

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE : AUGUST 19, 2019

TO : BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

COMMENTS:

A new additional position was approved for an elementary teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Travis Bertram is recommended for this position. Mr. Bertram received his Bachelor degree from St. Cloud State University. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for an early childhood teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Emily Brown is recommended for this position. Ms. Brown received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 2 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for an art teacher at Northern and J. W. Smith Elementary Schools. Ms. Carolyn Combs is recommended for this position. Ms. Combs received her Bachelor degree from Luther College. She has been placed at BA10 step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a grade 4 teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Jamie Copenace is recommended for this position. Ms. Copenace received her Bachelor of Art degree in Indian Studies from Bemidji State University and her Bachelor of Science degree in Education & Human Services (Ojibwe) from the University of Minnesota. She previously taught at Ponemah, Cass Lake-Benna, and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Schools. She has been placed at BA step 6 on the salary schedule.

Due to the release of probationary staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji High School. Mr. Kyle Fodness is recommended for this position. Mr. Fodness received his Bachelor degree from the University of Minnesota. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for counselor at Bemidji High School. Ms. Jenny Fraley is recommended for this position. Ms. Fraley received her Bachelor degree from North West College and her Master degree in Counseling Psychology from St. Cloud State University. She was previously a counselor at Begley Area Schools and a subcontractor for Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at MA step 6 on the salary schedule.

Due to an extended leave being approved, a vacancy exists for a mathematics teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Rachel Hoffelt is recommended for this position. Ms. Hoffelt received her Bachelor degree from Carleton College and her Master degree from Saint Mary's University. She previously taught in Northfield Public Schools for 18 years. She has been placed at MA step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Shawn Ludwig is recommended for this position. Mr. Ludwig received his Bachelor degree from National American University. He was previously a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for an 8th grade social studies teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Alexander Johannes is recommended for this position. Mr. Johannes received his Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. He previously taught at St. Mary's Mission School of Red Lake. He has been placed at BA step 1 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Sarah Lutz is recommended for this position. Ms. Lutz received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a 1st grade teacher at Solway Elementary School. Ms. Courtney Maristuen is recommended for this position. Ms. Maristuen received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught with Grand Forks Public Schools. She has been placed at BA step 1 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for an English teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Paige Marty is recommended for this position. Ms. Marty received her both of her Bachelor degrees from the University of North Dakota. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for an early childhood teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Mariah Moen is recommended for this position. Ms. Moen received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at Red Lake Schools. She has been placed at BA step 2 on the salary schedule.

Due to the release of probationary staff, a vacancy exists for a physical education / health teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Kristin Monkman is recommended for this position. Ms. Monkman received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for counselor at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Amy Riley is recommended for this position. Ms. Riley received both her Bachelor and Master degrees from Bemidji State University. She was previously a subcontractor with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at MA step 10 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for an elementary teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Taylor Sawyer is recommended for this position. Ms. Sawyer received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for an 6th grade science teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Dana Smith is recommended for this position. Ms. Smith received both her Bachelor and Master degrees from Bemidji State University. She previously taught with Nicollet Public Schools. She has been placed at MA20 step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to an extended leave being approved, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at J. W. Smith Elementary School. Mr. James Wheeler is recommended for this position. Mr. Wheeler received his Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. He previously taught Cass Lake-Benna and Blackduck Public School Districts. He has been placed at BA40 step 5 on the salary schedule.