

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
DECEMBER 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Ann Long Voelkner, Todd Haugen Dave Wall and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative
Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kristie O'Beirne – Teacher Contract/Negotiations

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the November 17, 2025 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$4, 238,553.01
- C. Certified Staff Appointment
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Teacher Seniority List
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-25-1:Student Attendance MSBA 503
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-2R:Middle School Extracurricular Program Administrative Procedures
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 300-20-1:Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget MSBA 701
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 300-20-2:Accounting MSBA 702
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 300-30-1:Modification of School District Budget MSBA 701.1
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 300-50-1:Investments MSBA 705
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 300-90-1:Fund Balance MSBA 714
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-10-3:Keys and Building Usage
- N. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-20-2:Leaving Money and Other Valuables in Desks and Classrooms
- O. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-20-3:Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System MSBA 704

- P. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-30-1:Facility and Equipment Use Policy
- Q. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 600-30-2:Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material MSBA 802
- R. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-60-1:Staff Photo Identification Policy
- S. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-80-1:Video Recording Other than on Buses MSBA 712
- T. Request to Submit Grant - Bemidji Middle School
- U. Request to Submit Grant - Northern Elementary

SPECIAL TOPICS

Annual Audit Presentation by Amanda Scanson, CPA for Brady Martz & Associates, P.C.

The annual audit was presented by Amanda Scanson, CPA for Brady Martz & Associates, P.C.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold and Jacobi Burmeister Pater reported they are planning on meeting with the students in the cafeteria in the mornings of board meetings.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in the listening session.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$500 from the American Legion to BHS JROTC and a storage shed for BHS Football from Bemidji Lumberjack Football.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-2025 Audit Approval - Ashley Eastridge

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and the vote was carried by all in attendance to approve the FY 2024-2025 annual audit as presented.

2025 Payable 2026 Levy Limit Certification - Ashley Eastridge

The Truth in Taxation Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025.

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2025 Pay 2026 Levy Limit at the \$11,405,977.

Ratifying Resolution Relating to Series 2026A General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds - Ashley Eastridge

Member Anna Manecke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Ann Long Voelkner

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$21,825,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026A; RATIFYING THE AWARD OF SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 31 (Bemidji), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION; SALE AND RATIFICATION.

1.01. Authorization. By resolution duly adopted on October 20, 2025 (the Parameters Resolution), this Board authorized the sale of its General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A (the Bonds), to refund certain outstanding bonds of the District (the Refunding) and further authorized the Superintendent or Director of Business Services and any Board officer, in consultation with and upon the advice of representatives of PMA Securities, LLC, in Albertville, Minnesota (PMA), as independent municipal advisor in connection with the sale of the Bonds, to execute a bond purchase agreement for the purchase of the Bonds with the purchaser, provided that the par amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$24,575.000, the Refunding results in a positive present value savings, and the true interest cost does not exceed 5.0%.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with any additional funds of the District which might be required, to refund (the Refunding) in advance of maturity and prepay, on April 1, 2026 (the Redemption Date), all or a portion of the 2027 through 2036 maturities of the District's outstanding \$36,280,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A, dated originally as of December 17, 2015 (the Refunded Bonds). The purpose of the Refunding is to achieve debt service savings.

1.02. Sale. A proposal that meets the requirements set forth in the Parameters Resolution has been received from Jefferies LLC in New York, New York (the Purchaser). It is hereby determined to issue the Bonds at a purchase price of \$24,487,554.13 (representing the principal amount of \$21,825,000, plus original issue premium of \$2,673,396.35, and less an underwriter's discount of \$10,842.22) plus accrued interest, if any, and upon the further terms and conditions on the further terms and conditions set forth herein.

1.03. Ratification of Award. Pursuant to the Parameters Resolution, the sale of the Bonds has been awarded by the Director of Business Services and Board Clerk to the Purchaser. The sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser and the execution of the bond purchase agreement by the Director of Business Services and Board Clerk for the sale of the Bonds with the Purchaser are hereby ratified in all respects.

