

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
AUGUST 21, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol L. Johnson, Jeff Haack, Melissa Bahr, John Gonzalez, and Superintendent James Hess

Andrew Hokanson, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner and Richard (Bill) Faver

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the July 17, 2017 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$4,602,800.58
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations: Robert Benhardus, Douglas Cronemiller, Heather Fugate, Kaylee Pelkey, Thomas Sankstone, Ronald Wilson
- D. Certified Staff Appointments: Jared Blanche, Michelle, Bonitto, Suzanne Pickus
- E. Request to Submit Grant Application – Be Present Attendance Incentive Program
- F. Request to Submit Grant Application – AG in the Classroom Grant
- G. Request to Submit Grant Application – CTSS Program Grant
- H. Request to Accept Grant – Voluntary Pre-K
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 700-90-6: Unpaid Meal Charges

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hokanson, Student Representatives to the Board, reported on Bemidji High School activities.

NEW SCHOOL PLANNING

Superintendent Hess provided an update on Gene Dillon Elementary School including a summary from a site tour last week and updates on structural masonry, mechanical rough-ins, concrete floors, and parking lot. No action was taken.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

Staffing of Position

Melissa Bahr introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO REHIRE MICHAEL MEEHLHAUSE AND NICOLE CARTIER

WHEREAS, vacancies exist for a full time elementary technology teacher and a special education teacher, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers Michael Meehlhause and Nicole Cartier.

BE IT RESOLVED, that full time teaching contracts be issued to Michael Meehlhause and Nicole Cartier for the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Jeff Haack and upon roll call vote being taken, the following voted in favor: Jeff Haack, Melissa Bahr, John Gonzalez, and Carol L. Johnson, and the following voted against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Approval of Revised Strategic Plan and Mission Statement

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the revised School District Strategic Plan and Mission Statement.

Minnesota Tribal Consultation Guide

Superintendent Hess informed the School Board of a new requirement from the Every Child Succeeds Act which allows educational stakeholders to enter into a new era of education that requires timely and meaningful consultation with local tribes. Dr. Hess will contact tribal officials from Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations regarding this new opportunity. No action was taken.

ACT Testing Changes 2017-2018

Superintendent Hess informed the Board that the State will no longer compensate school districts for all ACT testing of high school students. They will only pay for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The School Board directed the Superintendent to authorize the payment of ACT testing for students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch.

First Reading of Revised SBR 600-50-1: Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 600-50-1: Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

First Reading of Revised SBR 700-60-1: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 700-60-1: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.

First Reading of Revised SBR 700-90-5: Student Personnel – Wellness Policy

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 700-90-5: Student Personnel – Wellness Policy.

First Reading of SBR 900-10-3R: Miscellaneous – Crisis Management Policy

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 900-10-3R: Miscellaneous – Crisis Management Policy.

Social Emotional Learning – Trauma Informed Instruction

An update was provided by Kathy VanWert, Principal, regarding a grant from BASC that the district has applied for to support Social Emotion Learning curriculum at Paul Bunyan and Lincoln Elementary Schools. No action was taken.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF STUDENT SUCCESS

2017 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) & Advanced Placement (AP) Results

Kathy Palm, Director of Curriculum & Administrative Services, provided an update on the 2017 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) and Advanced Placement (AP) results.

MCA Reading proficiency increased to 60.8%. Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 outperformed the State in MCA Reading. The following All Students groups outperformed the State in MCA Reading: Bemidji High School, Bemidji Middle School, and Horace May Elementary. Bemidji students receiving Free or Reduced Lunch, Highly Mobile, American Indian, and Special Education students outperformed the State in MCA Reading

Bemidji District MCA Math proficiency decreased. Bemidji District and Grades 6, 7, 8, and 11 outperformed the State in MCA Math. The following Bemidji schools All Student subgroups also outperformed the State in MCA Math: Bemidji Middle School, Horace May Elementary, and Northern Elementary. Bemidji High School students outperformed the State. Bemidji students receiving Free or Reduced Lunch, Highly Mobile, American Indian, and Special Education students outperformed the State in MCA Math.

Bemidji District MCA Science Grade 8 and Grade HS outperformed the State. The following Bemidji schools outperformed the State in MCA Science: Bemidji High School, Bemidji Middle School, Lincoln Elementary, and Solway Elementary. Bemidji students receiving Free or Reduced Lunch, Highly Mobile, American Indian, and Special Education students outperformed the State in MCA Science.

2017 Advanced Placement Results: 184 BHS Grade 10-12 students completed 256 Advanced Placement tests. Bemidji students received 176 passing scores of 3, 4, or 5. Bemidji's 2017 average score was 3.13, Minnesota was 3.07, and the U.S. was 2.84.

College & Career Reading Results: 233 BHS students completed 472 College in the High School courses, 1,730 credits through Bemidji State University, 189 credits in Project Lead the Way through the University of Minnesota, and 42 credits in Project Lead the Way through St. Cloud University. No action was taken.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-30-7 Instruction – Graduation Requirements

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-30-7 Instruction – Graduation Requirements.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-30-8 Instruction – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-30-8 Instruction – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-40-2 Instruction – School District Testing Plan and Procedure & SBR 400-40-2R: District Test Security Procedures

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-40-2 Instruction – School District Testing Plan and Procedures and SBR 400-40-2R: District Test Security Procedures.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-40-3 Instruction – Curriculum Development

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-40-3 Instruction – Curriculum Development.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-40-4 Instruction – Instructional Curriculum

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-40-4 Instruction – Instructional Curriculum.

First Reading of Policy Revision SBR 400-40-5 Instruction – School District System Accountability

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-40-5 Instruction – School District System Accountability.

First Reading of New Policy SBR 400-90-10 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title I Programs

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of new policy SBR 400-90-10 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title I Programs.

SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

Long Term Facilities Maintenance Program

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the LTFM Statement of Assurances, Ten Year Expense and Ten Year Revenue Applications as presented.

Emergency Preparedness Information

Superintendent Hess informed the School Board of new To Go Kits that have been prepared for each school site. The kits are to be used for emergency situations. No action was taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September School Board Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
District Data Retreat – August 23, 2017
New Teacher Meeting – August 24, 2017
All Employee Meeting – August 30, 2017

OTHER

Once Around the Table

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

Why We Do What We Do

A video from National School Boards Association, “Why We Do What We Do” was shown. No action was taken.

Andrew Hokanson excused himself from the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Closed Negotiations Strategy Session

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to close the meeting to discuss negotiations strategy – time 8:07 p.m.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to open the meeting – time 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Melissa Bahr, Clerk

Date Approved

Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

Date Approved