

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
JULY 20, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Dave Wall, Jenny Frenzel, Ann Long Voelkner, Todd Haugen and Superintendent Jeremy Olson
Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Finn Jorgensen – Student Representative

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the June 15, 2026 School Board Meetings
- B. Bills Totaling: \$4,981,612.99
- C. Release from Contract Requests
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Certified Staff Appointment
- F. Request to Accept Grant:MnMTSS Grant

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in listening session.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$1,500 and \$1,000 both from anonymous donors to Northern School.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2026-2027 District Goals

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2026-2027 District Goals as presented.

Resolution Renewing Approval of Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan (LTFM)

Jenny Frenzel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LTFM PLAN FOR THE BEMIDJI SCHOOL DISTRICT #31 FOR FY 2027-2028

Ann Long Voelkner, ISD #31 Board Member seconded the resolution in support approving the district's LTFM Plan for FY 2027-2028.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

First Reading of School Board Policies

We revised the below named policies and would like to present them for their first readings:

208 – Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies
423 – Employee/Student Relationships
509 – Enrollment of Nonresident Students
521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination
524 – Internet and Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
613 – Graduation Requirements
709 – Student Transportation Safety
722 – Public Data and Data Subject Requests
731.9 – Payment of Fees and Other Charges

We are adding the following policy and would like to present it for its first reading:

402 – Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

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

Rescinding of Policies

SBR 100-10-1:Election - Not Needed
SBR 200-10-1:Teachers Negotiated Agreement – Taking agreements out of policy
SBR 200-10-50:Bemidji Principals' Association Negotiated Agreement - Taking agreements out of policy
SBR 200-20-1:Bemidji Educational Support Professionals for Secretarial-Clerical and Paraprofessional Employees - Taking agreements out of policy
SBR 200-20-2:Nongroup Employees Sick Leave – Covered in employee agreement
SBR 200-20-3:Nongroup Employees Vacation– Covered in employee agreement
SBR 200-40-1:Minnesota School Employees Association for Custodians and Maintenance
Personnel - Taking agreements out of policy
200-50-1:Bus Drivers Negotiated Agreement - Taking agreements out of policy
200-60-1:United Food Service Workers Association Negotiated Agreement - Taking agreements out of policy
SBR 900-10-3:Crisis Management Plan – Covered in SBR 900-10-3R

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to rescind the above named policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, August 17, 2026, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared about the Minnesota Permanent School Fund.

Review of Superintendent's Evaluation

The review of the Superintendent's evaluation was presented by Chair Haugen.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:10 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Todd Haugen, Chair

Date Approved