

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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

Others Present: Ridlehoover (Sartell/St.Stephen) Swenson (Holdingford)
Thein (Rocori) Widvey (Kimball)
Dohrmann and Voigt

Absent: Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Neubauer (Foley)

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

There was a motion by Foley to nominate Gallagher (Kimball) as Board Chair. No other board members were nominated, and acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by Foley to nominate Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) as Board Vice-Chair. No other board members were nominated, and acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by Foley to nominate Ebnet (Holdingford) as Board Clerk. No other board members were nominated, and acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice to nominate Anderson (Foley) as Board Treasurer. No other board members were nominated, and acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by Holdingford seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of December 21, 2022 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 57681-57733.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. December 2022 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. December 2022 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- f. Designation of newspaper of record: Cold Spring Record.
- g. Designation of Official Depository: Bremer Bank and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund.
- h. Authorize Michelle Evenson to electronically transfer funds.
- i. Authorize the Business Office to pay invoices twice a month if the expenditures are within the approved budget guidelines.
- j. Authorize Official Signatures.
- k. Authorize Executive Director, Board Chair and Business Manager to contact legal on behalf of the education district.
- l. Set meeting dates for 2023.
- m. Approval of Board Member Compensation for 2023: compensation is set at \$100 per meetings up to 4 hours, \$150 per meeting over 4 up to 6 hours and \$200 for meetings over 6 hours.

- n. Approval of termination, Mabruk Aslam, Paraprofessional, effective December 8, 2022.
- o. Approval of lane change request, Courtney Vorell, from MA+30 to MA +45, effective February 15, 2023.
- p. Approval of hire, Kevin Kaiser, Paraprofessional, \$16.92/hour Step 1 for 18 days, effective January 10, 2023.
- q. Approval of hire, Preston Dilley, Paraprofessional, \$20.11/hour Step 6, effective January 18, 2023.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Rocori to set 2023 Board Committees and Appoint Membership for Personnel/Negotiation, Meet and Confer, Facilities and CEU Committees. The membership for the Policy Committee was removed from the motion.

-Board membership for Personnel/Negotiation Committee will be: Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Anderson (Foley), Nierenhausen (Rocori) and Superintendent representative Widvey (Kimball).

-Board membership for Meet & Confer Committee will be: Moehrle (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Superintendent representative Swenson (Holdingford).

-Board membership for Facilities Committee will be: Moehrle (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Superintendent representatives Widvey (Kimball) and Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice).

Board membership for CEU Committee will be: Ebnet (Holdingford)

The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to table the disbursement of the 2021-2022 General Education Rebate pending the completion of the facilities assessment. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Foley to approve the contract with Beaumont Feeding and Speech Solutions for speech and language services for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Costs will be billed to the resident districts based on usage associated with the enrollment at the Level IV programs and Grafton. The total cost will not exceed \$45,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Report

- a. BSED Programs Enrollment Update-Erin
- b. Early Intervention Monthly Service Update-Erin
- c. Updates related to weather closures-Erin
- d. BSED 101 Presentation for New Board Members-Erin

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Holdingford to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:06 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on February 15, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.