

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Dave Wall, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner and Superintendent Jeremy Olson  
Calla Gieser – Student Representative  
Carter Fish – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:31 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Dave Wall and carried by all in attendance to open the process to approve the agenda. The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda with the with the addition of the Minnesota State High School League Foundation Form A and Form B.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the September 18, 2023 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks totaling: \$3,976,923.77
- C. Lane Advancements
- D. Assurance of Compliance
- E. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- F. Certified Staff Appointments
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 200-70-4:Security Keys

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation:Gene Dillon Elementary Community Education and ESSR III Clubs

Staff from Gene Dillon spoke about focusing on attendance. There is 93.85% attendance goal, they use football to show how many days they meet the goal. There are many community engagement opportunities for students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla and Carter stated talked about the need for more counselors and many things happening at the high school.

## LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There was one individual that shared that they are very appreciative of the senior passes and having listening sessions.

## DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried all in attendance to accept the following donations: \$5,200 from Northern Elementary PTO to Northern Elementary.

## EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### **Assessment Results**

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, provided the Assessment Results for 2022-2023.

Overall Bemidji Schools scored slightly below the state average in mathematics proficiency. The subgroups of Special Education scored above the state and Free and Reduced scored above than the state average.

Overall Bemidji Schools scored about the state average in reading proficiency. The subgroups of Special Education scored below the state and Free and Reduced scored above than the state average.

In Science Proficiency Bemidji Schools scored slightly below the state. The subgroups of Special Education scored above the state and Free and Reduced scored above the state average.

Bemidji students taking the 2023 ACT scored above the state average. Ms. Cardenuto indicated Bemidji High School graduation rates have been decreasing.

She discussed goals and action plans for this school year.

## RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

### **Bemidji Career Academy Career Fair**

Dr. Stanoch and Jenny Fraley spoke about the Career Academies Career Fair and wanted to include the surrounding districts as well as the charter schools, 1750 students participated. They also spoke about other things happening with the Career Academies.

### **Minnesota State High School League Foundation Form A**

Justin Hoover offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Bemidji Area Schools School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bemidji Area Schools School Board supports the district's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Dave Wall, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Julie Laitala, Dave Wall, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

### **Minnesota State High School League Foundation Form B**

Jenny Frenzel offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Bemidji Area Schools School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bemidji Area Schools School Board supports the district's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM B grant to offset student activity fees.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Anna Manecke, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Julie Laitala, Dave Wall, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

### **HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT**

#### **Class Size Report**

There is one Middle School and four High School classes that exceed the guidelines in SBR 400-30-1R.

No action was taken.

#### **First Reading of Revised SBR 400-70-1: Chemical Use and Abuse**

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-70-1: Chemical Use and Abuse.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

November School Board Meeting, November 20, 2023, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

**Negotiations Strategy Session Terms & Conditions of Employment for 2023-2025 (MN State Statute 13D.03)**

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to close the meeting to discuss labor negotiations strategy. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Chair Long Voelkner called the meeting back into open session. Time: 8:42

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:43 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

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Date Approved