SECTION 2. BOND TERMS; REGISTRATION; EXECUTION AND DELIVERY.

2.01. Issuance of Bonds. All acts, conditions and things which are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done prior to the issuance of the Bonds having been done, existing and having happened, it is necessary for this Board to establish the form and terms of the Bonds, to provide for the security thereof, and to issue the Bonds forthwith.

2.02. Maturities, Interest Rates and Denominations. The Bonds shall be originally dated as of January 6, 2026, shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof of single maturities, shall mature on April 1 in the years and amounts stated below and shall bear interest from date of issue until paid at the annual rates set forth opposite such years and amounts, as follows:

Year	Amount (\$)	Rate (%)	Year	Amount (\$)	Rate (%)
2027	1,640,000	5.00	2032	2,225,000	5.00
2028	1,830,000	5.00	2033	2,335,000	5.00
2029	1,920,000	5.00	2034	2,455,000	5.00
2030	2,020,000	5.00	2035	2,575,000	5.00
2031	2,115,000	5.00	2036	2,710,000	5.00

The Bonds shall be issuable only in fully registered form. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Bond, the principal amount thereof, shall be payable by check or draft issued by the Registrar described herein; provided that, so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of a securities depository, or a nominee thereof, in accordance with Section 2.08 hereof, principal and interest shall be payable in accordance with the operational arrangements of the securities depository.

2.03. Dates and Interest Payment Dates. Upon initial delivery of the Bonds pursuant to Section 2.07 and upon any subsequent transfer or exchange pursuant to Section 2.06, the date of authentication shall be noted on each Bond so delivered, exchanged or transferred. The interest on the Bonds shall be payable on April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2026, to the owners of record thereof as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not such day is a business day.

2.04. Redemption. The Bonds are not subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the District prior to maturity.

2.05. Appointment of Initial Registrar. The District hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in St. Paul, Minnesota, as the initial bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the Registrar). The Chairperson and the Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, a contract with the Registrar. Upon merger or consolidation of the Registrar with another corporation, if the resulting corporation is a bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States or one of the states of the United States and authorized by law to conduct such business, such corporation shall be authorized to act as successor Registrar. The District agrees to pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Registrar for the services performed. The District reserves the right to remove the Registrar upon thirty (30) days' notice and upon the appointment and acceptance of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar shall deliver all cash and Bonds in its possession to the successor Registrar and shall deliver the bond register to the successor Registrar.

2.06. Registration. The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the District and the Registrar with respect thereto shall be as follows:

- (a) Register. The Registrar shall keep at its principal corporate trust office a bond register in which the Registrar shall provide for the registration of ownership of Bonds and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Bonds entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.
- (b) Transfer of Bonds. Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the fifteenth day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until such interest payment date.
- (c) Exchange of Bonds. Whenever any Bonds are surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.
- (d) Cancellation. All Bonds surrendered upon any transfer or exchange shall be promptly canceled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the District.
- (e) Improper or Unauthorized Transfer. When any Bond is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the same until it is satisfied that the endorsement on such Bond or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar shall incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.
- (f) Persons Deemed Owners. The District and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Bond is at any time registered in the bond register as the absolute owner of such Bond, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on such

Bond and for all other purposes, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon the owner's order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(g) Taxes, Fees and Charges. For every transfer or exchange of Bonds, the Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

(h) Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds. In case any Bond shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar shall deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of any such mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any such Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to it that such Bond was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar of an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance and amount satisfactory to it, in which both the District and the Registrar shall be named as obligees. All Bonds so surrendered to the Registrar shall be canceled by it and evidence of such cancellation shall be given to the District. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Bond has already matured in accordance with its terms it shall not be necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

(i) Authenticating Agent. The Registrar is hereby designated authenticating agent for the Bonds, within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.55, subdivision 1, as amended.

