

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
APRIL 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room. Justin Hoover attending remotely from The Kempinski Hotel Lobby, To the Ring Rd, Second New Cairo, Cairo Governorate 11477.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson
Calla Gieser – Student Representative
Carter Fish – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nathaniel Jacobson – Vulnerability of LGBTQ+ youth/representation
Mary Salter, M.D. – Safe spaces for students

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the March 18, 2024 Regular and Special Meetings and March 28, 2024 Special Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,285,828.52
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignations
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Field Trip Request - Bemidji High School JROTC
- F. Field Trip Request - Bemidji High School JROTC
- G. Request to Accept Grant - Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-10-14:Subpoena of a School District Employee or Jury Duty MSBA 408
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-90-9:Harassment and Violence MSBA 413
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-70-2:Drug, Alcohol and Cannabis Testing MSBA 416
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 900-70-1:Advertising MSBA 905
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-60-2:Health Services Policy

SPECIAL TOPICS

Bemidji High School Graduation – Jason Stanoch

Dr. Stanoch talked goals which include increasing graduation rates, looking at freshman success, and attendance. Graduation rate increased, freshman goal exceeded, and they have met their attendance goal. Graduation is on May 25, 2024.

Graduation Results

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, shared the 2022-2023 graduation rates. The rates for Bemidji High School and Special Education were above the state average, but Free and Reduced and the American Indian Subgroups were below the state average. The rates for all Bemidji Area Schools is below the state average in all categories.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla Gieser and Carter Fish talked about BHS having MCA testing, prom and graduation coming up. There were many thing happening around the district.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Jenny Frenzel had about a community member speak about our viewpoint neutral stance.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$500 from the Bemidji Lions Club for BHS Sign Language, and a Big Orange Dance Machine from Minnesota Children's Museum to Bemidji Middle School.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-2025 School Calendar with Early Outs

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to accept the 2024-2025 School Calendar with Early Outs.

Recognize Winter State Participants

The winter state participants were listed.

No action was taken.

Approval of Special Education Extended School Year Programs and Summer Hours

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2024 Special Education Extended School Year Programs and Summer Hours.

Tentative Agreement with the Bemidji Education Association (BEA) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Years

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-10-1, employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the Bemidji Education Association for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Staff Development Fund Transfer

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to transfer three-fourths of the 2% staff development reserve funds to the general fund for 2023-2024 and to transfer one-half of the 2% staff development reserve funds to the general fund for 2024-2025.

Elementary Principal - Bruce Goodwin

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by Ann Long Voelkner, Julie Laitala, and Dave Wall to employ Bruce Goodwin as an Elementary Principal effective July, 1 2024.

Motion Failed.

Jenny Frenzel proposed, and Anna Manecke seconded to delay the hiring of a principal until discussions about reductions are made. Upon vote being taken Jenny Frenzel, Justin Hoover and Anna Manecke voted for and Ann Long Voelkner, Julie Laitala and Dave Wall voted against.

Motion Failed.

There will be a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Technology Integration and Systems Coordinator - Isaac Kvasager

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to employ Isaac Kvasager as the Technology Integration and Systems Coordinator effective April 1, 2024.

Resolution Declaring Property Surplus

Member Ann Long Voelkner 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:

1. 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: Ann Long Voelkner, Justin Hoover, Julie Laitala, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke and Dave Wall, those voting against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared to have passed.

Encroachment Agreement - Lincoln Elementary

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to authorize the Director of Business Services to execute an encroachment agreement with each property owner(s) that this applies to.

First Reading of Revised SBR 100-10-4:School Board Committees MSBA 213

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 100-10-4:School Board Committees MSBA 213.

First Reading of Revised SBR 100-20-1:Superintendent MSBA 302

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 100-20-1:Superintendent MSBA 302.

First Reading of Revised SBR 200-90-13:Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons MSBA 103

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 200-90-13:Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons MSBA 103.

First Reading of Revised SBR 200-70-1:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403

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 200-70-1:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403.

First Reading of Revised SBR 200-70-1R:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403R

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 200-70-1R:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403R.

First Reading of Revised SBR 200-90-3:Gifts to Employees and School Board Members MSBA 421

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 200-90-3:Gifts to Employees and School Board Members MSBA 421.

First Reading of SBR 200-10-16:License Status MSBA 424

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of policy SBR 200-10-16:License Status MSBA 424.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May School Board Meeting, May 20, 2024, 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:8:09 p.m.

Anna Manecke, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved