

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
AUGUST 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, August 21, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carter Fish – Student Representative

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Anna Manecke, to open up the approval of agenda discussion. The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda with the addendum of adding in School Board Work Session as well as removing the Strategic Plan action item.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the July 17, 2023 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks totaling: \$3,117,042.78
- C. Release from Contract Request
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Certified Staff Appointments
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-25-2:Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-10-1:Enrollment of Nonresident Students
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-60-1:Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-90-4:Bullying Prohibition Policy
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-40-8:Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-90-6:School Meals Policy

SPECIAL TOPICS

Bemidji High School JROTC is student led and focuses on values. They do different things that other classes in the high school don't do including volunteer work. JROTC classes practice leadership, Army values, American customs, courtesy, and first aid. There is a class during the school day as well as afterschool activities.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla stated that sports are starting up and that orientation will be happening on August 30th and 31st.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

No listening sessions.

DONATIONS

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-40-4: Code of Conduct

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the second reading and adoption of SBR 700-40-4: Code of Conduct.

First Reading of Revised SBR 400-90-12: Organization of School Calendar and School Day

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 400-90-12: Organization of School Calendar and School Day.

RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

21st Century Grant

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum stated that we will share more in September.

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

Resolution Declaring Property Surplus

Member Anna Manecke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS, the School District property previously used for school purposes and located at 815 Beltrami Ave NW, is no longer needed for school purposes.

WHEREAS, the School Board wishes to sell the school site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The school property located at 815 Beltrami Ave NW is hereby declared to be surplus property and available for sale.

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared to have passed.

School Bus Transportation Contract - Bemidji Bus Lines

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the one year contract for School Bus Transportation services in the amount of \$171,312 in 2023-24.

Staffing of Positions

Dave Wall introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO REHIRE

JULIA ANDERSON, KRISTI ELLINGSON, SHAYNA FELLMAN, JODY KENNEDY, JORDAN VONASEK, AND ANNA WHITLOW

WHEREAS, vacancies exist for elementary education, special education, and physical education teachers, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers Julia Anderson, Kristi Ellingson, Shayna Fellman, Jody Kennedy, Jordan Vonasek, and Anna Whitlow.

BE IT RESOLVED that a teaching contract be issued to Julia Anderson, Kristi Ellingson, Shayna Fellman, Jody Kennedy, Jordan Vonasek, and Anna Whitlow for the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Julie Liatala, and upon roll call vote being taken, the following voted in favor: Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Jenny Frenzel, Dave Wall and Ann Long Voelkner, and the following voted against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-50-1:Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the second reading and adoption of revised SBR 600-50-1:Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

First Reading of Revised SBR 700-40-7: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of revised SBR 700-40-7: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students.

First Reading of Revised SBR 600-20-3: Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of revised SBR 600-20-3: Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Back to School Workshops

Certified Staff will be returning on August 28th, there will be workshops throughout the week.

Mentorship Program

We will have a mentorship program in partnership with the BEA. Four new mentor leads have been hired and they will have a luncheon on Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher Workshop Week – August 28-31, 2023
Orientation: Wednesday, August 30 and Thursday, August 31, 2023
First Day of School – September 5, 2023
September School Board Meeting – September 18, 2023

OTHER

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Olson gave a shout out to our staff. He gave an update on facility projects happening throughout the district.

School Board Work Sessions

The Board discussed having work sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 7:39 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

Date Approved