

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE : SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
TO : BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
SUBJECT : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

COMMENTS:

1. A vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School to teach emotional behavior disorders. Ms. Abigail Tarutis is recommended for this position. Ms. Tarutis received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA40 step 0 on the salary schedule.
2. A vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Lincoln Elementary school to teach autism spectrum disorders. Ms. Nicole Anderson is recommended for this position. Ms. Anderson received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA20 step 0 on the salary schedule.
3. At the April 2017 School Board meeting, the Board approved the addition of two full time elementary education teachers. Due to the enrollment and class size, an additional grade 4 class was added at Northern Elementary School. Ms. Kristi Ellingson is recommended for this position. Ms. Ellingson received her bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. She previously taught in Fargo Public Schools. Ms. Ellingson has been placed at BA step 1 on the salary schedule.
4. An additional special education teacher position was approved at the School Board meeting in April of 2017 for Bemidji High School. Mr. Peter Phillips is recommended for this position. Mr. Phillips is a graduate of Bemidji State University. From 2014-2017 he taught in Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District. Mr. Peters has been placed at BA step 3 on the salary schedule.
5. At the September School Board meeting, the Board approved the addition of a Pre-K teacher. Ms. Alicia Samson transferred into the new position leaving a vacancy for a full time Pre-K teacher at Jack and Jill. Ms. Mackinzie Slough is recommended for this position. Ms. Slough received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.
6. A vacancy exists for a part time art teacher and a part time Title I teacher at the elementary level. Ms. Jenny Frenzel is recommended for these positions as a full time teacher. Ms. Frenzel received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.