

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MAY 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Todd Haugen, Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the April 28, 2025 Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$4,395,492.15
- C. Certified Release from Contract Requests
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Field Trip Request – BMS and BHS Robotics
- F. Field Trip Request – BHS Music Program

SPECIAL TOPICS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold spoke about the AC unit at the High School and her talking to the various student councils.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Jack Aakhus and Anna Manecke had individuals speak to them about the class sizes and materials in Physical Education.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$1,000 anonymous donation to the BHS

Debate Team, and \$806.00 from Compass Rose LLC to the Bemidji Middle School Choir Program.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### **2025 Summer Capital Projects Schedule**

Ashley Eastridge, Director of Business Services gave information about the LED lighting retrofit, resurfacing of the indoor running tract at Bemidji High School and replacing the walk-in cooler condensing units in the Bemidji High School along with repairs at other buildings. This will be a total cost of \$515,300 using the LTFM funds.

##### **2024 Graduation Rates**

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services gave the 2024 graduation rates. Bemidji High School has an 80.6% graduation rate.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **Milk Bids**

The motion was made by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to accept the milk bid from Performance Foodservice be accepted for the following amounts:

Cartons	Estimated Quantity	Per Unit Price	Total Estimated Price
Half Pint – skim	250,000 approx.	.34 ea	\$ 85,000.00
Half Pint – 1%	250,000 approx.	.36 ea	\$ 90,000.00
Half Pint – choc skim	400,000 approx.	.42 ea	\$ 168,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 343,000.00</b>

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

#### **2025-2026 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Bemidji Area Schools, 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 athletics. Further, 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 required membership materials provided by the League which defines the purpose and value of education-based activity and athletic and programs and defines each member schools responsibilities.

Member schools must develop and publicize administrative procedures to address eligibility suspensions related to Student Code of Responsibilities (Bylaw 206.2) 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 Jenny Frenzel, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Ann Long Voelkner, Todd Haugen, Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna  
Manecke, and Dave Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

#### **2025-2026 School Calendar**

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to accept the adjusted 2025-2026 School Calendar with Early Outs.

#### **First Reading of Revised SBR 700-40-2R:Code of Conduct MSBA 506R**

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 700-40-2R:Code of Conduct MSBA 506R.

#### **First Reading of Revised SBR 300-70-1:Payment of Fees and Other Charges**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 300-70-1:Payment of Fees and Other Charges.

#### **Policies to Rescind**

SBR 400-90-1:Equal Access – This is now part of our Facilities Use Policy  
SBR 400-90-6: Parent Involvement Policy – This is an older version of SBR 400-90-10  
SBR 400-90-8:Granting Credit for Home School Work – No longer follows state statute  
SBR 400-90-9:Enrollment Policy for LIFE Virtual School – This school no longer exists

#### **ACTION:**

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to rescind the above named policies.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Regular School Board Meeting, June 16, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

#### **OTHER**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson gave a report about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:26 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Dave Wall, Chair

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Date Approved