

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Lind, Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner, Sarah Young, John Gonzalez, Carol L. Johnson, and Superintendent Tim Lutz

Joel Roberts, Student Representative
Taylor Gish, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT TIM LUTZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Sarah Young, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the February 24, 2020 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$3,457,792.58
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignations
- D. Noncertified Staff Resignations
- E. Field Trip Request – Bemidji Middle School
- F. Field Trip Request – Bemidji High School JROTC
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-3: 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Calendars
- H. Request to Submit Grant – AAA
- I. Request to Submit Grant – Christopher Benz Foundation
- J. Request to Submit Grant Application - SVRS

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation: COVID-19 Update – Emily Helm, District School Nurse

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Joel Roberts and Taylor Gish reported on Bemidji High School activities including: postponement of activities and distance learning.

2020 OPERATING REFERENDUM

Referendum Updates

Superintendent Lutz reported on the Steering Committee meeting which included conference calls to two companies that could provide strategic counsel and services to school districts holding operating referendums.

Agreement Between ISD 31 and Rapp Strategies for Referendum Consulting Support

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to enter into an agreement with Rapp Strategies, Inc. to provide strategic counsel and communication services to support ISD 31's public information and community engagement program.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donation of \$1,000 of school supplies and winter gear from Affinity Plus Bank to Solway Elementary.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Approval of Special Education Extended School Year Programs and Summer Hours

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2020 Special Education Extended School Year Programs and summer hours.

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

First Reading of Revised SBR 300-60-1: Finance – Authority to Obligate Funds

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 300-60-1: Finance – Authority to Obligate Funds.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Tentative Agreement With the Custodians and Maintenance Personnel Bargaining Unit for 2019-2021

The motion was offered by Jeff Lind, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-40-1, the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the MSEA for Custodians and Maintenance Personnel for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bemidji School Board Work Session – Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

OTHER

Once Around the Table

School Board Members shared their observations of events in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Carol L. Johnson, Clerk

Date Approved

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date Approved