

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MARCH 17, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Todd Haugen, Ann Long Voelkner and Dave Wall

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Superintendent Jeremy Olson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$4,463,405.73
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignation
- D. Request for Extended Leave, Erin Blake
- E. Request for Extended Leave, Zachary Melin
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-40-4:Instructional Curriculum MSBA 604
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-90-3: 2026-2027 School Calendar

SPECIAL TOPICS

**Spotlight Presentation “Bemidji Middle School Tech”**

Kyle McMartin spoke about the Bemidji Middle School STEM program. Jeff Ostrom spoke about the Medical Detectives class that they have at the middle school. He went over how they learn about being disease detectives, the mysteries of the human body and Outbreaks.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold spoke about smoking in the bathrooms and the BHS Symphonic Wind Ensemble participating in the Raging Red Band Festival as well as the Concordia Chapel Choir coming to the high school on Thursday.

#### LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Todd Haugen and Anna Manecke had two community members that asked about Patriotic Evolution and policy revisions.

#### DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$2,750 to BHS Robotics from the Gene Haas Foundation, \$1,604.97 to Northern elementary classrooms from the Northern Elementary PTO and \$500 to Bemidji Middle School from the Bemidji Eagles.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### **Priority Standards**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen and carried by all in attendance to table priority standards to the April 28, 2025 Board meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **Policies to Rescind**

400-30-6:Assurance of Mastery  
400-30-6R:Assurance of Mastery Administrative Procedures  
400-40-1:Copyright Protection  
400-40-1R:Copyright Protection Administrative Procedures

##### **ACTION:**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to rescind the above named policies.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, April 28, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

#### ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:57 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Dave Wall, Chair

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Date Approved