

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 2, 2026**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room. Dave Wall is attending remotely because he is out of town.

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

Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

J.W. Smith Elementary Presentation

J.W. Smith Elementary staff presented on their school and what makes it great.

Approval of Reductions List

Closure of JW Smith Elementary (pending a hearing with a two week notice in the local paper)
Class Size Target Adjustments
Maximize Chargebacks
A & I Levy Revenue
Special Education Reductions at Lakeside
Selling Central Elementary
Non Certified Adjustments

Temporary Savings (delay in hiring/purchasing for one year)

Human Resources Director
Postpone Curriculum – K-5 Social Studies
Postpone Transportation Fleet Purchases

The motion was offered by Jack Aakhus, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the above list, option one, of reductions and adjustment in the 2026-2027 school year.

Adjournment

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:39 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Todd Haugen, Chair

Date Approved