

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 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 Todd Haugen, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the August 14, 2025 and August 18, 2025 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$3,764,204.06
- C. Certified Staff Appointments
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Request to Submit Grant: BHS Link Leaders
- F. Request to Submit Grant: BHS Band
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 500-10-1: Student Transportation Safety Policy MSBA 709
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 700-60-4: Student Medication and Telehealth MSBA 516
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 700-90-3: Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse MSBA 414
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 900-10-4: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School MSBA 418
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 900-30-1: School Weapons Policy MSBA 501
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 700-90-6: School Meals Policy MSBA 534

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation “Bemidji 31 Education Foundation”

Jeff Haack presented on what the foundation is, the projects that have been funded through the Bemidji 31 Foundation as well as the fundraisers that they have.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold and Jacobi Burmeister Pater reported about their new assistant principal and teachers, there will be activities for homecoming week and class sizes.

#### LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

There were no participants in listening session.

#### DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$2,500 from Jack Aakhus to 6<sup>th</sup> grade football for equipment purchases.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### **Assessment Results**

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services reported on the district's enrollment numbers, math results show Bemidji was slightly above the state, reading results show Bemidji is slightly below the state. Fastbridge growth results were positive in both reading and math results.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **Proposed Levy Certification**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2025 Pay 2026 Levy Limit at the MAXIMUM.

##### **Staffing of Positions**

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION TO REHIRE JOHN KOVACH, CHRISTIE WINCHELL, AND KASE YERBICH

WHEREAS, Vacancies exists for special education teachers at the Lakeside Learning Center and Bemidji High School and a business education teacher at Bemidji High School, the School Board of Independent School District No. 31 is rescinding the termination of probationary teachers John Kovach, Christie Winchell, and Kase Yerbich.

BE IT RESOLVED that a teaching contract be issued to John Kovach, Christie Winchell, and Kase Yerbich for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Todd Haugen, and upon roll call vote being taken, the following voted in favor: Jenny Frenzel, Todd Haugen, Jack Aakhus, Ann Long Voelkner, Anna Manecke and Dave Wall, and the following voted against: None.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared passed and adopted.

##### **Approval to Submit MSBA Resolution Ensuring Adequate Time for Impact of New Laws**

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve MSBA submitting a resolution ensuring adequate time for impacting of new laws.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, October 20, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

Truth in Taxation Meeting, December 15, 2025, 6:00 PM, District Office Board Room

#### OTHER

##### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson gave a report about the district.

##### **School Board Recognition Month**

A certificate was presented to each Board member.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:18 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Dave Wall, Chair

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Date Approved