(j) Valid Obligations. All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be the valid obligations of the District, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this resolution as the Bonds surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

2.07. Execution; Authentication and Delivery. The Bonds shall be prepared under the direction of the Clerk and shall be executed on behalf of the District by the signatures of the Chairperson and the Clerk, provided that all signatures may be printed, engraved, or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. In case any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose signature, shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of any Bond, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, no Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on such Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of the Registrar. The executed certificate of authentication on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution. When the Bonds have been so delivered and authenticated, they shall be delivered by the Clerk to the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made and executed, and the Purchaser shall not be obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

2.08. Securities Depository. (a) For purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Bond, the person in whose name such Bond is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Bond by a Participant on the records of such Participant, or such person's subrogee. "Cede & Co." shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Bonds.

"DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York.

"Participant" shall mean any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Bonds as securities depository.

"Representation Letter" shall mean the Representation Letter pursuant to which the District agrees to comply with DTC's Operational Arrangements.

(b) The Bonds shall be initially issued as separately authenticated fully registered bonds, and one Bond shall be issued in the principal amount of each stated maturity of the Bonds. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of such Bonds shall be registered in the bond register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Registrar and the District may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive owner of the Bonds registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, selecting the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, if any, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners of Bonds under this resolution, registering the transfer of Bonds, and for all other purposes whatsoever; and neither the Registrar nor the District shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Neither the Registrar nor the District shall have any responsibility or obligation to any Participant, any person claiming a beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds under or through DTC or any Participant, or any other person which is not shown on the bond register as being a registered owner of any Bonds, with respect to the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant, with respect to the payment by DTC or any Participant of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Bonds, with respect to any notice which is permitted or required to be given to owners of Bonds under this resolution, with respect to the selection by DTC or any Participant of any person to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Bonds, or with respect to any consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Bonds. So long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on such Bond, and shall give all notices with respect to such Bond, only to Cede & Co. in accordance with DTC's Operational Arrangements, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the District's obligations with respect to the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than DTC shall receive an authenticated Bond for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the District to make payments of principal and interest. Upon delivery by DTC to the Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the Bonds will be transferable to such new nominee in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(c) In the event the District determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Bonds in the form of bond certificates, the District may notify DTC and the Registrar, whereupon DTC shall notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of Bonds in the form of certificates. In such event, the Bonds will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the District and the Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event the Bonds will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(d) The execution and delivery of the Representation Letter to DTC by the Chairperson or Clerk, if not previously filed, or required to be refiled, with DTC, is hereby authorized and directed.

(e) In the event that any transfer or exchange of Bonds is permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) hereof, such transfer or exchange shall be accomplished upon receipt by the Registrar of the Bonds to be transferred or exchanged and appropriate instruments of transfer to the permitted transferee in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. In the event Bonds in the form of certificates are issued to owners other than Cede & Co., its successor as nominee for DTC as owner of all the Bonds, or another securities depository as owner of all the Bonds, the provisions of this resolution shall also apply to all matters relating thereto, including, without limitation, the printing of such Bonds in the form of bond certificates and the method of payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds in the form of bond certificates.

2.09. Form of Bonds. The Bonds shall be prepared in substantially the form found at EXHIBIT A hereto.

SECTION 3. USE OF PROCEEDS; REFUNDING. Upon payment for the Bonds by the

Purchaser, Bond proceeds in an amount of \$24,335,216.72 shall be deposited in a special escrow account with U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as escrow agent (the Escrow Agent) to be applied as directed by the Escrow Agreement (defined below). The Chairperson and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an escrow agreement with the Escrow Agent establishing the terms and conditions for the escrow account (the Escrow Agreement). The Clerk is hereby directed to advise U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as paying agent for the Refunded Bonds, to call the Refunded Bonds for redemption and prepayment on the Redemption Date, and to give thirty (30) days mailed Notice of Redemption, substantially in the form attached hereto, all in accordance with the provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 4. DEBT SERVICE FUND AND TAX LEVIES.

