

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE : SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
TO : BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
SUBJECT : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

COMMENTS:

Due to a retirement, a vacancy exists for a part time music teacher at J. W. Elementary School. Louise Bass is recommended for this position. Ms. Bass received her Bachelor degree from the University of Sioux Falls. She previously taught at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley schools, Laporte Public Schools, and Park Rapids Public Schools. She has been placed at BA10 step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a grade 6 science teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Andrew Dahlby is recommended for this position. Mr. Dahlby received his Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. He previously taught at Nevis School District. He has been placed at BA step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for an english teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Megan DeChaine is recommended for this position. Ms. DeChaine received her Bachelor degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She previously taught at Voyaguers Expeditionary School. She has been placed at BA30 step 4 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a Title I teacher at Solway Elementary School. Ms. Emma Dickinson is recommended for this position. Ms. Dickinson received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at Kelliher Public Schools. She has been placed at BA step 2 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for an early childhood teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Ashley Dolezal is recommended for this position. Ms. Dolezal received her Bachelor degree from the University of North Dakota. She previously student taught with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Renee Kasper is recommended for this position. Ms. Kasper received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously was a Paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA30 step 4 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a mathematics teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Alex Kong'a is recommended for this position. Mr. Kong'a received his Bachelor degree from Kenyatta University and his Master degree from Bemidji State University. He previously substitute taught at Thief River Falls School District. He has been placed at MA step 0 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for an elementary physical education teacher at Northern Elementary, Horace May Elementary, and Bemidji Middle School. Mr. Risto Kultala is recommended for this position. Mr. Kultala received his Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. He previously taught at Bagely School District and Ely School District. He has been placed at BA step 2 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for a kindergarten / grade 1 teacher at Central Elementary School. Ms. Ingrid Mesarina-Tibbetts is recommended for this position. Ms. Mesarina-Tibbetts received her Bachelor degree from the Bemidji State University. She previously was an Indian Education Home School Liaison / Academic Advisor with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for grade 1 teacher at Solway Elementary School. Ms. Tina Myers is recommended for this position. Ms. Myers received her Bachelor degree from the Bemidji State University and her Master degree from Walden University. She previously taught at Willmar Public School District and Cass Lake-Bena School District. She has been placed at MA step 8 on the salary schedule.

A new additional position was approved for a special education teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Leah Skerik is recommended for this position. Ms. Skerik received her Bachelor degree from Bemidji State University. She previously was a Paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to the release of probationary staff, a vacancy exists for a special education teacher at Bemidji High School. Mr. Brian Solum is recommended for this position. Mr. Solum received his Bachelor degree from Oak Hills Christian College. He previously was a Paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for special education teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Amanda Templin is recommended for this position. Ms. Templin received her Bachelor degree from the Bemidji State University. She previously was a Paraprofessional with Bemidji Area Schools. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.