

BENTON-STEARNES EDUCATION DISTRICT #6383
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Board Members Present: Anderson (Foley) Gallagher (Kimball),
Ebnet (Holdingford) Snoberger (Sartell/St.Stephen)
Solarz (Sauk Rapids/Rice) Wesenberg (Rocori)

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

Absent: Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids/Rice), Kelvington (Rocori)

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Kimball to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Kimball, seconded by Rocori to approve the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of January 19, 2022 Board Minutes.
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 57023-57090.
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
- d. January 2022 Bank Reconciliation.
- e. January 2022 Budget to Actual Comparison
- f. Approval Approval of hire, Deb DiCarlo, Interpreter, \$40/hr, effective January 31, 2022.
- g. Approval of hire, Nature Hollins, Paraprofessional, \$16.51/hr, effective February 1, 2022.
- h. Approval of hire, Kyah Bengtson, Paraprofessional, \$16.51/hr, effective February 2, 2022.
- i. Approval of hire, Monica Sithaamat, Paraprofessional, \$15.42/hr, effective February 7, 2022.
- j. Approval of resignation, Leah Deckert, Paraprofessional, effective January 21, 2022.
- k. Approval of resignation, Michelle Kiffmeyer, Occupational Therapist, effective June 2, 2022.
- l. Approval of resignation, Carrie Drew, Handle With Care Trainer, effective February 8, 2022.
- m. Approval of resignation due to retirement following 32 years of service, Ross Jenkins, School Psychologist, June 2, 2022.
- n. Approval of leave of absence, Jill Murphy, Supervisor, January 31, 2022-March 14, 2022.

Member Wesenberg (Sartell/St. Stephen) 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 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 Gallagher (Kimball) and upon vote being taken thereon, 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 Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen seconded by Foley to approve the 2021-2023 Non-Licensed Personnel Paraprofessional Contract. The total cost of \$66,878 or 12.52%. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Rocori to approve the 2021-2023 Non-Licensed Personnel Clerical/Custodial Contract. The total cost of \$24,061 or 9.06%. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve the 2021-2023 Supervisor Contract. The total cost of \$46,111 or 6.86%. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Holdingford to approve the contract for payroll services with CMERDC effective February 1, 2022 for a monthly cost of \$575 to be reviewed and evaluated in May 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell/St. Stephen, seconded by Kimball to approve to add an additional .15 FTE (not to exceed 26 days) of School Psychologist support for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was unanimously approved.

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.

Executive Director and Assistant Director Report

- a. Level IV Monthly Service Update-Erin
- b. Early Intervention Monthly Service Update-Erin

- c. Childcount 2021 Report
- d. Free At-Home Rapid Tests for Students and Staff
- e. Staff Updates

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sartell/St. Stephen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 3:58 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Regular meeting of the Education District Board of Directors will be on March 16, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Benton-Stearns Education Board.