

**BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Wendy Fultz, Amanda Koop, Andrew Bennett, Dany Ekre, John Gerbracht, Darin Klostermeier, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: Michael Mathison.

1. Clerk Fultz called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. A motion was made by Andrew Bennett, seconded by Dany Ekre to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.
3. A motion was made by Amanda Koop, seconded by Andrew Bennett to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - A. Minutes – August 31st
 - B. September 2026 Check Register – \$111,920.65
 - C. August 2026 Hand Payables – \$375,807.33
 - D. August 2026 Treasurer's Report – Bank Balance – \$5,289,710.09
 - E. Budget Items
 - F. August 2026 Wire Payments – \$213,870.50
 - G. Resignation – Kayla Heller, Community Education Director, effective September 2, 2026
 - H. BEA Youth Recreation Activities Coordinator MOU 2026-2027 SY
 - I. Policy 650 – Copyright – review
Policy 650F – Copyright & Fair Use Guidelines for Teachers – review
 - J. Policy 714 – Fund Balance – review
 - K. Policy 745 – Co-Curricular Fee – Delete
 - L. Policy 746 – Academic Tutoring Transportation – Delete
 - M. Policy 911 – Salesmen – Delete
 - N. Hire – Morgan LaFerriere as a paraeducator, contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory background check and meeting MDE paraprofessional requirements.
Motion passed 6-0.
4. Informational Items:
 - A. BES Principal Moritz apprised the Board we had a good start to the new school year. Teachers are stepping up to help in areas we are short staffed but flu season around the corner and there is concerns how we will manage with staff absences. Homecoming Pep Fest was held last Friday and Homecoming dress up days are this week.
 - B. BHS Principal Bensen apprised the Board that current enrollment is 346 with 65 seniors. We are off to a strong start to the new school year. Homecoming coronation took place today, crowning Micah Tramm and Emme Ekre as King and Queen. Homecoming activities continue throughout the week with the Peach Fuzz volleyball game, Blackout Day, and Friday's Pep Fest, Academic Awards and parade. The homecoming football game is against Red Lake County. During the two-hour late start, staff will focus on Parent Square from the staff side to better communicate with parents.
 - C. Superintendent Dr. Heise apprised the Board that we had a wonderful start to the new school year. Both buildings are filled with smiling faces, upbeat staff and positive energy. We started the school year with 758 students. Enrollment is fluid during September, but our current numbers are up compared to the end of last school year. September is School Board

appreciation month. Thank you for your service and everything you do for our district.
Superintendent read a note from a student who thanked the board for providing summer school.

- D. Policy First Reading
Policy 747 – School Bus Rotation Schedule Policy

5. Action Items:

- A. A motion was made by Andrew Bennett, seconded by Dany Ekre to adopt resolution accepting gifts/donations to Bagley Public Schools:

WHEREAS the following; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District #162 – Bagley School Board does hereby accepts the following donations:

*\$1,000 from Essentia Healthcare for Elem Special Education
*\$500 from Clearwater Co. Ag. for Elem Art Department
*\$2,235 from Bagley Co-op for Comm Ed – Youth Rec T-Shirts
*\$145 from Tim & Jandi Theis for Elem – Tissues, Wipes, Headphones
Motion passed 6-0.

- B. A motion was made by Amanda Koop, seconded by Darin Klostermeier to levy the “Maximum” for the 2026 Payable 2027 Proposed Levy Limitation. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. A motion was made by Amanda Koop, seconded by John Gerbracht to approve the Prom/Community Ed Youth Rec Craft Fair fundraiser. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Next Meeting’s Agenda Items:

- A. Set election canvass date

7. Future Meetings:

- A. School Board Meeting – October 5 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101.

8. Darin Klostermeier moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Michael Mathison, Chairperson
School Board
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Wendy Fultz, Clerk
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