

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:00 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, Dave Wall, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover and Superintendent Jeremy Olson
Calla Gieser – Student Representative
Carter Fish – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 5:00 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gwen Oster – Contract Negotiations
Michael Meehlhause – Teacher Contract
Gina Bernard – Teacher Contract
Sarah Stewart – Visual Arts Budget
Kelsie Kverno – Teacher Contract and Wages, Teacher Roles
Heather Winskowski – Teacher Contract Negotiations
Amanda Nelson – Art and Music Schedule
Ashley Jones – Teachers
Scott Mattfield – Teacher/District Negotiations
Christian Taylor-Johnson – Native History w/Church and State

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the January 22, 2024 Regular and Special Board meetings and February 8, 2024 Special Board Meeting.
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,698,345.64
- C. Certified Staff Appointment
- D. Certified Confirmation of Resignation
- E. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- F. Resignation of Administrative Staff Members – Andrew Fuller and Wendy Templin
- G. Lane Advancements
- H. Request to Accept Grants – Minneapolis Foundation
- I. Request to Accept Grants – Friends of the Library
- J. Request to Accept Grants – Minnesota DNR
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy SBR 600-30-1:Facility and Equipment Use Policy

SPECIAL TOPICS

2022-2024 Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Review K-5, Laci Podmore and Anna Hamann

Laci Podmore and Anna Hamann presented on three different math curriculums. They also spoke about a community input night that was held on February 8, 2024. They are recommending to adopt Big Ideas Math and You.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla Gieser and Carter Fish talked about show choir, gymnastics, unified basketball, kindness events and spring sports starting in a few weeks.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Anna Manecke reported one teacher talked about the budget and supplies for classes.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$1,500 from Bemidji Gymnastics Club to Bemidji Athletics, \$1,027.42 from Office Max to Horace May Elementary and \$1,000 from Minnesota School Bus Operators Association to Lincoln Elementary.

ACTION ITEMS

2022-2024 Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Review K-5

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

Class Size Report

There are four classes at Bemidji High School that exceed the guidelines in SBR 400-30-1R for term three. No action was taken.

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution

Dave Wall introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school board or district has an AIPAC composed of parents/guardians of American Indian children who are eligible for Indian education programs, American Indian language and culture teachers and paraprofessionals, American Indian teachers, American Indian counselors, American Indian adults enrolled in educational programming, and American Indian representatives from community;

WHEREAS, the School Board or district affords the AIPAC the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school(s) and program(s); and

WHEREAS, the AIPAC is directly involved with and advises the School Board and district staff on Indian Education program planning; and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC develops and submits recommendations to the School Board and district staff pertaining to the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIPAC concurs that the School Board and district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, and that the School Board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Julie Laitala, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Dave Wall, Justin Hoover and Jenny Frenzel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-90-3:2024-2025 School Calendar

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to accept the second reading and adoption of SBR 400-90-3: 2024-2025 School Calendar.

Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-90-3:2025-2026 School Calendar

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the second reading and adoption of SBR 400-90-3: 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 900-10-3R:Crisis Management Policy MSBA 806

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the second reading and adoption of SBR 900-10-3R:Crisis Management Policy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March School Board Meeting, March 18, 2024, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

School Board Recognition Month

Certificates were presented to the Board Members for School Board Recognition Month.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Dave Wall and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:07 p.m.

Anna Manecke, Clerk

Date Approved

Chair

Date Approved