

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Bahr, Carol L. Johnson, Ann Long Voelkner, Jeff Haack, Shawn Whiting, John Gonzalez, and Superintendent James Hess

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Hokanson, Student Representative
Taylor Gish, Student Representative

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

Superintendent Hess read a statement regarding school safety.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the January 17, 2018, January 22, 2018, and February 9, 2018 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$4,549,947.64
- C. Lane Advancements
- D. Noncertified Staff Resignations: JoDee Grundmeier-Enquist, Pamela Neujahr
- E. Certified Staff Appointment: Heidi Marsh
- F. Field Trip Request – Bemidji Middle School Mathcounts State Competition
- G. Field Trip Request – Bemidji Middle School Robotics Student Trip to VEX World Championships
- H. Field Trip Request – J.W. Smith Elementary Deep Portage Environmental Learning Preserve
- I. Request to Submit Grant Application – Minnesota Department of Education
- J. Request to Submit Grant Application – Wells Fargo Foundation
- K. Request to Accept Grant – Wells Fargo Foundation
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-25-2R: Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design Administrative Procedures

SPECIAL TOPICS

Staff Development Training Opportunities Summary – Amanda Mix and Gigi Nicoson

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from Ballast Real Estate Partners.

NEW SCHOOL PLANNING

Gene Dillon Elementary School Construction Update - Superintendent Hess provided an update on Gene Dillon Elementary School. No action was taken.

Elementary Boundaries – Superintendent Hess discussed elementary school attendance boundaries for Solway and J.W. Smith Elementary Schools once Gene Dillon Elementary School opens. No action was taken.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Bemidji Middle School Robotics Demonstration – Dan Falk and members of the BMS VEX Robotic Team described their journey to the VEX World Championships to be held in Louisville, Kentucky in April.

RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

2017-2018 American Indian Education Transmittal of Resolution and Parent Committee Roster

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION AND PARENT COMMITTEE ROSTER

WHEREAS, the Bemidji Local Indian Education Committee, Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31 provides an opportunity for all of its citizens to participate in district program communities, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Parent Committee of the Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31 is the duly elected and established Parent Committee comprised of parents of children eligible to be enrolled in American Indian programs, secondary students, representatives from community groups, school administrators, and

WHEREAS, the Parent Committee's current responsibilities are addressed in adopted by-laws and apply to programs specifically designed for American Indian learners implemented through Indian Education Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Parent Committee responsibilities have been expanded to include involvement in and advertisement of all educational programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs and support services, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Parent Committee of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31 did meet on February 20, 2018 to review, recommend and approve this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Parent Committee has found most of the district's educational programs to be adequate in meeting the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Parent Committee of Bemidji Area Schools does concur that the district's programs meet American Indian student needs.

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

AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Jeff Haack, Melissa Bahr, John Gonzalez,
Shawn Whiting, and Carol L. Johnson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

TANF Program Presentation

Jerry Loud, a representative from Oshkiimaajitahdah Bemijigamaag, provided a presentation on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that will soon be available in the Bemidji Area to increase student attendance. No action was taken.

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

Tentative Agreement with the Secretarial-Clerical & Paraprofessional Bargaining Unit for 2017-2019

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-20-1, the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the MSEA for Secretarial-Clerical & Paraprofessional Employees for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

Tentative Agreement with the United Food Service Workers Association for 2017-2019

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-60-1, the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the United Food Service Workers Association for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

Confidential Administrative Support – Terms & Conditions of Employment for 2017-2019

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of the terms and conditions of employment for the Confidential Administrative Support employees for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

Tentative Agreement with the Bemidji Principals' Association for 2017-2019

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-10-50, the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the Bemidji Principals' Association for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

Class Size Report

Superintendent James Hess reported on class size as recommended in SBR 400-30-1R: Class Size. Six out of 102 elementary classrooms exceed the guidelines. Two out of over 200 Bemidji High School courses exceeds the guidelines. No action was taken.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-90-3: 2018-2019 School Calendar

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-90-3: 2018-2019 School Calendar Option A.

Budget Revision FY 2017-2018

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the FY 2017-2018 Revised Budget with General Fund revenue of \$66,621,865 as presented.

Minnesota School Board Recognition Week – February 19-23, 2018

Certificates of recognition were presented to each School Board Member for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March School Board Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Bemidji Day at the Capitol – Wednesday, March 21, 2018

OTHER

Once Around the Table

School Board Members shared their observations of events in the district.

Student Expulsion

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Shawn Whiting, and carried by all in attendance to close the meeting to discuss a student expulsion: Time 8:33 p.m.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to open the meeting. Time: 9:03 p.m.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Shawn Whiting, and carried by all in attendance to expel the student for one semester (until June 2, 2018).

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 9:03 p.m.

Jeff Haack, Clerk

Date Approved

Carol L. Johnson, Chair

Date Approved