

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM: COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM &  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUED INCLUSION OF  
*THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN*  
IN THE NINTH GRADE CURRICULUM**

**COMMENTS:**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUED USE OF  
THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN  
IN THE NINTH GRADE CURRICULUM**

**WHEREAS,** *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* has been approved as part of the ninth grade curriculum through the regular procedures required for approval of books to be used in an English classroom;

**WHEREAS,** the District has received one request for review of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* in accordance with the District's policy entitled "Information – Content Review of Instructional Material and Alternative Instruction";

**WHEREAS,** the School Board has the authority and discretion to select curriculum and books for use in Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji;

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the District's Policy entitled "Instruction – Content Review of Instructional Material and Alternative Instruction" the Challenged Resource Committee has reviewed the book and has recommended that it be retained in the ninth grade curriculum with teacher guidance; and

**WHEREAS,** the School Board has reviewed the Recommendation of the Challenged Resource Committee, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* book, and the teacher's rationale for the use of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* as part of the ninth grade curriculum.

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

1. The Board adopts the findings of the Challenged Resource Committee and its recommendation.
2. The Board finds the book *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, when read as a whole, has educational value and is educationally suitable for ninth grade students, who are generally fourteen and fifteen years old.
3. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* will be retained in the ninth grade curriculum. Any ninth grade teacher who assigns *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* will ensure that guidance is provided to help students to understand the depths of the themes addressed in the book and to explore the literary aspects of the book.
4. Prior to the use of the book in the ninth grade curriculum, the teacher will inform the parents of the students of the mature content of the book, and parents will be given an opportunity to have their child read an alternative novel. The alternative novel will be selected in accordance with the “Instruction – Content Review of Instructional Material and Alternative Instruction” Policy.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,

and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted again the same:

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.