

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Board Members Present: Anderson (Foley) Gallagher (Kimball),
Ebnet (Holdingford) Snoberger (Sartell/St.Stephen)
Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) Wesenberg (Rocori)

Others Present: Kelvington (Rocori) Neubauer (Foley)
Swenson (Holdingford) Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice)
Ridlehoover (Sartell/St. Stephen) Widvey (Kimball)
Dohrmann and Evenson

Absent:

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Rocori to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Kimball, seconded by Rocori to approve the consent agenda with the date corrections for items h and i. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of November 17, 2021 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 56907-56964.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. November 2021 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. November 2021 Budget to Actual Comparison
- f. Acceptance of \$100 donation from Juliann Jaffe in support of students attending the Pioneers and ASD programs.
- g. Acceptance of \$50.00 donation from Meredith Boucher in support of students attending the Pioneers and ASD programs.
- h. Approval of hire, Tracey Frie, School Social Worker, MA Step 3, effective December 3, 2021.
- i. Approval of resignation, Jennifer Fladung, Paraprofessional, December 3, 2021.
- j. Approval of resignation due to retirement, Sally (Sarah) Cardetti, Paraprofessional, December 9, 2021 (revised from December 22, 2021).

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Rocori to approve \$500 stipend to Chris Belmont for inventory management of school psychologist materials for 2021-2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Rocori, seconded by Kimball to approve up to an additional .50 FTE Occupational Therapist with the position ending August 30, 2021. The estimated cost is \$31,000 based on a MA Step 8 position. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Rocori, seconded by Holdingford to approve the services and payment associated with costs to install a secured entry at BSED Main estimated to be \$8,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve the payment associated with the purchase of 45 two-way radios and FCC licensing for Level IV programs. Estimated cost to be \$15,785. The motion was unanimously approved.

The request to increasing substitute teacher rate of pay for the 2021-22 school year discussion was tabled until the January board meeting.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Rocori to approve the revisions to the Level IV program schedule to include time before or after school for staff collaboration. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Rocori, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve of a change to the paraprofessional schedule from 6.5 hours per day paid to 6.75 hours per day paid. The motion was unanimously approved.

Early Intervention 2021 update was provided by Sue Currens, Early Intervention Supervisor.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Report

a. Level IV Monthly Service Update-Erin

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:02 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on January 19, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.