

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE** : JULY 19, 2021  
**TO** : BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM** : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
**SUBJECT** : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

**COMMENTS:**

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for an early childhood special education teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Marcie Gargano is recommended for this position. Ms. Gargano received her Bachelor degree from Concordia University and her Master degree from Walden University. She previously taught with the Bagley School District as well as in Green River and Rawlins, WY. She has been placed at MA+20 step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Shelley Johnson is recommended for this position. Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor degree from Oak Hills Christian College and is currently enrolled at Bemidji State University to receive a special education licensure. She previously was a long term substitute teacher and special education paraprofessional with the Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a grade 4 teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Jennifer Lindsay is recommended for this position. Ms. Lindsay received her Bachelor degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead and her Master degree from St. Catherine University. She previously taught with the Fargo Public School District and was most recently, a long term substitute teacher for Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at MA step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to the release of probationary staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji High School. Mr. Malcolm David McCannell is recommended for this position. Mr. McCannell received his Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University and is currently enrolled at Bemidji State University to receive a master's degree in special education. He previously taught with Aurora Waasakone and was a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. He has been placed at BA+10 step 1 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for a special education teacher at Northern Elementary School. Ms. Julie Pruett is recommended for this position. Ms. Pruett received her Bachelor degree from the University of Wyoming. She previously taught at in Springdale, AR, Norfolk, AR, and Phoenix, AZ. She has been placed at BA+40 step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Janel Samuelson is recommended for this position. Ms. Samuelson received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at TrekNorth and was a special education paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA+30 step 1 on the salary schedule.