

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383  
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 20, 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) Wesenberg (Rocori)\*

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

Absent: None

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

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

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

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen to nominate Wesenberg (ROCORI) as Board Treasurer. No other board members were nominated, and acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by ROCORI, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the consent agenda. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of December 16, 2020 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 56264-56313.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. December 2020 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. December 2020 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 2021.
- m. Approval of the Board Member Compensation for 2021: 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. Acceptance of donation from Kwik Trip
- o. Approval of leave, Chantelle Mroska, Paraprofessional Pioneers, effective 1/11/21 to 2/12/2021.
- p. Approval of leave, Rashid Myles, Paraprofessional Pioneers, effective 1/18/21 to 1/22/21,
- q. Approval of leave, Leo Pusateri, School Psychologist, effective 1/6/21 to 2/3/2021

Board membership for 2021 Personnel/Negotiation Committee will be: Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Gallagher (Kimball), Ebnet (Holdingford) and Superintendent representative Neubauer (Foley). Board membership for Meet & Confer Committee will be: Wesenberg (ROCORI), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen) and Superintendent representative Swenson (Holdingford).

Ken Kraemer led a facility maintenance discussion on the 5 Year Capital Plan with a focus on updating parking lots and the windows replacement at Voyagers.

A summary of the 2019-2020 Tuition Billing Revenues for Benton Stearns Education District was shared with the board.

There was a motion by ROCORI, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the distribution of the 2019-2020 BSED General Education Rebate amount of \$554,223 to the member districts. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) and Wesenberg (Rocori). And the following voted against the same: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sue Currens provided an overview of the Early Intervention Program.

#### Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. District highlight-Sartell/St. Stephen Unified PE
- b. Return to Learning updated Benton-Stearns Programs
- c. MASE Legislative Platform
- d. Preliminary 2020 Child Count
- e. December 2020 Enrollment Report

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:26 p.m. The following voted in favor thereof: Anderson (Foley), Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Snoberger (Sartell/St. Stephen), Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice),and Wesenberg (Rocori). 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 February 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.