

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
JULY 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Taylor Gish, Student Representative

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT TIM LUTZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the June 17, 2019 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$3,539,467.45
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations
- D. Release from Contract Request: Nelson
- E. Release from Contract Request: Kingbird
- F. Lane Advancements
- G. Request to Accept Grant

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation: Bemidji Middle School & Bemidji High School Activities Reports – Troy Hendricks and Andra Vaughn

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to accept the \$500 donation from North Country Dental to the Health Career Academy and \$1,000 per year for the next three years from Knife River Materials to the Mechatronics Career Academy.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**MTSS Conference Update**

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum & Administrative Services, provided an update on the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process. MTSS is a framework that elementary schools will use to provide targeted support to struggling students. Teams from each elementary school (K-3) attended the Summer Institute in June. Additional meetings have been set throughout the year to help implement MTSS consistently.

## RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

### **Buckle-Up Campaign**

Superintendent Tim Lutz provided an update on the district's involvement in the Towards Zero Death initiative. Signs reminding drivers to "Buckle-Up" will be painted in the district's parking lots. No action was taken.

## HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

### **Budget Planning Calendar**

Chris Leinen, Director of Business Services, shared the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The calendar is used for fiscal planning and is designed to give a picture of the recurring fiscal obligations of the year. No action was taken.

### **Resolution Regarding Board Control of Extracurricular Activities**

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION REGARDING BOARD CONTROL OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Sessions Laws 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, CH.11, Art 1, Sec. 5 will require changes in the accounting for student activity funds and school boards must take charge of and control all student activities of the public schools in the district and that all money received or expended for extracurricular activities shall be recorded in the same manner as other revenues and expenditures of the district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31, directs the district's administration to implement the requirements of Minnesota Session Laws 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, CH.11, Art.1, Sec. 5.

The resolution was seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

### **Resolution Renewing Approving LTFM Plan**

John Gonzalez introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LTFM PLAN FOR THE BEMIDJI SCHOOL DISTRICT #31 FOR FY 2020-2021**

Ann Long Voelkner, ISD #31 Board Member, seconded the resolution in support approving the district's LTFM Plan for FY 2020-2021 and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

### **Long Term Resources Committee**

Jeff Haack asked for volunteers to serve on the Long Term Resources Committee. Jeff Lind, Ann Long Voelkner, and Jeff Haack will be members of the committee.

### **New Special Education Coordinator**

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to employ Tiffany Palmer as the Special Education Coordinator effective July 1, 2019.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August School Board Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

### **OTHER**

### **Once Around the Table**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:00 p.m.

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Ann Long Voelkner, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Jeff Haack, Chair

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Date Approved