

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 30, 2015**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Haack, Carol L. Johnson, Melissa Bahr, Ann Long Voelkner, Richard (Bill) Faver, and Superintendent James Hess

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Pugleasa
Cassidy Stokes, Student Representative

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

John Pugleasa arrived at the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Application for New Markets Tax Credit Funding

Jeff Seidel, from Dougherty & Company LLC, presented information regarding the New Markets Tax Credit Funding Application.

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to approve the submission of a NMTC Funding application to the MMCDC for a total requested amount of \$35 million.

Presentation from Bemidji Community Arena Committee

Dale Thompson and Clint Bruestle, from the Bemidji Community Arena Board, presented a plan for providing an alternate site for Bemidji Area Schools hockey should a need arise to replace Nymore Arena. No action was taken.

Deer Lake Elementary School Purchase Offer

The motion was offered by Richard (Bill) Faver, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried with Richard (Bill) Faver, Carol L. Johnson, Ann Long Voelkner, John Pugleasa, and Melissa Bahr voting in favor and Jeff Haack voting against, to sell the Deer Lake School and property to Cedar Path Holdings, LLC for a purchase price of \$550,000.00 with the stipulation that the property cannot be used as a K-12 school that would be in competition with Bemidji Area Schools for students or resources.

Property Purchase

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to enter into a purchase agreement with the Beltrami County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to purchase acreage included in the Gordon Property for the construction of a new elementary school.

Consideration of Settlement Agreement

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to accept the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Release with a student.

Health Insurance Bids

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to approve the NWSC Self Insurance Pool as the school district's health plan provider for the 7/1/2015 renewal with a 2% discount for negotiating the sunset of the Double Gold Plan.

Consideration of Potential Budget Adjustments for 2015-2016

Superintendent James Hess presented several considerations for potential budget adjustments such as one-time deferred purchases and possible new revenue sources. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:59 p.m.

Jeff Haack, Clerk

Date Approved

Melissa Bahr, Chair

Date Approved