#### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 13, 2020

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Abigail Enquist, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joel Roberts, Student Representative

#### CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### AGENDA

#### Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes Cast for School District Election

Jeff Haack introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

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

- 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3rd, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
- As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 22114 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four-year term vacancies caused by expiration of terms on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Four Year Term:	
Jeff Haack	9767
Ann Long Voelkner	9454
Gabriel Warren	8215
Wenona Kingbird	7139
Write-Ins	<u>427</u>
Total Votes	35002

3. Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner and Gabriel Warren, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2021.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner, Sarah Young, Jeff Lind, Carol L. Johnson, and John Gonzalez

NOES: None ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

## Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties

Jeff Lind introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the election for school board members held November 13th, 2020.

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

- 1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 31 to the following candidates:
  - A. Jeff Haack
  - B. Ann Long Voelkner
  - C. Gabriel Warren

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on January 1, next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

- 2. Certificates of elections shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.
- 3. After the time for contesting the election has passed, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
- 4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificates, a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

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

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

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes Cast for Special Election

Jeff Haack introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 (Bemidji), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 3, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors were as follows:

School District Question Revoking Existing School District Referendum Revenue;

### Replacing With New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 31 (Bemidji), Minnesota has proposed to revoke all of the School District's existing referendum revenue authority of \$180 per pupil and replace it with a new referendum revenue authorization of \$460 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2020 for taxes payable in 2021 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

 YES
 NO
 Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authority and the replacement with a new referendum revenue authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 31 (Bemidji), Minnesota be approved?

# BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Votes	Votes	TOTAL
<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
7857	11731	19588

The ballot question, having not received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared not to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9 (e) and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Sarah Young, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

 AYES:
 Ann Long Voelkner, Sarah Young, Carol L. Johnson, Jeff Haack, Jeff Lind, and John Gonzalez

 NOES:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### Joel Roberts arrived at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Budget Discussion**

A discussion was held regarding the next steps in budget reductions. Superintendent Lutz indicated we have begun budget reduction and revenue enhancement talks. In December the Board will direct administration, in a routine resolution, to recommend reductions in various programs and positions considered necessary. Traditionally those recommendations will be presented to the Board for formal consideration in March or April. No action was taken.

#### Adjournment

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by attendance to adjourn. Time: 5:45 p.m.

Carol L. Johnson, Clerk

Date Approved

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date Approved