



BENTON-STEARN'S Education District 6383

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Benton-Stearns Education District #6383 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Meier (Holdingford) Nierenhausen (ROCORI)
Gallagher (Kimball) Moehrle(Sartell-St.Stephen)
Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice)

Others Present: Lee (Sartell-St.Stephen) Swenson (Holdingford)
Enerson (ROCORI) Widvey (Kimball)
Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice)
Dohrmann

Absent: Anderson (Foley) Perry (Foley)

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by ROCORI to approve the agenda with the addition of item m. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by ROCORI, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item m. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of January 17, 2024 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 58407-58459.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. January 2024 Budget to Actual Comparison.
- e. Approval of Leave of Absence, Kathryn Bywaters, Paraprofessional, while filling a Special Education Teacher position at Pioneers Program
- f. Approval of hire, Karen Dahl, Occupational Therapist-Long Term Substitute, BA, Step 14, effective March 28, 2024 for up to 27.5 days.
- g. Approval of hire, Kathryn Bywaters, Special Education Teacher-Long Term Substitute, BA, Step 1, pending approval of Tier 1 application.
- h. Approval of hire, Kayla Rengel, Paraprofessional, \$23.73/hour Step 6, effective January 29, 2024.
- i. Approval of hire, Riah Spears, Paraprofessional, \$21.09/hour Step 2, effective January 23, 2024.
- j. Approval of resignation, Masha Johnson, School Psychologist, effective June 3, 2024.
- k. Approval of resignation due to retirement, Sandra Haller, Special Education Supervisor, effective June 28, 2024.
- l. Approval of resignation due to retirement, Cindy Pedersen, Special Education Supervisor, effective June 28, 2024.
- m. Approval of leave of absence, Chris Brown, Special Education Teacher, effective January 30, 2024 until approximately March 18, 2024.



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There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to approve the acceptance of donations from Nemeth Chiropractic and Cherry Berry. The motion was unanimously approved through roll call vote.

Member Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen) introduced the following resolution and moved it's 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 Nierenhausen (ROCORI) and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: MEIER (Holdingford), Gallagher (Kimball), Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen), Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice) and Nierenhausen (ROCORI). And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

After a review of the Benton-Stearns Education District By-Laws and Agreement, there was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by ROCORI to approve both documents. The motion was unanimously approved.

A Notice of Desire to Negotiate has been received from Erin Dohrmann, Executive Director.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by, Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the adoption of the proposed policy #427 Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers. The motion was unanimously approved.



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First Reading of Policy 420- Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infections Conditions

First Reading of Policy 501-School Weapons Policy

First Reading of Policy 502-Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person

Executive Director Updates

BSED Programs Enrollment Update

Early Intervention Monthly Service Update

Childcount 2023

Board Appreciation

Recognition of Recent Announcements of Retirement

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to adjourn the meeting at 3:52. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be March 20, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.