

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
AUGUST 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Justin Hoover, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Ann Long Voelkner, and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Wall

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public participation participants.

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the July 15, 2024 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,452,686.51
- C. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Certified Staff Appointments
- E. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-30-3:Textbooks and Instructional Materials MSBA 606 and SBR 400-30-3R:Textbooks and Instructional Procedures MSBA 606R
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-30-3.5:Library Materials MSBA 606.5

SPECIAL TOPICS

Bemidji 31 Foundation

Jeff Haack spoke about the Bemidji 31 Education Foundation giving mini grants to educators. They focus on academics and classrooms. In 2023-2024 there were 21 grants totaling \$13,000.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold reported that students were excited to get their schedules.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in listening sessions.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$500.00 from the Gene Dillon Family.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

ACTION ITEMS

Addendum to School Bus Transportation Contract

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Justin Hoover and, carried by all in attendance to approve the one year contract for School Bus Transportation services in the amount of \$344,688 in 2024-25.

Advertising Plan for Bemidji High School Video Board

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Julie Laitala and, carried by all in attendance to approve the advertising plan for the Bemidji High School video board.

Staffing of Positions

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO REHIRE MACY ALLEN, SAMANTHA FISHER, JUSTIN HENRY, KELSIE KVERNO, EMILEE LINDSETH AND CHRISTIE WINCHELL

WHEREAS, vacancies exist for special education teachers at Bemidji High School, J.W. Smith Elementary School, Northern Elementary School, and the Lakeside Learning Center. A vacancy exists for an elementary teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School and an Early Childhood Teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers Macy Allen, Samantha Fisher, Justin Henry, Kelsie Kverno, Emilee Lindseth, and Christie Winchell.

BE IT RESOLVED that a teaching contract be issued to Macy Allen, Samantha Fisher, Justin Henry, Kelsie Kverno, Emilee Lindseth, and Christie Winchell for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Approval of the 2024-2025 District Goals

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2024-2025 District Goals as presented.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September School Board Meeting, September 16, 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 Julie Laitala, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:03 p.m.

Anna Manecke, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved