

**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.
2. 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;

