

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
JANUARY 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, January 27, 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, Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public participants.

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the December 16, 2024 and January 6, 2025 Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,538,782.36
- C. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Certified Staff Resignation
- E. Request for Extended Leave – Brianna Nohre

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation “Lincoln Best Practices”

Jason Luksik talked about Lincoln being a Best Practices School for their testing scores. Mellissa Anderson talked about curriculum mapping and aligning instruction. Kim Bolte spoke about “active learning” or “thinking classrooms” that focus on shifting from traditional learning to collaboration between students. Angie Lauderbaugh spoke about how social skills are worked on using whole and small group sessions. .

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold spoke about parking and possibly having a scholarship fund as well as early outs.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Todd Haugen had a participant that talked about the Pledge of Allegiance and curriculum. Ann Long Voelkner had a participant that talked about abuse concerns.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$500.00 to BHS Choir from Bemidji Rotary Club, \$800.00 to BHS Choir from The Bemidji Lions Club Foundation, \$1,500 to BHS athletics from Bemidji Gymnastics Club and \$14,163 to various Bemidji Area Schools classrooms and programs from the Bemidji 31 Education Foundation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Student Activity Annual Reporting

The student activity reports were presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Pledge of Allegiance at School Board Meetings

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Todd Haugen and Dave Wall to include reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at all School Board Meetings starting at the February regular meeting.

Designating a Local Education Agency Representative for Various Federal Programs

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

RESOLUTION REGARDING VARIOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS
AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED LOCAL EDUCATION
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE AS RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota, to participate in various programs available through the federal government; and

WHEREAS, each of these programs require the designation of an authorized Local Education Agency Representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alexis Wilde, Director of Special Education, be designated as the authorized Local Education Agency Representative relating to the following federal programs; and that she is hereby authorized to prepare and submit applications for funding relating hereto.

Federal Funds for Special Education, IDEIA 2004, Public Law 105-17
Federal Flow-Through Funds
Federal Preschool Initiative Funds
Flow-Through Personnel Development 3-21
Preschool Incentive Personnel Development 3-5
Federal Low Incidence Discretionary
Federal Part C Infants and Toddlers
Federal IEIC Committees
Federal Early Intervention Family Services
Development of Coordinated Services
Federal Splinter Funds
Federal Discretionary CSPD Regional
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Limited English Proficient
Early Intervening Funds

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Designating a Local Education Agency Representative for Title Programs and P.L. 81-874 Impact Aid

Todd Haugen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TITLE & IMPACT AID PROGRAMS
AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED LOCAL EDUCATION
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE AS RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31, Bemidji, Minnesota, to participate in the Title and Impact Aid programs;

WHEREAS, these programs require the designation of an authorized Local Education Agency Representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, be designated as the authorized Local Education Agency Representative relating to Title I and Impact Aid; and that she is hereby authorized to prepare and submit applications for funding relating hereto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution

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

AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school board or district has an AIPAC composed of parents/guardians of American Indian children who are eligible for Indian education programs, American Indian language and culture teachers and paraprofessionals, American Indian teachers, American Indian counselors, American Indian adults enrolled in educational programming, and American Indian representatives from community;

WHEREAS, the School Board or district affords the AIPAC the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school(s) and program(s); and

WHEREAS, the AIPAC is directly involved with and advises the School Board and district staff on Indian Education program planning; and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC develops and submits recommendations to the School Board and district staff pertaining to the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIPAC concurs that the School Board and district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, and that the School Board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted

Resolution Establishing Committed Fund Balance for AV Technology Replacement

Member Jenny Frenzel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTED FUND BALANCE FOR AV TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Governmental Standards Accounting Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, establishing a hierarchy clarifying constraints that govern how a government entity can use amounts reports as fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has previously adopted SBR 300-90-1 acknowledging its authority to commit, assign or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds; and

WHEREAS, the committed fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to specific internal constraints self-imposed by the School Board; and

WHEREAS, once the committed fund-balance constraints are imposed, it requires the constraint to be revised, removed or redirected for other purposes by the School Board in the same manner as the School Board originally approved the commitment; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined it has specific needs that it elects to fund with its General Fund committed fund balance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby establishes a General Fund committed fund balance for the purpose of replacing AV technology equipment in the amount of \$672,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funds cannot be used for any purposes other than directed above, unless the School Board adopts a successor resolution to revise or remove the constraint, or otherwise redirect the funds for other purposes; and

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Todd Haugen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Ann Long Voelkner, Todd Haugen, Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, and Dave Wall, those voting against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared to have passed.

Tentative Agreement with the Bemidji Education Support Professionals Bargaining Unit for 2023-2025

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, 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 Bemidji Education Support Professionals (BESP) for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Superintendent's Contract

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-20-1:Organization of Grade Levels MSBA 607

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-20-1: Organization of Grade Levels MSBA 607.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-30-1:Class Size

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-30-1: Class Size.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-40-2:School District Testing Plan and Procedure MSBA 614

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-40-2:School District Testing Plan and Procedure to reflect MSBA policy 614.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-40-3:Curriculum Development MSBA 603

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-40-3: Curriculum Development to reflect MSBA policy 603.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next School Board Meeting, February 24, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time:7:54 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved