

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Lind, Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner, Sarah Young,  
John Gonzalez, Carol L. Johnson, and Superintendent Tim Lutz

Abigail Enquist, Student Representative  
Joel Roberts, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT TIM LUTZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Meeting Minutes from the August 17, 2020 School Board Meeting
- B. Current Bills & Special Checks Totaling: \$3,096,825.75
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations
- D. Release From Contract Request
- E. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 900-90-1: COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation: CARES Act Funding – Kay Mack, Beltrami County Administrator, indicated Beltrami County will distribute a portion of their CARES Act funds to Bemidji Area Schools for COVID related expenses.

Spotlight Presentation: Horace May Diversity Trail Mural – Kathy VanWert and Kate Pearson, highlighted the new murals and diversity trail at Horace May Elementary School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Joel Roberts and Abigail Enquist reported on Bemidji High School activities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kori Nelson, Support Within Reach

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Ann Long Voelkner and Carol L. Johnson reported on the following Listening Session topic: Bemidji Middle School music program.

## 2020 OPERATING REFERENDUM

### **Referendum Update**

Superintendent Tim Lutz referred to the new website, [www.bemidjibold.org](http://www.bemidjibold.org). The purpose of this website is to provide the information voters will need to make an informed vote on November 3. This includes details about the needs of our students, how the plan was developed, details of the plan, and the tax impact on residents.

## DONATIONS

### **Donation**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donations from the Bemidji Angel Fund 5K and TruStar Federal Credit Union.

## EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### **Enrollment and Learning Model Update**

Superintendent Tim Lutz provided an update on fall enrollment. Our student enrollment is less than last year at this time.

Superintendent Lutz and Emily Helm, District School Nurse, provided an update on the current learning model and COVID-19 update. The 14-day rolling average, which is used to determine learning models, is 10.63 as of today. Superintendent Lutz urged caution when changing learning models to ensure the numbers are sustainable.

## RELATIONSHIPS/COLLABORATION

## HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

### **First Reading of SBR 700-30-10: Instruction: Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 700-30-10: Instruction: Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process.

### **2020 Payable 2021 Levy Limit Certification**

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2020 Pay 2021 Levy Limit at the Maximum.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.  
District Curriculum Committee Virtual Meeting – October 13, 2020, 7:00 a.m.

## OTHER

### **Once Around the Table**

School Board Members shared their observations of events in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Sarah Young, seconded by Carol L. Johnson, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:15 p.m.

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Carol L. Johnson, Clerk

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Date Approved

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John Gonzalez, Chair

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Date Approved