

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Nicole Jensen, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard (Bill) Faver

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 4:30 p.m.)

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the November 21, 2016 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$4,078,323.34
- C. Teacher Seniority List
- D. Second Reading of Revised SBR 200-10-2: Personnel – Teacher Evaluation Policy & SBR 200-10-2R: Personnel – Teacher Evaluation Program Administrative Procedures
- E. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 300-90-2: Finance – Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources
- F. Request to Accept Grant – Region 2 Arts Council

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Nicole Jensen, Student Representative to the Board, reported on Bemidji High School activities.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Ann Long Voelkner and Jeff Haack reported on the following Listening Session Topic: Building Safety

NEW SCHOOL PLANNING

Bid Opening

Superintendent James Hess indicated the bid opening for the Gene Dillon Elementary School was held on December 8, 2016 with several companies submitting bids. Kraus-Anderson is currently qualifying bidders for the School Board to consider and approve.

City Council Meeting Update

Ann Long Voelkner, Jeff Haack, and Chris Leinen attended a special work session of the City Council on November 28, 2016 and discussed: utility extension costs/interests, annexation timeline and desired areas, and the level of involvement by the Joint Planning Board. The City Council passed motions to extend City water and sewer to Adams Ave, and to develop a municipal services agreement with the School District including input from the Joint Planning Board staff.

Construction Budget

Superintendent James Hess indicated the current new school budget revisions will occur as bid estimates come in. The Board will be asked to adopt an official budget at that time.

Property Purchase

We purchased the Tarutis property last week as the site for the new Gene Dillon Elementary School.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

Potential Reduction in Programs and Positions

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND
REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district may dictate that the School Board must consider a possible reduction in expenditures, and

WHEREAS, shifts in elementary and secondary student participation might cause discontinuance of positions and/or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made concerning which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed, and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 31: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures; and make recommendations to the School Board for discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

2015-2016 World's Best Workforce Summary

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2015-2016 World's Best Workforce Summary.

Mayville State University Student Teaching Agreement

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

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT WITH MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bemidji Area Schools enter into an agreement with Mayville State University for the purpose of providing field and clinical experiences/student teaching experiences for students enrolled in such program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairperson hereby is authorized to execute such agreement.

The above resolution was seconded by Melissa Bahr, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, the above resolution was declared passed and adopted.

SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

ALICE Program Update

Brian Stefanich, Ranae Seykora, and Drew Hildenbrand presented an ALICE training update for Bemidji High School and Bemidji Middle School. The program includes training for students and staff regarding safety in case of an emergency or intruder in the building when students or staff are present.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference – January 11-13, 2017
January School Board Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Bemidji Day at the Capitol – March 1, 2017

OTHER

Once Around the Table

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

Recess

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to recess for ten minutes to prepare for the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Time 5:50 p.m.

Nicole Jensen excused herself from the meeting. Time: 5:50 p.m.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Chris Leinen, Director of Business Services, reviewed the Bemidji Area Schools Truth in Taxation Taxes Payable 2017 information. No action was taken.

2016 Payable 2017 Levy Certification

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2016 Pay 2017 Levy Certification at \$10,845,871.07.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 6:20 p.m.

Clerk

Date Approved

Chair

Date Approved