

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
JULY 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, July 21, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the June 16, 2025 Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills Totaling: \$6,577,753.30
- C. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- D. Certified Staff Appointments
- E. Lane Advancements
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-30-7: Graduation Requirements MSBA 613
- G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-30-9: Modified Grading
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-80-1: Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons MSBA 904
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 400-80-3: Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees MSBA 505
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-80-2: Display or Distribution of Information by Student Groups
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 400-90-5: Staff Development Standards MSBA 619
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 600-50-1: Internet and Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 600-50-1.5: Personal Electronic Communication Devices MSBA 524.5
- N. Request to Submit Grant - Western Governors University

SPECIAL TOPICS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mckenzie Edevold reported that student council will be holding a homecoming dance on September 20, 2025 and displaying flags around school.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Anna Manecke reported that there was one participant speaking about private school students participating in our sports as well as MSHSL.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Anna Manecke, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$656.00 from the Minnesota Historical Society to Lincoln Elementary, \$6,000 from First to the BHS robotics team and \$2,000 from Ape Man Games to the BHS art club.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution Renewing Approval of Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan (LTFM)

The Bemidji School Board desires to approve its Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan (LTFM Plan) for FY 2026-2027. Consistent with this desire, the Bemidji School District #31 Board of Education is offering the following Resolution.

Ann Long Voelkner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LTFM PLAN FOR THE BEMIDJI SCHOOL DISTRICT #31 FOR FY 2026-2027

Todd Haugen, ISD #31 Board Member seconded the resolution in support approving the district's LTFM Plan for FY 2026-2027.

Ayes: Todd Haugen, Ann Long Voelkner, Jack Aakhus, Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Dave Wall

Nays: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

FY26-28 School Bus Transportation Contract with Bemidji Bus Lines

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the three year contract for School Bus Transportation services in the amount of \$643,720 in 2025-26, \$676,476 in 2026-27 and \$710,876 in 2027-28 to Bemidji Bus Lines.

Authorized Turn Lane/Shoulder Usage

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to the authorized turn lane/shoulder usage bus stops as presented.

Approval of High School Assistant Principal

The motion was offered by Todd Haugen, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to employ Christopher Conway as an Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2025.

Request for Licensed Staff

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Todd Haugen and, carried by Ann Long Voelkner, Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Todd Haugen and Dave Wall to add 2.0 FTE Ojibwe Language teachers beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

First Reading of Revised SBR 900-10-3R:Crisis Management Policy MSBA 806

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Jenny Frenzel, and carried by all in attendance to approve the first reading of revised policy SBR 900-10-3R:Crisis Management Policy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, August 18, 2025, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

Data Day, August 14, 2025, 8:00 a.m., Bemidji High School

OTHER

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Olson gave a report about the district.

Review of Superintendent's Evaluation

Dave Wall presented a summary of Superintendent Olson's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Todd Haugen, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:11 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Dave Wall, Chair

Date Approved