4.01. General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A Debt Service Fund. The Bonds shall be payable from a separate General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A Debt Service Fund (the Debt Service Fund) of the District, which Debt Service Fund the District agrees to maintain until the Bonds have been paid in full. If the money in the Debt Service Fund should at any time be insufficient to pay principal and interest due on the Bonds, such amounts shall be paid from other moneys on hand in other funds of the District, which other funds shall be reimbursed therefor when sufficient money becomes available in the Debt Service Fund. The moneys on hand in the Debt Service Fund from time to time shall be used only to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Into the Debt Service Fund shall be paid: (a) any amount in excess of the amount necessary to accomplish the refunding described in Section 3; (b) any amount appropriated thereto pursuant to Section 3 hereof; (c) all amounts on deposit in the debt service fund maintained for the payment of the Refunded Bonds upon the retirement of the Refunded Bonds; (d) all taxes collected pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof; and (e) any other funds appropriated by the Board for the payment of the Bonds. If any payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds shall become due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to make such payment, the Clerk shall pay the same from any other available fund of the District, and such other fund shall be reimbursed for such advances out of the proceeds of the taxes levied for the payment of the Bonds when available.

4.02. Tax Levies. For the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged. To provide moneys for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, subdivision 1, there is hereby levied on all taxable property in the District a direct, annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls for collection in the years and amounts as follows, as a part of other general taxes of the District, as follows:

Levy Years	Collection Years	Amount
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(See attached levy computation)

The taxes shall be irrepealable as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid; provided that the District reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61. It is estimated that the ad valorem taxes will be collected in amounts not less than five percent in excess of the annual principal and interest requirements of the Bonds. If, as of the date tax levies are certified in any year, the sum of the balance in the Debt Service Fund plus any ad valorem taxes theretofore levied for the payment of Bonds payable therefrom and collectible through the end of the following calendar year is not sufficient to pay when due all principal and interest to become due on all Bonds payable therefrom in said following calendar year, or the Debt Service Fund has incurred a deficiency in the manner provided in Section 4.01, an additional direct, irrepealable, ad valorem tax shall be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the District for the purpose of restoring such accumulated or anticipated deficiency in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

4.03. Debt Service Fund Balance Restriction. In order to ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), and applicable Treasury Regulations (the Regulations), upon allocation of any funds to the Debt Service Fund, the balance then on hand in the Fund shall be ascertained. If it exceeds the amount of principal and interest on the Bonds to become due and payable through April 1 next following, plus a reasonable carryover equal to 1/12th of the debt service due in the following bond year, the excess shall (unless an opinion is otherwise received from bond counsel) be used to prepay or purchase Bonds, or invested at a yield which does not exceed the yield on the Bonds calculated in accordance with Section 148 of the Code.

SECTION 5. DEFEASANCE. When all of the Bonds have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the registered owners of the Bonds shall cease. The District may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or, if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued from the due date to the date of such deposit. The District may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank or trust company qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities which are authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such time and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required to pay all principal and interest to become due thereon to maturity. Provided, however, that if such deposit is made more than ninety days before the maturity date of the Bonds to be discharged, the District shall have received a written opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such deposit does not adversely affect the exemption of interest on any Bonds from federal income taxation and a written report of an accountant or investment banking firm verifying that the deposit is sufficient to pay when due all of the principal and interest on the Bonds to be discharged on and before their maturity dates.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

6.01. Filing with County Auditors. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file with the County Auditors of Beltrami and Hubbard Counties, a certified copy of this resolution together with such other information as the County Auditors shall require and to obtain from the County Auditors certificates that the Bonds have been entered upon the bond registers and that the tax for the payment of the Bonds has been levied as required by law.

6.02. Certification of Proceedings. The officers of the District and the County Auditors are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Bond Counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the District relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the District, and such other affidavits, certificates and information as may be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as they appear from the books and records under the officer's custody and control or as otherwise known to the them. All such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the District to the correctness of all statements contained herein.

