

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Dave Wall, Anna Manecke, Julie Laitala, Justin Hoover, Ann Long Voelkner and Superintendent Jeremy Olson
Calla Gieser – Student Representative
Carter Fish – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Julie Laitala and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jackie Stoffel-Teacher Retention
Rick Toward-Future of District
Rick Kehoe-Contract Salary
Gina Bernard-Contract
Shay Petron-The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

A request was made by Anna Manecke to remove Current Bills and Special Checks from the consent agenda for individual discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Anna Manecke and carried by Anna, Justin, Dave and Ann to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the October 16, 2023 Special and Regular School Board Meetings
- B. Certified Staff Appointments
- C. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Request for Educational Leave
- E. Request to Accept Grant - BASC
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-70-1 MSBA 418:Chemical Use and Abuse

Current Bills and Special Checks

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Dave Wall and carried by all in attendance to open the discussion about the current bills and special checks totaling \$3,505,541.17.

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and carried by all in attendance to approve the current bills and special checks totaling \$3,505,541.17.

SPECIAL TOPICS

We did not have any special topics.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Calla and Carter talked about the school play, stuff a truck, the football team, the start of winter sports, winter formal coming up, transition into the second term, parking passes, the heat in the building, paper towels in the bathroom, Military Quilts of Valor were handed out at Veteran's Day program.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Anna Manecke shared that a community member wanted structured literacy.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations: \$3,000 from TEAM Industries for Bemidji Career Academies, \$7,200 in cash and items for BHS and \$3,994 for Horace May from Office Max, \$1,000 from Randy and Jeanne Jaeger for the McKinney Vento fund, \$1,500 from First in the Upper Midwest for BHS Robotics, \$500 from Knights of Columbus for BHS activities, \$1,065 from Northern PTO to Northern Elementary and \$13,994.39 to various schools from Bemidji 31 Education Foundation.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2022-2023 World's Best Workforce Summary

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2022-2023 World's Best Workforce Summary.

RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

2023-2024 Indian Education Policies and Procedures

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to approve the revised 2023-2024 Indian Education Policies and Procedures.

Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places

Justin Hoover introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

Attached is the resolution establishing combined polling places for any school district election which is not held on the day of a statewide election. This is in response to the new legislation adopted in 2017 which requires school districts to establish combined polling places each year by December 31. The combined polling places designated in the resolution are the polling places for the following calendar year unless a change is made in the case of an emergency or because the polling place has become unavailable.

The above resolution was seconded by Dave Wall, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES	Jenny Frenzel, Justin Hoover, Julie Laitala, Anna Manecke, Dave Wall, Ann Long Voelkner
NOES	None

ABSENT None

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Central Elementary Purchase Offer

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried by all in attendance to sell Central Elementary to Red Lake Nation for a purchase price of \$350,000.00 with use restrictions that the property cannot be used for any Pre-K through Grade 12 educational purposes (excluding non-educational childcare center) and the sale, manufacturing, distribution or storage of cannabis products or lower potency edible hemp products.

Tentative Agreement with the Bus Drivers' Bargaining Unit for 2023-2025

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Justin Hoover, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-50-1 the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the MSEA for Bus Drivers for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025 and to authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign the Memorandums of Understanding as indicated herein.

Tentative Agreement with the Custodians and Maintenance Personnel Bargaining Unit for 2023-2025

The motion was offered by Julie Laitala, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-40-1 the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the MSEA for Custodians and Maintenance Personnel for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025 and to authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign the Memorandums of Understanding as indicated herein.

Bus Technician/Diesel Mechanics Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2023-2025

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Dave Wall, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of the terms and conditions of employment for the Bus Technician/Diesel Mechanics for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Request for Licensed Staff

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to add a 1.0 FTE special education teacher for Bemidji High School (BHS).

First Reading of SBR 700-90-8 MSBA 520: Student Surveys

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Julie Laitala, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of SBR 700-90-8 MSBA 520: Student Surveys.

First Reading of SBR 700-40-9 MSBA 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination

The motion was offered by Justin Hoover, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried all in attendance approve the first reading of SBR 700-40-9 MSBA 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

November School Board Meeting, December 18, 2023, 4:30 PM, District Office Board Room

Truth in Taxation, December 18, 2023, 6:00 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared information about the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Time: 7:46 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Ann Long Voelkner, Chair

Date Approved