

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MARCH 27, 2023**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Dave Wall, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner and Superintendent Jeremy Olson  
Holly Vind – Student Representative  
Nick Rautio – Student Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

**AGENDA**

**New Director of Business Services**

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to employ Ashley Eastridge as the Director of Business Services effective March 28, 2023.

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to authorize Ashley Eastridge, Director of Business Services, to perform the duties of Treasurer of the School Board effective March 28, 2023.

**Closed Session**

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to close the meeting per MN State Statute 13D.05, Subd 3(c): Real Estate. Time: 5:36 p.m.

Chairperson Long Voelkner called the meeting back into open session at 6:14 p.m.

**Work Session**

**Cost Mitigation Strategy**

The Board discussed cost mitigation strategies.

**Structure of School Board Meetings**

The Board discussed the structure of school board meetings.

**School Board Committee Structure**

The Board discussed the school board committee structure.

**School Board Processes**

The Board discussed school board processes.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned Time: 7:42 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

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Date Approved