

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Meeting available Google Hangout
*Notes remote attendance

Board Members Present: Anderson (Foley)* Martini Holdingford)*
Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen)* Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice)
Waldorf (Kimball)* Wesenberg (Rocori)*

Others Present: Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice)* Kelvington (Rocori)*
Neubauer(Foley)* Schwiebert (Sartell/St. Stephen)*
Swenson (Holdingford)* Widvey (Kimball)*
Evenson, Jepsen and Voigt

Absent:

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Kimball to approve the agenda with the addition of letters i. and j. in the Executive Director Report. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Kimball to approve the consent agenda. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of June 17, 2020 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 55910-56016 and 12713.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. June 2020 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. July 2020 Bank Reconciliation.
- f. July 2020 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- g. Approval of hire, Tracey Frie, Long Term Substitute (31 days) School Social Worker Voyagers, BA Step 1, effective August 24, 2020 to October 12, 2020.
- h. Approval of hire, Rashid Myles, Paraprofessional for Extended School Year in the Setting IV ASD Program, up to 30 hours, effective August 1, 2020.
- i. Approval of Preschool Screener, Belinda Tysver, \$23.29/hour, effective August 12, 2020.
- j. Approval of Preschool Screener, Kathi Sims-Kosloski, \$23.29/hour, effective August 12, 2020.
- k. Approval of \$500 stipend to Chris Belmont for inventory management of school psychologist materials for 2020-2021.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the Contract for Services with Sara Athman, Online Behavior Consultant, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, up to 400 hours totaling \$33,000, effective July 30, 2020 to June 1, 2021. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz

(Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Holdingford to approve the Contract for Services with Susan Knopik, Licensed School Psychologist (Long Term Substitute), up to 165 hours, \$60/hour, effective August 19, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve 5 additional contract days for the Setting IV Intake Facilitator. Estimate cost is \$1,964 plus benefits. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve a \$500 stipend for mentors of new licensed staff. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Holdingford to approve the transfer from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$4,185.88 to cover the 2019-2020 deficit. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the 2020-2021 Safe Learning Plan for Benton-Stearns Education District. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

Member Anderson (Foley) introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**ADOPTION OF BASE LEARNING MODEL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AND
OTHER COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of Benton-Stearns Education District #6383 [hereinafter the “Executive Director”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Executive Director shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Executive Director has recommended to the School Board that Learning Model 2 (in person for elementary students and the ASD program and hybrid learning for secondary students and the early intervention program) will be the base Learning Model to be implemented in the Benton-Stearns Education District programs at the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Benton-Stearns Education District #6383 as follows:

Section 1: The Executive Director is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 2020-2021 school year: Learning Model 2 (in person for elementary students and the ASD program and hybrid learning for secondary students and the early intervention program).

Section 2: The Executive Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Executive Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

Section 3: The Executive Director will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Martini (Holdingford) and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). The following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Foley to approve Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve a Licensed School Nurse .20 FTE position at the Setting IV Programs. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Holdingford to approve the Designation of the Identified Official with Authority (IoWA) for the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) Security System as Alicia Jepsen, Executive Director, ajepsen@bentonstearns.k12.mn.us, EDIAM user ID aljepsen to act as the (IoWA) for Benton-Stearns Education District #6383. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates and Reports

- a. 2019-2020 Restrictive Procedures Summary Data
- b. MA Billing Revenue Update
- c. Facility Update
- d. Monitoring Update – Corrective Action Plans for 2020-2021
- e. Back to School Training in Districts
- f. SPED 101 Training
- g. Handle With Care and CPI Update
- h. Legal Update – Osseo Case
- i. 2020-2021 Property/Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance Premium Update
- j. 2020-2021 CEIS Plan Update

There was a motion by Anderson, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:46 p.m. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Martini (Holdingford), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Waldorf (Kimball) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on September 16, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.