

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Savannah Haugen, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maya Lindquist, Student Representative

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT TIM LUTZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Gabriel Warren, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from September 20, 2021 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills & Special Checks Totaling: \$3,713,511.68
- C. Certified Staff Appointments
- D. Noncertified Staff Resignation
- E. Lane Advancements
- F. Assurance of Compliance With State and Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination
- G. Request to Submit Grant – Walmart
- H. Request to Submit Grant – Neilson Foundation
- I. Request to Submit Grant – Beltrami Electric

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight: Bemidji Unified Champion School District – Jackie Stoffel, Sam Wilson & William Duncan

The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program promotes social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities such as Unified Sports, Unified PE, Unified Yard Games Day, Inclusive Campaigns, Unified Winter Formal, Advocate at Capitol Hill Day, State Leadership Board, Leadership Summits, Unified Club, and Young Athletes Camps.

Spotlight: School Safety - Missy Dodds, School Safety Advocate

Missy Dodds presented the new Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Standard Response Protocol (SRP) for school safety for Bemidji Area Schools.

COVID-19 UPDATES

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Dr. David Wilcox, from Sanford Medical Center, provided a current COVID update and answered Board Member questions.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Jeff Lind, to modify all instances of from 10-14 days quarantine to 7 days quarantine in the Minnesota Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth and Child Care Programs.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Jeff Lind, to amend the previous motion: to modify all instances of from 10-14 days quarantine to 10 days quarantine in the Minnesota Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth and Child Care Programs.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Jeff Lind to modify all instances of from 10-14 days quarantine to 10 days quarantine in the Minnesota Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth and Child Care Programs. The motion failed with Jeff Lind and Jeff Haack voting in favor and Carol L. Johnson, Sarah Young, Gabriel Warren, and Ann Long Voelkner voting against.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Savannah Haugen reported on Bemidji High School activities including: Students having difficulty accessing assignments when home quarantining and Bemidji High School activities end of season events.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Anna Wallin – Leasing Central School
2. Marie Richey – Quarantine
3. Daniel Larson – Statistics
4. Sarah Levesque - COVID

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Gabriel Warren and Ann Long Voelkner reported on the following Listening Session topic:

Anna Wallin – Aurora Waasakone Community of Learners Proposal

REFERENDUM UPDATE

Referendum Update

Superintendent Tim Lutz shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming referendum and the reasons behind the November 2, 2021 Special Election – to secure the district's financial future. Superintendent Lutz indicated early voting is taking place now through November 1, 2021 in the District Office.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jeff Lind, seconded by Sarah Young, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations: \$500 from the Bemidji Lions Club to the Bemidji High School Choir and \$500 from Bemidji Lumberjack Football, Inc. to the Bemidji High School Unified Games.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Field Trip Request – Bemidji High School Music Department Performance and Educational Tour

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Gabriel Warren, to approve the Bemidji High School Music Department First Hour Performance and Educational Tour on April 2-8, 2022.

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Gabriel Warren, to amend the motion to require insurance be purchased for the trip.

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Gabriel Warren, and carried by all in attendance to approve the Bemidji High School Music Department First Hour Performance and Educational Tour on April 2-8, 2022 and to require insurance be purchased for the trip.

RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

Class Size Report

Superintendent Tim Lutz reported on fall class sizes as recommended in SBR 400-30-1R: Class Size. There are no elementary classrooms or Bemidji Middle School Pods that exceed the guidelines provided in policy. There are 12 out of 242 Bemidji High School classes that exceed the guideline. Every effort has been made to balance class size. No action was taken.

2021-2022 Indian Education Policies and Procedures

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2021-2022 Bemidji Area Schools Indian Education Policies and Procedures as written.

Resolution Declaring Property Surplus

Member Carol L. Johnson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING

WHEREAS, the School District property previously used for school purposes and located at 1420 Beltrami Ave NW, is no longer needed for school purposes.

WHEREAS, the School Board wishes to sell the school site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The school property located at 1420 Beltrami Ave NW is hereby declared to be surplus property and available for sale.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Jeff Haack, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Jeff Haack, Sarah Young, Gabriel Warren, Carol L. Johnson, Jeff Lind and Ann Long Voelkner, those voting against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared to have passed.

Resolution Relating to Additional Election Judges

Jeff Haack introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 31 (Bemidji), Minnesota (the School District) as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The Board has appointed individuals, each of whom are qualified to serve election judges, for the School District's special election on November 2, 2021 (the Election), in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.21.
2. Subsequently, certain of these appointed individuals have indicated that they may not or will not be able to serve as election judges for the Election and, accordingly, the appointing authority has determined that additional election judges will be required.
3. The Board hereby authorizes the appointment of additional election judges within the twenty-five (25) days before the Election pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.21, Subdivision 2.

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

AYES: Gabriel Warren, Jeff Lind, Carol L. Johnson, Sarah Young, Jeff Haack, and
Ann Long Voelkner
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – Election Day
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 7:30 a.m., - Special Meeting to Canvass Election Results
November Meeting – Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

OTHER

Nominations for Northwest Service Coop Governing Board Member

Jeff Lind introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

NOMINATION FOR NORTHWEST SERVICE COOP GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the School Board of the Bemidji Area Schools nominate Ann Long Voelkner to serve on the Northwest Service Cooperative Board of Directors, and be placed on the annual election ballot to be voted on by the Northwest Service Cooperative member school boards in November, 2021.

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

AYES: Jeff Lind, Sarah Young, Gabriel Warren, Jeff Haack, and Carol L. Johnson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ann Long Voelkner

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Once Around the Table

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

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 9:34 p.m.

Sarah Young, Clerk

Date Approved

Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

Date Approved