

## DONATION

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from Superintendent Dr. James A. Hess.

## NEW SCHOOL PLANNING

Superintendent Hess reported the Beltrami County Planning Commission will issue the final Conditional Use Permit on October 24, 2016. The CUP has 17 items the district will need to address in the construction of the new elementary school. A Level I Archeological Study will be performed on the new school site and completed in the next few weeks. No action was taken.

## EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

### **Approval of 2016-2017 Challenged Resource Committee**

The motion was offered by Richard (Bill) Faver, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to accept the 2016-2017 Challenged Resource Committee members.

### **Class Size Report**

Superintendent James Hess reported on class size under the recommendations in SBR 400-30-1: Class Size. Ten elementary classrooms exceed the guidelines. No Bemidji Middle School classrooms and no Bemidji High School classrooms exceed the guidelines. No action was taken.

## HIGHEST LEVEL OF STUDENT SUCCESS

### **Resolution of the MASA Board of Directors Requesting a Minnesota State High School League Constitutional Amendment**

Melissa Bahr introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE MASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REQUESTING A MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, As ADVOCATES of a world-class education for Minnesota's children, MASA's members serve as the leading voice for public education, shape and influence the State and Federal education agenda, and empower leaders through high quality professional learning, services and support; and

WHEREAS, The MSHSL was created by superintendents in the spring of 1916 to promote amateur sports and to establish uniform eligibility rules for interscholastic contests; and

WHEREAS, Co-Curricular activities including all the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) sponsored activities are a vitally important part of the educational programs offered to our public school students; and

WHEREAS, The MSHSL is a respected and important organization serving the students of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The school district superintendent functions as the chief executive officer of the schools that have membership in the MSHSL; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent advocates for the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent is ultimately responsible for the implementation of MSHSL rules and regulations within the school district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota supports the request for the following action: Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) requests that the MSHSL Constitution be amended in order to allocate two designated seats for superintendents on the MSHSL Board of Directors.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Carol L. Johnson, Richard (Bill) Faver, Melissa Bahr, and John Pugleasa

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner and Jeff Haack

WHEREUPON, said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

#### SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

##### **Completion of Bemidji Middle School HVAC System**

Chris Leinen, Director of Business Services, gave an update on the replacement of the Bemidji Middle School HVAC system. He indicated the new system was installed and workers are balancing the air flow of the system and giving all the components a final check. No action was taken.

##### **Bemidji High School Swimming Pool Issues**

Jordan Hickman, Director of Human Resources, provided information regarding concerns about the Bemidji High School pool. We carefully studied the system for chemical treatment of the water and air handling systems at BHS with district employees and indoor air quality experts. Improvements have been noted but we need to continually monitor the systems. No action was taken.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

October School Board Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Special School Board Meetings – To Be Determined for the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation and Canvassing the Election Results

OTHER

**Once Around the Table**

School Board Members shared their observations of events in the district.

John Puleasa was recognized for his 12 years of service on the Bemidji School Board. Mr. Puleasa will be leaving the district and will no longer be serving on the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 7:55 p.m.

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Clerk

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Date Approved

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Jeff Haack, Chair

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Date Approved