

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
AUGUST 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

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

Taylor Gish, 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 Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jeff Lind, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the July 15, 2019 and August 12, 2019 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$3,868,943.99
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations
- D. Release from Contract Request: Marsh
- E. Release from Contract Request: Scofield
- F. Release from Contract Request: Niskanen
- G. Certified Staff Appointments
- H. Field Trip Request – Bemidji High School JROTC
- I. Request for Licensed Staff

SPECIAL TOPICS

Spotlight Presentation: Students First - Ebony Warren and Wendy Thompson

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Taylor Gish reported on Bemidji High School activities including: fall activities and new Bemidji High School parking lot configuration.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Jeff Lind and Sarah Young reported on concerns regarding:  
Student Safety at Elementary Schools  
Change in Bus Stops for a Family  
Bemidji Public Library Collaboration – NEA Big Reads Grant  
Request from Oshkiimaajitahdah for a Space Partnership

## HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

### **First Reading of Revised SBR 900-10-5: Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices Policy**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Sarah Young, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of Revised SBR 900-10-5: Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices Policy.

### **First Reading of SBR 700-40-8: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students With IEPs From School Grounds**

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of SBR 700-40-8: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students With IEPs From School Grounds.

### **First Reading of Revised SBR 400-40-3: Curriculum Development**

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised SBR 400-40-3: Curriculum Development.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### **Staff Development Update**

Colleen Cardenuto, Director of Curriculum & Administrative Services, provided an update on summer and fall inservice opportunities including: Responsive Classroom, MTSS, ENVoY, Curriculum Writing, and District Data Retreat. No action was taken.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September School Board Meeting – Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
District Data Retreat – Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
New Teacher Meeting – Thursday, August 22, 2019  
RIPL Training – Monday, August 26, 2017 & Tuesday, August 27, 2019  
All Employee Gathering – Tuesday, August 27, 2019  
Fostering Resilient Children - Tuesday, August 27, 2019

## OTHER

### **Superintendent's Evaluation Summary**

The annual evaluation of the Superintendent has been completed as per ISD 31 Board policy. This summary is an overall assessment of performance.

Tim Lutz joined Bemidji Area Schools as our Superintendent a little over a year ago after an extensive search. Starting in a new role can be difficult, but Mr. Lutz has met this challenge with enthusiasm and we feel his arrival is a growth opportunity for both Mr. Lutz and the District. This first year has seen Mr. Lutz foster a climate of cooperation, teamwork and communication. Mr. Lutz has displayed his talent for building relationships while encouraging collaboration within the district and community. These relationships are critical to the success of the District.

Not shying away from difficult topics, Mr. Lutz has also advanced the goals of the Board by addressing student equity and school climate with a real effort. He has worked to identify areas for improvement and formed a coalition to address these areas.

Mr. Lutz has the full support of the School Board. We look forward to the great things that can be accomplished in his sophomore year and the many years to come.

#### **Possible Work Session Dates**

Chair Haack suggested September 10, 2019 as a possible work session date. No action was taken.

#### **Once Around the Table**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was offered by Carol L. Johnson, seconded by Sarah Young, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 7:27 p.m.

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Ann Long Voelkner, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Jeff Haack, Chair

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Date Approved