

**GREENBUSH MIDDLE RIVER SCHOOL  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2683  
Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 7:30 PM School Cafeteria  
401 Park Avenue West, Greenbush, MN 56726

**1. Call to Order at 7:35 P.M.**

**2. Roll Call:** Shane Kilen, Joe Melby, Carrie Jo Howard, Kurt Stenberg, Brandon Kuznia, Brandon Ignaszewski

Absent: Allison Harder

**ADMINISTRATION:** Supt. Larry Guggisberg

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kevin Ricke, Arlette Pearson, Ryan Bergeron, Cathy Schenkey, Mary Anderson, Brittany Burkel

**3. Listening Session - Nothing to Report**

**4. Recommendation to add items to the agenda from Board members or School Administrators**

**5. Approval of Agenda**

1. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the agenda of the June 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

**6. Minutes**

1. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of May 17, 2021.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

**7. Business Services**

1. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Carrie Jo Howard to approve the payment of bills check #38259 through #38368 for a total of \$141,584.54 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated May 5, 2021 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

**2. Treasurer's Report**

3. Greenbush Middle River School District Budget to Actual Expenditure Report (as previously requested by board member to provide on monthly basis).

**8. Significant School Events and Communication:**

1. Board acceptance of donations to the School & recognition of direct donations to a specific school program.

A motion was made by Brandon Ignaszewski, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to accept the following donations:

Donation by One Better Liquor (Diane Rud) for reducing outstanding school lunch account(s) .....\$2,500.00

Donation by John Harder family via America's Farmers Grow Communities fund sponsored by Bayer (Monsanto Grant) towards video streaming system in GMR Gym .....\$2,500.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

**2. Participation in State Girls Golf Competition**

The BGMR Girls Golf Team participated in the State Girls Golf Meet on June 15-16 in Becker, MN. The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alys Rinde placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Val Truscinski is the Head Coach

3. Participation in State Girls Softball Tournament  
The BGMR Girls Softball Team participated in the State Softball Tournament June 15-16 in Mankato, MN. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in state. Kent Christian is the Head Coach.
4. Participation in State Clay Target Competition  
The Gator Claybusters participated in the State Clay Target Competition in Alexandria, MN June 17-18. Final results are not available at this time because there are thousands of competitors in the State Clay Target Competition and State Competition will not conclude until June 22
5. FCCLA Competing/Attending National Competition  
GMR representatives attending the FCCLA National Convention in Nashville, TN include Bella Burkel, Berlyn Burkel and McKenna Bennet
9. **Old Business**

1. School Election timeline for [recommended] Fall Operating Referendum
2. Clarification - Conducting School Board meetings ---> post pandemic
10. **New Business:**

1. GMR Staffing for 2021-2022

- a. Accept resignation of Para Professional  
A motion was made by Joe Melby and seconded by Kurt Stenberg to accept the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Christinson as per submitted letter.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

- b. Board Approval to employ licensed Science Teacher at .50 Full Time Equivalency (FTE)  
Motion by Board Member Kurt Stenberg and seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve employment of Mrs. Carol Rhen as a licensed Science Teacher effective with the 2021-2022 school year at .50 full time equivalency (FTE) with salary and benefits pro-rated.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

- c. Pending Staffing decisions for 2021-2022

2. Renew membership in Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA)  
A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Carrie Jo Howard to renew the District's annual membership with the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

3. Renew membership in Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA)  
A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to renew the District's annual membership with the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

4. Renew membership in the MN State High School League  
A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby to renew the District's annual membership with the Minnesota State High School League (MNSHSL).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

5. Adopt PRELIMINARY Fiscal Year 2021-2022 School Budget based on "roll over" of 2020-2021 School Budget  
A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the estimated 2020-2021 (FY21) budget as a preliminary working budget for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (FY22) with the understanding the FY22 Budget will be amended at a later date.

6. Designation of Superintendent of Schools as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) to authorize user access to MDE secure website(s) for the Greenbush Middle River School District.  
A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the Superintendent of Schools (Larry S. Guggisberg, ED.D) be designated as the Greenbush Middle River School District's [ISD# 01-2683]Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) effective with the 2021-2022 school year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

7. District Support of Summer Recreation programming

A motion was made by Joe Melby and seconded by Shane Kilen to provide funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 to each (City of Greenbush & City of Middle River) community to offset expenses for Summer Recreation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

8. Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan - *a condition of accepting ESSER III Federal Funding.*

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Learning FY 21-22

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

11. **Reports:**

1. Superintendent

- a. GMR Elementary School Summer Programing - CAMP EXPLORER

- b. School Facility improvements - Summer 2021

- c. Greenbush Middle River Graduation Rate in 2020

- d. Report of the events and activities of the 2021 *Special Minnesota Legislative Session* and potential effects on Public Education

12. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Carrie Jo Howard and seconded by Kurt Stenberg to adjourn

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kilen-Yes, Melby-Yes, Howard-Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes

13. **Communications**

- June - July 2021 - Negotiations with GMR-Education Association whose Employment Agreement expired June 30, 2021.
- Regular July School Board Meeting - July 19, 2021 @ 7:30 pm in GMR School Cafeteria