6.03. Official Statement. The Director of Business Services is hereby authorized and directed to review and approve all necessary disclosures in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. PMA is hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to prepare and distribute to the Purchaser of the Bonds, within seven business days from the sale date of the Bonds, a final official statement (the "Final Official Statement") listing the offering price, the interest rates, selling compensation, delivery date, the underwriters, and such other information relating to the Bonds required to be included in the Final Official

Statement by the Rule (as defined in Section 7.05 herein), in the form approved by the Director of Business Services. The Purchaser is hereby authorized to use and distribute the Final Official Statement in connection with the offering of the Bonds. The Director of Business Services is hereby authorized and directed to sign such certifications as may be necessary or required by counsel or the Purchaser with respect to the completeness and accuracy of the Preliminary Official Statement dated November 26, 2025, and the Final Official Statement to be dated on or around December 3, 2025. All actions heretofore or hereafter taken by District officers and staff, or by others acting on behalf of the District, with respect to the project to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the structuring of the financing, the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation of legal documents and the consummation of the transaction contemplated by this resolution, including but not limited to the engagement of third-party advisors and counsel, are hereby ratified and approved in full.

SECTION 7. TAX COVENANTS, ARBITRAGE MATTERS, AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE.

7.01. **Restrictive Action.** The District covenants and agrees with the registered owners of the Bonds, that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any actions that would cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income of the recipient under the Code and applicable Regulations, and covenants to take any and all actions within its powers to ensure that the interest will not become includable in gross income of the recipient under the Code and the Regulations. It is hereby certified that the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds were used to finance or refinance the acquisition and betterment of school facilities owned and operated by the District and the District covenants and agrees that, so long as the Bonds are outstanding, the District shall not enter into any lease, management agreement, use agreement or other contract with any nongovernmental entity relating to the school facilities so financed or refinanced which would cause the Bonds to be considered "private activity bonds" or "private loan bonds" pursuant to Section 141 of the Code.

7.02. **Arbitrage Certification.** The Chairperson and Clerk being the officers of the District charged with the responsibility for issuing the Bonds pursuant to this resolution, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Purchaser a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code and applicable Regulations stating the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Bonds which make it reasonable to expect that the proceeds of the Bonds will not be used in a manner that would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of the Code and the Regulations.

7.03. **Arbitrage Rebate Exemption.** The District acknowledges that the Bonds are subject to the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The District covenants and agrees to retain such records, make such determinations, file such reports and documents and pay such amounts at such times as are required under Section 148(f) and applicable Regulations to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, unless the Bonds qualify for an exception from the rebate requirement pursuant to one of the spending exceptions set forth in Section 1.148-7 of the Regulations and no "gross proceeds" of the Bonds (other than amounts constituting a "bona fide debt service fund") arise during or after the expenditure of the original proceeds thereof.

7.04. **Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations.** The Bonds are not "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

7.05. **Continuing Disclosure.** (a) **Purpose and Beneficiaries.** To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Bonds and the security therefor and to permit the Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing

disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the Rule), which will enhance the marketability of the Bonds, the District hereby makes the following covenants and agreements for the benefit of the Owners (as hereinafter defined) from time to time of the outstanding Bonds. The District is the only obligated person in respect of the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule for purposes of identifying the entities in respect of which continuing disclosure must be made. If the District fails to comply with any provisions of this section, any person aggrieved thereby, including the Owners of any outstanding Bonds, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or appropriate to enforce performance and observance of any agreement or covenant contained in this section, including an action for a writ of mandamus or specific performance. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable for any default hereunder to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall a default under this section constitute a default under the Bonds or under any other provision of this resolution. As used in this section, Owner or Bondowner means, in respect of a Bond, the registered owner or owners thereof appearing in the bond register maintained by the Registrar or any Beneficial Owner (as hereinafter defined) thereof, if such Beneficial Owner provides to the Registrar evidence of such beneficial ownership in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Registrar. As used herein, Beneficial Owner means, in respect of a Bond, any person or entity which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, such Bond (including persons or entities holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of the Bond for federal income tax purposes.

