

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE** : AUGUST 21, 2023

**TO** : BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM** : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**SUBJECT** : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT

**COMMENTS:**

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Stephanie Bowlin is recommended for this position. Ms. Bowlin received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of North Dakota. She previously taught at Minot Public Schools. She has been placed at MA20 step 9 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a physical education/health teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Taiylor Ellingson is recommended for this position. Ms. Ellingson received her Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of staff, a vacancy exists for an early childhood education teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Samantha Fisher is recommended for the position. Ms. Fisher received her Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University and Master's degree from the University of North Dakota. She has been placed at MA step 2 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement and a new additional position that was approved, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Horace May and J.W. Smith Elementary Schools Ms. Deana Hansler is recommended for this position. Ms. Hansler received her Bachelor's degree from Western Governors University. She previously taught in Stanley, ND. She has been placed at BA step 6 on the salary schedule.

Due to an extended leave of absence, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Horace May Elementary School. Mr. Jeremiah Johnson is recommended for this position. Mr. Johnson received his Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. He was previously a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of staff, a vacancy exists for a health teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Meredith Kehoe is recommended for this position. Ms. Kehoe received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously retired from teaching with the Bemidji Area School District. She has been placed at BA+30 step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at J.W. Smith Elementary School. Ms. Kelsie Kverno is recommended for this position. Ms. Kverno received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She most recently was a long term substitute with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a probationary release of staff, a vacancy exists for an art teacher at Horace May and Solway Elementary Schools. Ms. Heather Mauer is recommended for this position. Ms. Mauer received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She previously taught at Riverside Community School District in Iowa. She has been placed at MA step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due the release of staff, a vacancy exists for a music teacher at Northern Elementary Schools. Mr. Robert McKeown is recommended for this position. Mr. McKeown received his Bachelor's degree from Southwest Minnesota State University and Master's degree from Bemidji State University. He previously retired from teaching with the Bemidji Area School District. He has been placed at MA20 step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Sarah Robeck is recommended for this position. Ms. Robeck received her Bachelor's degree from Crown College. She was previously a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA10 step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at First City School. Ms. Keturah Salmon is recommended for this position. Ms. Salmon received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Western Washington University. She previously taught at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District. She has been placed at MA20 step 6 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a physical education/developmental adaptive disability teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Jamie Schultz is recommended for this position. Ms. Schultz received her Bachelor's degree from Winona State University. She previously worked in the women's basketball program at Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA20 step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a probationary release of staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Horace May Elementary School. Ms. Macarah Stull is recommended for this position. Ms. Stull received her Bachelor's degree from St. Scholastica. She was previously a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA20 step 0 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for an early childhood special education teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Melissa Thomas is recommended for this position. Ms. Thomas received her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She most recently was a long term substitute with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a chemistry teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Harper Toward is recommended for this position. Ms. Toward received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota - Morris. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.