

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
APRIL 19, 2018**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Bahr, John Gonzalez, Carol L. Johnson, Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner, and Shawn Whiting

MEMBERS ABSENT: Superintendent James Hess

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

**Interview of Superintendent Candidates**

Board Members conducted an interview of Mike Kolness. He is the third of three finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools to be interviewed.

**Selection of Finalist to Enter Into Negotiations With for the Position of Superintendent of Schools**

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, to enter into contract negotiations with Tim Lutz.

Jeff Haack moved to table the motion.

Jeff Haack moved to take the motion off the table.

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, to enter into contract negotiations with Tim Lutz. The motion failed with Melissa Bahr and Shawn Whiting voting in favor and John Gonzalez, Carol L. Johnson, Ann Long Voelkner, and Jeff Haack voting against.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner to enter into contract negotiations with Mike Kolness.

Ann Long Voelkner withdrew her second and Carol L. Johnson seconded the motion to enter into contract negotiations with Mike Kolness.

Jeff Haack asked that his motion be withdrawn and all members gave their permission.

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Shawn Whiting, and carried by all in attendance to enter into contract negotiations with Tim Lutz.

**Adjournment**

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by attendance to adjourn. Time: 10:00 p.m.

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Jeff Haack, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Carol L. Johnson, Chair

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Date Approved