

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383  
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

Others Present: Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice) Neubauer (Foley)  
Ridle Hoover (Sartell/St.Stephen) Widvey (Kimball)  
Dohrmann and Evenson

Absent: Swenson (Holdingford), Thein (Rocori)

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Holdingford to approve the agenda with the correction in the hourly rate listed in consent agenda letter g. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

- a. Approval of February 15, 2023 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 57786-57845.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. February 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. February 2023 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- f. Approval of hire, Maya Murphy, School Psychologist, MA+30, Step 3, effective August 28, 2023.
- g. Approval of hire, Heather Hansen, Paraprofessional, \$18.14/hour Step 3, effective March 13, 2023.
- h. Approval of request for reduction in assignment from .8 FTE to .6 FTE, Joyce Erdman, Special Education Teacher, effective August 28, 2023.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the review of the Benton-Stearns Education District By-Laws and Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

First Reading of :  
Policy 616-School District System Accountability  
Policy 806-Crisis Management Policy

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to approve the 2023-2024 Staffing Additions:

- i. Increase School Psychologist or Behavior Analyst Positions from 13 to 14 FTE
- ii. Increase Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from 1.0 to 1.25 FTE

The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Foley to approve the contract extension with School Projects for Third Party Billing services with a not to exceed amount of \$20,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chris Belmont, School Psychologist, provided an overview of services offered by our school psychologist team.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. BSED Programs Enrollment-Erin
- b. Early Intervention Monthly Service-Erin
- c. MA Revenue
- d. MASE Legislative Platform
- e. Foley Transition Fair
- f. City of Sartell Life Saving Award

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:21 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on April 19, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.