

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard (Bill) Faver, Jeff Haack, Carol L. Johnson, Ann Long Voelkner, John Pugleasa, Melissa Bahr, and Superintendent James Hess

Cassidy Stokes, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:33 p.m.)

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by John Pugleasa, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda with the deletion of item D. Possible Purchase Agreement for Property under Effective and Efficient Operations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the February 23, 2015 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$2,627,209.66
- C. Confirmation of Resignations: Kelly Brunetta, Louise Gish, LeeAnn Hess, Lynn Karger, Meredith Kehoe, Patricia Lempola, Sandra Selland-Lichter
- D. Noncertified Staff Resignation: Erica Hubert
- E. Certified Staff Appointments: Guy Schermerhorn, Brittany Miller
- F. Request to Submit Grant Application – Arts Project Grant Program
- G. Field Trip Request – J.W. Smith Elementary Deep Portage Environmental Learning Preserve

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

School Spotlight: Paul Bunyan Elementary and Early Intervention Program Technology in the Classroom: Kathy VanWert, Suzanne Julin, and Stephanie Rupp

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Cassidy Stokes reported on Bemidji High School activities.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-3: 2015-2016 School Calendar

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by John Pugleasa, and carried by all in attendance to approve the second reading and adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-3: 2015-2016 School Calendar with the June 4, 2016 the graduation date.

Enrollment Report

Chris Leinen, Director of Business Services, reported the overall fall enrollment is down from last year by 43 students. No action was taken.

Budget Report Thru February 2015

Chris Leinen, Director of Business Services, reported on General Fund expenses. District spending is ahead of last year and it reflects a structural imbalance in our current budget. Options to correct the imbalance will be brought back to the Board at its next regular meeting.

University of Minnesota Duluth Student Teaching Agreement

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

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bemidji Area Schools enter into an agreement with the Regents of the University of Minnesota Duluth for the purpose of providing student teaching experiences for students enrolled in its University of Minnesota Duluth, College of Education and Human Services Professions department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairperson hereby is authorized to execute such agreement.

The above resolution was seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Carol L. Johnson, Richard (Bill) Faver, Jeff Haack, John Pugleasa,
Ann Long Voelkner, and Melissa Bahr
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the above resolution was declared passed and adopted.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF STUDENT SUCCESS

Approval of Special Education Extended School Year Programs

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2015 Special Education Extended School Year Programs.

Pending Changes to the 21st Century Summer Program

Kathy Palm, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, reported the funding changes for the 21st Century Summer Program. Targeted Services will be responsible for transportation costs. Some of the enrichment activities will be reduced due to budget restrictions. No action was taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April School Board Meeting - Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER

Once Around the Table

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

New School Planning

Lee Meyer, DLR Architect, and Pat Weerts, Project Manager for Kraus-Anderson, presented the preliminary site plans for the new elementary school. No action was taken.

Set Special Meeting Date

A special meeting of the School Board has been set for Monday, March 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Jeff Haack, Clerk

Date Approved

Melissa Bahr, Chair

Date Approved