

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

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

Others Present: Neubauer (Foley) Ridlehoover (Sartell/St.Stephen)
Swenson (Holdingford) Widvey (Kimball)
Dohrmann and Evenson

Absent: Anderson (Foley), Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice),
Nierenhausen (Rocori) , Thein (Rocori)

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sauk Rapids/Rice to approve the 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 January 18, 2023 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 57734-57786.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. January 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. January 2023 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- f. Acceptance of Donation from the Target Gift Card Team, \$100 Gift Certificate for student incentives at level IV programs.
- g. Acceptance of Donation from the Kwik Trip Donation Committee, \$5 Gift Certificates totaling \$200 for student incentives at the level IV programs.
- h. Acceptance of Donation from Coborns, \$5 Gift Certificates totaling \$25 for student incentives at the level IV programs.
- i. Acceptance of Donation from Michael Fuller-Raising Canes, 100 Kids Meal Achievement Awards valued at \$7.05 each totaling \$705 for student incentives at the level IV programs.
- j. Approval of resignation, Lynn Dent, Paraprofessional, effective February 2, 2023.
- k. Approval of hire, Ericka Biniek, Paraprofessional, \$17.52/hour Step 2, effective January 24, 2023.
- l. Approval of hire, Melissa Miller, Paraprofessional, \$18.77/hour Step 4, effective February 1, 2023.
- m. Approval of hire, Brandy Keller, Paraprofessional, \$20.11/hour Step 6, effective February 13, 2023.
- n. Approval of resignation, Melissa Miller, Paraprofessional, effective February 6, 2023.
- o. Approval of resignation, Keelyn Ingmire, School Psychologist Intern, effective June 2, 2023.
- p. Approval of hire, Bailey Hanson, Paraprofessional, \$18.77/hour Step 4, effective February 7, 2023.

Member Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) 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 REDUCTION 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 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 Ebnet (Holdingford) and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Ebnet (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Moehrle (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.

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.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve: Policy 522 – Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to approve the proposed calendar changes for 2022-2023 due to weather cancellations. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a presentation by Lisa Maschino on the Early Intervention Program.

There was a presentation by Michelle Evenson on the status of the 2022-2023 revised BSED Budget.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Updates

- a. BSED Programs Enrollment-Erin
- b. Early Intervention Monthly Service-Erin
- c. Staffing
 - i. Grafton Positions
 - ii. Physical Therapist
 - iii. Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
 - iv. CEIS Support

- d. Dec 1 2022 Child Count
- e. BSED Safe Learning Plan
- f. Due Process Nights
- g. Board Appreciation

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids/Rice seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:20 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on March 15, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.