(b) Information To Be Disclosed. The District will provide, in the manner set forth in subsection (c) hereof, either directly or indirectly through an agent designated by the District, the following information at the following times:

(1) on or before twelve (12) months after the end of each fiscal year of the District, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following financial information and operating data in respect of the District (the Disclosure Information):

(A) the audited financial statements of the District for such fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with the governmental accounting standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or as otherwise provided under Minnesota law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with such generally accepted accounting principles for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the District, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof, and certified as to accuracy and completeness in all material respects by the fiscal officer of the District; and

(B) to the extent not included in the financial statements referred to in paragraph (A) hereof, the information for such fiscal year or for the period most recently available of the type contained in the Official Statement under the headings: "FINANCIAL INFORMATION" and "SUMMARY OF DEBT AND DEBT STATISTICS;" which information may be unaudited.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if the audited financial statements are not available by the date specified, the District shall provide on or before such date unaudited financial statements in the format required for the audited financial statements as part of the Disclosure Information and, within 10 days after the receipt thereof, the District shall provide the audited financial statements. Any or all of the Disclosure Information may be incorporated by reference, if it is updated as required hereby, from other documents, including official statements, which have been submitted to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA) or the SEC. The District shall clearly identify in the Disclosure Information each document so incorporated by reference. If any part of the Disclosure Information can no longer be generated because the operations of the District have materially changed or been discontinued, such Disclosure Information need no longer be provided if the District includes in the Disclosure Information a statement to such effect; provided, however, if

such operations have been replaced by other District operations in respect of which data is not included in the Disclosure Information and the District determines that certain specified data regarding such replacement operations would be a Material Fact (as defined in paragraph (2) hereof), then, from and after such determination, the Disclosure Information shall include such additional specified data regarding the replacement operations. If the Disclosure Information is changed or this section is amended as permitted by this paragraph (b)(1) or subsection (d), then the District shall include in the next Disclosure Information to be delivered hereunder, to the extent necessary, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect of any change in the type of financial information or operating data provided.

(2) In a timely manner, not in excess of 10 business days, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events (each a "Material Fact," as hereinafter defined):

- (A) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (B) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (C) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (D) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (E) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (F) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (G) modifications to rights of Bond holders, if material;
- (H) Bond calls, if material and tender offers;
- (I) defeasances;
- (J) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds if material;
- (K) rating changes;
- (L) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the obligated person;
- (M) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (N) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (O) incurrence of a financial obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; "financial obligation" means a
 - (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule; and
- (P) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

As used herein, for those events that must be reported if material, a "Material Fact" is a fact as to which a substantial likelihood exists that a reasonably prudent investor would attach importance thereto in deciding to buy, hold or sell a Bond or, if not disclosed, would significantly alter the total information otherwise available to an investor from the Official Statement, information disclosed hereunder or information generally available to the public. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Material Fact is also a fact that would be deemed material for purposes of the purchase, holding or sale of a Bond within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws, as interpreted at the time of discovery of the occurrence of the event. For the purposes of the event identified in (L) hereinabove, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the

appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

For purposes of the events identified in paragraphs (O) and (P) above, the term "financial obligation" means (i) a debt obligation; (ii) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

(3) In a timely manner, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events or conditions:

- (A) the failure of the District to provide the Disclosure Information required under paragraph (b)(1) at the time specified thereunder;
- (B) the amendment or supplementing of this section pursuant to subsection (d), together with a copy of such amendment or supplement and any explanation provided by the District under subsection (d)(2);
- (C) the termination of the obligations of the District under this section pursuant to subsection (d);
- (D) any change in the accounting principles pursuant to which the financial statements constituting a portion of the Disclosure Information are prepared; and
- (E) any change in the fiscal year of the District.

(c) Manner of Disclosure.

(1) The District agrees to make available to the MSRB through EMMA, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, the information described in subsection (b).

(2) All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time.

(d) Term; Amendments; Interpretation.

