

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Jack Aakhus, Todd Haugen, Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall, and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative
Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: with Todd Haugen Acting as Chair 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Work Session: Discussion only, no action taken.

Enrollment

There was a discussion about enrollment. The key takeaways are that enrollment has been falling since 2020, we believe that enrollment is now stabilizing, we need to prepare for a shrinking elementary population based on birth data, market share has been going down since 2017 and open enrollment out is trending down in middle and high school.

Superintendent's Evaluation

There was a discussion about adjusting the superintendent's evaluation and what other districts are doing.

MSBA Resolution

Jack Aakhus is wanting to submit a MSBA resolution regarding future budgeting.

Adjournment

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved