

Benton-Stearns Education District #6383
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
3:30 P.M.

Board Members Present:	Rudnitski (Foley) Gallagher (Kimball) Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice)	Nierenhausen (ROCORI) Moehrle(Sartell-St.Stephen)
Others Present:	Rivard (Sartell-St.Stephen) Enerson (ROCORI) Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice) Dohrmann	Perry (Foley) Widvey (Kimball) Nelson
Board Members Absent:	Meier (Holdingford)	

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen to nominate Gallagher (Kimball) as Board Chair. No other board members were nominated, and the acting chair declared the candidate elected.

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

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

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice to nominate Meier (Holdingford) as Board Treasurer. No other board members were nominated, and the acting chair declared the candidate elected.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of December 18, 2024 Board Minutes.
2. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 59022-59073.
3. Electronic funds transfers (EFT).
4. December 2024 Budget Comparison
5. Designation of newspaper of record: Cold Spring Record.
6. Designation of Official Depository: Bremer Bank and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund.
7. Authorize Erin Noska to electronically transfer funds.
8. Authorize the Business Office to pay invoices twice a month if the expenditures are within the approved budget guidelines.
9. Authorize Official Signatures.
10. Authorize Executive Director, Board Chair and Business Manager to contact legal on behalf of the education district.
11. Set meeting dates for 2025.
12. Approval of Board Member Compensation for 2025: 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.
13. Approval of resignation due to retirement following 11 years of service with BSED, Char Del Favero, Special Education Teacher, effective June 27, 2025.
14. Approval of leave of absence, DeAnna Dunsmoor, Physical Therapist, effective January 27-April 12, 2025.
15. Approval of leave of absence, Tracey Frie, School Social Worker, effective January 21-February 28, 2025.

2025 Board Committees Membership was appointed as follows:

Board membership for the Personnel/Negotiation Committee will be: Nierenhausen (ROCORI), Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Gallagher (Kimball), and Superintendent representative Rivard (Sartell-St. Stephen).

Board membership for the Meet & Confer Committee will be: Nierenhausen (ROCORI) and Superintendent representative Swenson (Holdingford).

Board membership for the Facilities Committee will be: Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen) and Superintendent representatives Widvey (Kimball) and Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice).

Board membership for the CEU Committee will be: Meier (Holdingford).

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the 2025 Pay Equity Report which is required to be completed every three years. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Policy-Second Reading

1. #526 Hazing Prohibition
2. #531 The Pledge of Allegiance
3. #532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds

Executive Director Updates

BSED Programs Enrollment Update

Early Intervention Monthly Service Update

BSED101 Presentation for New Board Members

Future Discussion Regarding Fund Balance Policy

Date/Time for Work Session to Discuss Facilities-February 19, 2025 after Board meeting.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be February 19, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.