

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Others Present:	Enerson(Rocori)	Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice)
	Lee (Sartell/St. Stephen)	Perry (Foley)
	Swenson (Holdingford)	Widvey (Kimball)
	Dohrmann and Evenson	

Absent:

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to approve the agenda with the elimination of item j and the addition of o on the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

- a. Approval of June 21, 2023 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 58030-58136.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. June 2023 and July 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. July 2023 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- f. Approval of hire, Nicole Moulzolf, Special Education Teacher, BA Step 3, , effective August 23, 2023 pending license renewal.
- g. Approval of hire, Kathryn Bywaters, Paraprofessional, \$20.11/Step 6, effective August 23, 2023.
- h. Approval of hire, Erin Fitzgibbons-Stock, Paraprofessional, \$20.11/Step 6, effective August 28, 2023.
- i. Approval of hire, Hannah Przybylsky, \$17.52/Step 2, effective August 23, 2023.
- j. Approval of resignation, Bailey Hanson, Paraprofessional, effective July 14, 2023.
- k. Approval of resignation, Melissa Carlson Paraprofessional, effective August 5, 2023.
- l. Approval of Lane Change, John Muhlenpoh-MA-Step 8, effective September 1, 2023.
- m. Approval of Lane Change, Joe Freberg-MA-Step 5, effective September 1, 2023.
- n. Approval of Lane Change Chris Brown MA Step 7, effective September 1, 2023.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Holdingford to approve six-\$500 paid stipends for 2023-2024 mentors supporting newly hired licensed staff. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice and seconded by Rocori to approve a two year contract for Nursing Services with Avel eCare for the 2023-2024 and 2023-2024 school years. Total cost not to exceed \$10,000 each year. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley and seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve a contract renewal with Deb DiCarlo, Spanish Interpreter for up to 80 hours of service at a rate of \$40 per hour for 2023-2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice and seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve a contract with Nancy Pauley for audiology services for up to 50 days at a rate of \$110 per hour for 2023-2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice and seconded by Rocori to approve a fund transfer from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$4,367.33 to cover the deficit for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice and seconded by Holdingford to approve 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbooks for the BSED Educational Programs. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen and seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to approve a contract with Beaumont Feeding and Speech Solutions for speech and language services for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Total cost will not exceed \$82,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice and seconded by Rocori to approve the adoptions of the proposed policies:

- a. #102 (Equal Educational Opportunity) is a “mandatory policy” and would replace current district policy #102 (Equal Educational Opportunity).
- b. #418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School) is a “mandatory policy” and would replace current district policy #418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School).
- c. #419 (Tobacco-Free Environment) is a “mandatory policy” and would replace current district policy #419 (Tobacco-Free Environment).
- d. #506 (Student Discipline) is a “mandatory annual policy” and would replace current district policy #506 (Student Discipline).
- e. #514 (Bullying Prohibition Policy) is a mandatory annual policy” and would replace current district policy #514 (Bullying Prohibition Policy).
- f. #516.5 (Overdose Medication) is a new “recommended policy”.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. Early Intervention Monthly Service
- b. MA Billing Revenue
- c. Professional Development
 1. Ukeru-Level IV
 2. Legal Seminar-All District Administrative Staff
 3. Handle With Care-Administrators and All Districts
 4. DALs+-All Districts
- d. MREA Membership Renewal

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:00 pm for the closed board meeting for discussion of negotiation parameters. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Holdingford to open the closed board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the closed board meeting at 4:18 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Holdingford to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:19 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on September 20, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.