

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MAY 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 5:30 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Justin Hoover and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Wilson – Student Safety  
Finn Jorgensen – Student Safety  
Judith Zarkin – Youth violence Prevention  
Angie Fournier – School Restrooms  
Mckenzie Edevold – Bringing Spanish 3 and 4 Back  
Rayne Heck – Equal implementation  
Brianna Zierden – Pride Flags  
Arnold Dahl-Wooley – Two Spirit and Colonization

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the April 15, 2024 Regular and April 15, 2024, April 18, 2024 and May 8, 2024 Special Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling \$3,156,396.73
- C. Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Request for Educational Leave: Jada Johannes
- F. Request to Accept Grant: Department of Industry
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 100-20-1:Superintendent MSBA 302
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 100-10-4:School Board Committees MSBA 213
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-90-13:Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons MSBA 103
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-70-1:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-70-1R:Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees MSBA 403R

- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-90-3:Gifts to Employees and School Board Members MSBA 421
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 200-10-16:License Status MSBA 424

### SPECIAL TOPICS

Food Service – Tammie Colley

Tammie Colley spoke about the big picture of food service. There are many state and federal programs that food service works with. A staff of 45 at 10 locations will serve over 1,000,000 meals this year.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla Gieser and Carter Fish talked about over \$3,000,000 in scholarships awarded at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony last Thursday, many things happening in sports, prom and reducing the price of parking passes.

Student Board Representative Scholarships we given to Calla Gieser and Carter Fish.

### LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in listening sessions.

### DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, a Gaga Ball Pit to Horace May Elementary from Horace May PTO.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### **2024 Summer Capital Projects Schedule**

Ashley Eastridge, Director of Business Services give information about the high school lighting project, remodeling a locker bay, track resurfacing among many other items this will be a total of \$1,689,000.00.

No action was taken.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy**

Jenny Frenzel introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES FOR FILING AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY**

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

1. The period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 31 shall begin on July 30th, 2024 and shall close on August 13th, 2024. An affidavit of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the \$2 filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13th, 2024.

2. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said filing dates to be published in the official newspaper of the district, at least two (2) weeks prior to the first day to file affidavits of candidacy.
3. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said filing dates to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days prior to the first day to file affidavits of candidacy.
4. The notice of said filing dates shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 31 shall begin on July 30th, 2024, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13th, 2024.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. At that election, three members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, (Superintendent's Office) 502 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13th, 2024.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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School District Clerk

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

AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Anna Manecke, Jenny Frenzel, Justin Hoover, Julie Laitala, and Dave Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON said resolution declared passed and adopted.

**2024-2025 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League**

Ann Long Voelkner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**2024-2025 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA  
STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of School District #31, Counties of Beltrami and Hubbard, State of Minnesota, delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletic and fine arts events (referred to in Minnesota Statutes, Section

128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bemidji High School is authorized by this, the Governing Board of said school district or school to renew its membership in the Minnesota State High School League; and, participate in the approved interschool activities sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Board hereby adopts the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League's Official Handbook, on file at the office of the school district, or as appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities, and that the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities are assigned to the official representative identified by the Governing Board.

Signing the Resolution for Membership affirms that this Governing Board has reviewed the "*Why We Play*" video which defines the purpose and value of education-based athletic and activity programs and assists school communities in communicating a shared-common language.

Member schools must develop and publicize administrative procedures to address eligibility suspensions related to Code of Student Conduct violations for students participating in activity programs by member schools.

The above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of this school district and is recorded in the official minutes of said Board and hereby is certified to the State Commissioner of Education as provided by law.

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

AYES: Julie Laitala, Ann Long Voelkner, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, and Dave Wall  
NOES: Justin Hoover  
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

### **Staffing of Positions**

Anna Manecke introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO REHIRE  
ALEX KONG'A AND JESSE ECK

WHEREAS, vacancies exist for a personal finance teacher and a health teacher, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers Alex Kong'a and Jesse Eck.

BE IT RESOLVED that a teaching contract be issued to Alex Kong'a and Jesse Eck for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**First Reading of Revised SBR 900-80-1:Public Data and Data Subject Requests MSBA 722**

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 900-80-1:Public Data and Data Subject Requests MSBA 722.

**First Reading of Revised SBR 400-25-1:Student Attendance MSBA 503 and SBR 400-25-1R:Student Attendance Procedures MSBA 503R**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 400-25-1:Student Attendance MSBA 503 and SBR 400-25-1R:Student Attendance Procedures MSBA 503R.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June School Board Meeting, June 17, 2024, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:37 p.m.

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Anna Manecke, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Dave Wall, Chair

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Date Approved