

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Cassidy Stokes, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT JAMES HESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Richard (Bill) Faver, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by John Pugleasa, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the October 20, 2014 and November 10, 2014 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$3,728,512.95
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations: Larry Dahl, Samantha Fell, Wesley Halverson
- D. Request to Submit Grant Application – Midwest Dairy Council
- E. Request to Submit Grant Application – Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- F. Request to Submit Grant Application – TEAM Industries

SPECIAL TOPICS

School Spotlight: Bemidji Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Gateway to Technology (GTT) Programs: Drew Hildenbrand, Dan Falk, Jeff Ostrom, Brock, McCrory, Joseph Rowland, Daimon Wagner, Brady Brock

School Spotlight: Bemidji High School America's Top High School Recognition: Brian Stefanich, Hope Hickman, Megan Serratore, Mitchell Deer, Andrew Graefe, Tony Turner

School Spotlight: Sandy Eberhart, Recognized as Community Educator of the Year

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cassidy Stokes reported on Bemidji High School activities.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Ann Long Voelkner reported on the following Listening Session topics:
Graduation Date Conflict with Section Track Meet

DONATIONS

Donation

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donation of 20 soldering irons with a value of \$600.00 from Nortech Systems, Inc., and \$500.00 from the Bemidji Jaycees Adopt a Classroom Project.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

First Reading of SBR 900-70-1: Advertising

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 900-70-1: Advertising.

Bemidji High School Graduation Discussion

School Board Members discussed the Bemidji High School Graduation and Section 8AA Track Meet scheduling conflict. Graduation and the Section Meet are scheduled for the same day. No action was taken but may be reconsidered, if needed, at the December meeting.

Indian Education Policies and Procedures

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the Bemidji Area Schools Indian Education Policies and Procedures as written.

New School Architectural Contract

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by John Pogleasa, and carried with Richard (Bill) Faver, Melissa Bahr, John Pogleasa, Ann Long Voelkner, and Carol L. Johnson voting in favor and Jeff Haack voting against.

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack to strike the Consultants under Basic Services: Structural Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, and Electrical Engineer from the contract for architectural services to read "not known at this time." The motion failed due to lack of a second.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF STUDENT SUCCESS

State Competition Participant Recognition

Members of the Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Football, Girls Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball Teams were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for participating at the highest level of competition under the Minnesota State High School League.

Bemidji Area Schools 2014-2015 School Improvement Plans

Kathy Palm, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, presented the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plans for all schools. School improvement plans combine school improvement and staff development goals into one cohesive plan. No action was taken.

Fall 2014 Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Results

Kathy Palm, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, presented the Fall 2014 Measures of Academic Progress Results for Reading and Mathematics for students in grades 2-10. Data will help teachers determine areas to focus instruction. No action was taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December School Board Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2014, **5:00 p.m.** (*Time change due to Bemidji High School Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m.*)

OTHER

Once Around the Table

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

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:45 p.m.

Richard (Bill) Faver, Clerk

Date Approved

Carol L. Johnson, Chair

Date Approved