BENTON-STEARNS Education District 6383

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> Benton-Stearns Education District #6383 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 17, 2025 3:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice) Meier (Holdingford)

Gallagher (Kimball) Nierenhausen (ROCORI) Rudnitski (Foley) Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen)

Others Present: Rivard (Sartell-St. Stephen) Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice)

Enerson (ROCORI) Widvey (Kimball)

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the agenda with the addition of item 9-Closed Session. 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 August 20, 2025 Board Minutes
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 59417-59471.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT)
- d. 2026 Budget Summary
- e. Approval of hire, Rhyan Holzer, Cleaner, \$17.59/Hour, effective September 3, 2025.
- f. Approval of hire, Judy Fuchs, Substitute Teacher, \$142.50 for a full day, effective September 17, 2025
- g. Approval of hire, Kelsey Pierson, Long Term Substitute-Speech Clinician for up to 50 hours, MA+ 20, effective September 17, 2025.
- h. Approval of hire, Matt Oleson, Paraprofessional Substitute, Step 6, effective September 10, 2025.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve the contract renewal for Deb DiCarlo for interpreter services. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to approve the contract with Stride Academy for speech and language services. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of contract for speech/language services with STRIDE Academy. The contract will secure a total of up to 75 hours of service at a rate of \$67.10 per hour. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$5,032.10 plus mileage.*

Erin Dohrmann, Executive Director, reviewed the 2025-2027 bid information for Health Insurance.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve the following policies:

Policy #418-Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School

Policy #501-School Weapons Policy

Policy #524-Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

The motion was unanimously approved.

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Annual Review of the Benton-Stearns Education District By-Laws and Agreement. This is the second reading.

Executive Director Updates

BSED Program Enrollment Update
Early Intervention Monthly Enrollment Update
Surrogate Parent Appointment
EI Collaboration between BSED and Member Districts
Drop in and Play and Pre-teaching Routines
School Board Recognition

At 3:56 p.m. there was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen to move to closed session, seconded by Sauk-Rapids Rice. The motion was unanimously approved.

At 4:31 p.m. there was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Regular Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve item number one discussed during closed session. The motion was approved through roll call vote with Sartell-St. Stephen voting No and all other members voting Yes.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve item number two discussed during closed session. The motion was approved through roll call vote with Sartell-St. Stephen voting No and all other members voting Yes.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be October 15, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.