

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Dave Wall, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner and Superintendent Jeremy Olson  
Calla Gieser – Student Representative  
Carter Fish – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Volekner, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda with Assessment Results to be postponed to next month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Julie Laitala and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the August 21, 2023 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks totaling: \$3,081,099.71
- C. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Certified Staff Appointments
- E. Request for Educational Leave
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-12: Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-40-7: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-20-3: Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System

SPECIAL TOPICS

There were no special topics.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla and Carter stated that school and sporting event have gotten underway.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Two people shared about the lack of air conditioning at some schools, a school in need of mowing, removal of printers and removal of covid policy.

## DONATIONS

There were no donations.

## EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant**

Jeremy Olson, Superintendent of Schools stated that we have received the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and the Headwaters Science Center.

## HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

### **Approval of Strategic Plan**

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the School District Strategic Plan.

### **Staffing of Positions**

Justin Hoover introduced the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION TO REHIRE

JOHN KOVACH, THEODORE MURRAY and KAILEY SPRINGER

WHEREAS, vacancies exist for a Business Education Teacher, a School Counselor/Social Studies Teacher and a Special Education Teacher, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers John Kovach, Theodore Murray and Kailey Springer.

BE IT RESOLVED that a teaching contract be issued to John Kovach, Theodore Murray and Kailey Springer for the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Dave Wall, and upon roll call vote being taken, the following voted in favor: Dave Wall, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Jenny Frenzel, and Ann Long Voelkner, and the following voted against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

### **Request for Licensed Staff**

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to add a 1.0 FTE Social Studies teacher beginning November 8, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **2023 Payable 2024 Levy Limit Certification**

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2023 Pay 2024 Levy Limit at the MAXIMUM.

### **Authorized Turn Lane/Shoulder Usage**

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Justin Hoover and carried by all in attendance to the authorized turn lane/shoulder usage bus stops as presented.

### **First Reading of SBR 200-70-4: Security Keys**

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of SBR 200-70-4: Security Keys.

### **Rescind SBR 900-90-2: Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies**

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried all in attendance rescind SBR 900-90-2: Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies.

### **Activity Passes**

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried all in attendance to approve removing the residency restriction and adding veterans to the complimentary activity passes.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

No School, October 2, 2023, Staff Development  
October School Board Meeting, October 16, 2023, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room  
Truth in Taxation Meeting, December 18, 2023, 6:00 PM, District Office Board Room

### OTHER

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

### **Negotiations Strategy Session Terms & Conditions of Employment for 2023-2025 (MN State Statute 13D.03)**

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to close the meeting to discuss labor negotiations strategy. Time: 7:29 p.m.

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to open the meeting. Time: 8:18 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Julie Laitala and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:18 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

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Date Approved