

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Meeting available Google Hangout
*Notes remote attendance

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

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

Absent: Wesenberg (Rocori)

There was a motion by Sartell/St.Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve the agenda with no additions. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice). 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 the consent agenda. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of January 20, 2021 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 56314-56362.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. January 2021 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. January 2021 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- f. Approval of retirement, AnneMary Wielkiewicz, School Psychologist, effective June 3, 2021
- g. Acceptance of donation from Cherry Berry Marketing, \$250 (50 -\$5 gift cards) for Setting IV programs.
- h. Approval of hire, Madalynn Golombecki, Paraprofessional Pioneers, .87 FTE, Step 2 \$15.95/hour, effective February 2, 2021.
- i. Approval of hire, Nicholas Randall, Paraprofessional Pioneers, .87 FTE, Step 4 \$17.10/hour, effective February 1,2021.
- j. Approval of hire, Nicole Bunting, Paraprofessional New Frontiers, .87 FTE Step 3, \$16.51/hour, effective February 17, 2021.
- k. Approval of hire, Samantha Frolik, Paraprofessional Pioneers, .87 FTE, Step 3, \$16.51/hour, effective January 27, 2021.

Cindy Pedersen, Program Supervisor, provided an overview of the BSED Setting IV programs.

Member Gallagher (Kimball) introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT

AND TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.

*WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district may dictate that the school board must reduce expenditures, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure and must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

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

That the School Board hereby directs the Executive Director and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball) , Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) And 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 the 2020-2021 Revised BSED Budget. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Benton-Stearns Education District By-Laws and Agreement were presented for the first reading. These documents are required to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. District Updates
- b. Paraprofessional Recognition Week
- c. MA Billing Update
- d. Workload Analysis 2021
- e. Child Count 2020 Reports
- f. January 2021 Enrollment Reports
- g. SEAC Meeting February 22, 2021
- h. Due Process Nights March 8th and 23rd
- i. Board Appreciation

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:32 p.m. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Solarz (Sauk

Rapids/Rice). 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 March 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.