

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, June 21, 2023

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

Others Present: Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice) Neubauer (Foley)
Widvey (Kimball)
Dohrmann and Evenson

Absent: Ebnet (Holdingford), Ridlehoover (Sartell/St.Stephen),
Swenson (Holdingford), Thein (Rocori)

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

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

- a. Approval of April 19, 2023 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 57905-58029.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT) – April & May 2023.
- d. April 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. May 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- f. April 2023 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- g. May 2023 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- h. Approval of hire, Hannah Anselment, Behavior Analyst, MA +15 Step 8, effective August 23, 2023.
- i. Approval of hire, Mikayla Holroyd, Paraprofessional, Step 4, effective May 1, 2023.
- j. Approval of hire, Patricia Gramke, .5 FTE Physical Therapist, MA +60 Step 14, effective August 23, 2023.
- k. Approval of hire, Claire Thorn, Paraprofessional, Step 4, effective April 17, 2023.
- l. Approval of hire, David Masters, Special Education Teacher, MA +60 Step 14, effective August 23, 2023.
- m. Approval of hire, Ashley Fogarty, Physical Therapist, MA + 60 Step 12, effective August 23, 2023.
- n. Approval of hire, Tiffany Flesner, Special Education Evaluator, MA+60 Step 14, effective August 23, 2023 pending release from current position.
- o. Approval of hire, Leo Pusateri, .40 FTE School Psychologist, MA+60 Step 14, effective August 28, 2023.
- p. Approval of hire, Abby Lyon, Special Education Supervisor, \$95,500, effective July 1, 2023.
- q. Approval of hire, Brenna Reichle, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing-ESY, MA Step 14, effective June 6, 2023.
- r. Approval of resignation, Alicia Saienga, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2023.
- s. Approval of resignation, Laec Lekander, Paraprofessional, effective April 21, 2023.
- t. Approval of resignation, Leah Larson (Deckert), Paraprofessional, effective April 26, 2023.
- u. Approval of resignation, Travis Pinney, Paraprofessional, effective June 5, 2023.

- v. Approval of resignation, Rebecca Hackensack, Special Education Teacher, effective June 5, 2023.
- w. Approval of resignation, Rashid Myles, Paraprofessional, effective June 2, 2023.
- x. Approval of request for reduction in assignment from 1.0 FTE to .6 FTE, Lisa Enns, School Psychologist, effective August 28, 2023.
- y. Approval of request for reduction in assignment from .33.75 hours to 27 hours per week, Ericka Biniek, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2023.
- z. Approval of termination, Cassandra Chancellor, Paraprofessional, effective May 6, 2023.
- aa. Approval of FMLA Request, Amy Feddema, Special Education Teacher, beginning July 2023 for up to six weeks.

Representative from WOLD provided an update on the BSED Facilities Assessment.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the distribution of the 2021-2022 General Education Rebate totaling \$436,411.05 to the member districts. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the 2022-2023 Revised BSED Budget to include the General Education Rebate payment. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Foley to approve a contract with Pearson for access to digital assessment materials for the 2023-2024 school year. The cost associated with the contract will be paid for with federal funds. The total cost will not exceed \$47,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve a two year contract with Tech Check for Technology Support Services for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The total estimated cost is \$115,960. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Rocori to approve the Summer Services Early Intervention Program with an estimated cost of \$21,240. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen seconded by Foley to approve the Extended Year Services Setting IV and Grafton Programs with an estimated cost of \$41,214. The motion was unanimously approved.

The 2023-2024 Property/Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance renewal was presented by Michelle Evenson.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Rocoir to approve the October 1, 2023 Health Insurance Bid with Healthpartners. The renewal increased premiums by 4%. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen seconded by Foley to approve Erin Dohrmann, Executive Director as the Identified Official with Authority for Benton Stearns Education District. The motion was unanimously approved.

A Notice of Desire to Negotiate has been received by the Education Minnesota Benton Stearns licensed staff group.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. BSED Programs Enrollment-April & May
- b. Early Intervention Monthly Service-April & May
- c. Juneteenth Personnel
- d. Rollover of Pioneers Lease
- e. Superintendent Recognition

There was a motion by Foley seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:43 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on August 16, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.