(1) The covenants of the District in this section shall remain in effect so long as any Bonds are outstanding. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, the obligations of the District under this section shall terminate and be without further effect as of any date on which the District delivers to the Registrar an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the District to comply with the requirements of this section will not cause participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any statutes or laws successor thereto or amendatory thereof.

(2) This section (and the form and requirements of the Disclosure Information) may be amended or supplemented by the District from time to time, without notice to (except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) hereof) or the consent of the Owners of any Bonds, by a resolution of this Board filed in the office of the recording officer of the District accompanied by an opinion of Bond Counsel, who may rely on certificates of the District and others and the opinion may be subject to customary qualifications, to the effect that: (i) such amendment or supplement (a) is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in law or regulation or a change in the identity, nature or status of the District or the type of operations conducted by the District, or (b) is required by, or better complies with, the provisions of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule; (ii) this section as so amended or supplemented would have complied with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, giving effect to any change in circumstances applicable under clause (i)(a) and assuming that the Rule as in effect and interpreted at the time of the amendment or supplement was in effect at the time of the

primary offering; and (iii) such amendment or supplement does not materially impair the interests of the Bondholders under the Rule. If the Disclosure Information is so amended, the District agrees to provide, contemporaneously with the effectiveness of such amendment, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect, if any, of the change in the type of financial information or operating data being provided hereunder.

(3) This section is entered into to comply with the continuing disclosure provisions of the Rule and should be construed so as to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule.

SECTION 8. STATE PAYMENT; DISTRICT AND REGISTRAR OBLIGATIONS. The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education (the Commissioner) of any potential default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 (the State Payment Law), to guarantee, to the extent permitted by law, payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar not less than three business days prior to each April 1 and October 1 as set forth in Section 2.03 hereof, an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner as provided in the State Payment Law that it will be unable to make all or a portion of such payment. The Registrar will notify the Commissioner if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds on any payment date or if, on the date two business days prior to the date on which a payment is due, there are insufficient funds on deposit with the Registrar to make the required payment on such date. The Registrar will cooperate with the District, the Commissioner and the Commissioner of Management and Budget in implementing the provisions of the State Payment Law. In the event that amounts sufficient to make any such interest or principal payment are held by an escrow or paying agent and invested as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and such escrow or paying agent is required to use proceeds from such investment to pay to the Registrar the amount necessary to pay such interest or principal on such payment date, then the requirements of the State Payment Law relating to the deposit of such amounts with the Registrar prior to the payment date of such interest or principal shall be deemed satisfied and neither the District nor the Registrar shall be required to notify the Commissioner that insufficient funds are available to pay such interest or principal on such payment date. The District shall do all other things which may be necessary to perform the Bonds hereby undertaken under the State Payment Law, including any requirements hereafter adopted by the Commissioner of Management and Budget or the Commissioner.

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing resolution, the following voted in favor thereof: Todd Haugen, Jack Aakhus, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Ann Long Voelkner and Dave Wall

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Bemidji Middle School LED Retrofit Bids - Ashley Eastridge

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Anna Manecke and, carried by all in attendance to approve the low bid of \$817,700 from Bessler Electric for the Bemidji Middle School LED Retrofit project.

Potential Reductions in Programs and Positions - Jeremy Olson

Jack Aakhus introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND
REASONS THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district may dictate that the School Board must consider a possible reduction in expenditures, and

WHEREAS, shifts in elementary and secondary student participation might cause discontinuance of positions and/or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made concerning which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed, and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 31: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures; and make recommendations to the School Board for discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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

AYES: Todd Haugen, Jack Aakhus, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Ann Long Voelkner and Dave Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Rescinding of Policies

SBR 300-40-1:Depositories of Funds – This will now be part of the Investments Policy

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to rescind the above named policy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, January 26, 2026, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

Recognize Fall State Participants

The State Participants were listed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson shared events happening around our district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:25 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Todd Haugen, Chair

Date Approved