

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 7:30 a.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard (Bill) Faver, Jeff Haack, Carol L. Johnson, Melissa Bahr, Ann Long Voelkner, and Dr. James Hess

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Pugleasa
Nicole Jensen, Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER: (7:30 a.m.)

Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes for School District Election

Carol L. Johnson introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8th, 2016, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 17515 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies caused by expiration of terms on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Four Year Term:

Jeff Haack	11156
Ann Long Voelkner	11177
John Gonzalez	9902
Write-Ins	<u>384</u>
Total Votes	32619

3. Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner and John Gonzalez, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2017.
4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Melissa Bahr, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Melissa Bahr, Richard (Bill) Faver, Ann Long Voelkner, Carol L. Johnson, and Jeff Haack
NOES: None
ABSENT: John Pugleasa

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties

Melissa Bahr introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the election for school board members held November 8, 2016.

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

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 31 to the following candidates:
 - A. Jeff Haack
 - B. Ann Long Voelkner
 - C. John Gonzalez

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on January 1, next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. Certificates of elections shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.
3. After the time for contesting the election has passed, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificates, a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The above resolution was seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Richard (Bill) Faver, Carol L. Johnson, Melissa Bahr, Ann Long Voelkner, and Jeff Haack
NOES: None
ABSENT: John Pugleasa

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Superintendent's Evaluation Summary

Every year the School Board performs an evaluation of the superintendent's performance. This evaluation is based on the performance and activities of the superintendent over the past year and is structured by Board policy.

Over the past year the District has been presented with many challenges and opportunities. Dr. Hess had addressed every issue with energy and enthusiasm. Some of these issues have been difficult and outside of typical district activities. Planning for the upcoming construction of the Gene Dillon Elementary has presented countless changes, obstacles and opportunities. Dr. Hess has met every challenge with focused energy and has moved the new Gene Dillon Elementary closer to reality.

The Board provides guidance for growth and suggestions for change in every evaluation. It is clear that over the past year Dr. Hess has focused on the guidance the Board has given him and continues to grow. For the next year we would like to see strengthening of relationships with other public agencies and continuing to work toward the opening of the new Gene Dillon School. Dr. Hess's

commitment to growth and progress are evident in the legislative changes he has facilitated, the creation of the Lumberjack Academies and the peer awarded accolades he has received this year. In summary the Board has found Dr. Hess's performance to be satisfactory and gives its support to him for the coming year. We look forward to achievements the next year will bring with him as our superintendent.

Jeff Haack
2016 Bemidji Area Schools Board Chair

Adjournment

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 7:40 a.m.

Clerk

Date Approved

Jeff Haack, Chair

Date Approved