

Benton-Stearns Education District #6383
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
3:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Gallagher (Kimball) Nierenhausen (ROCORI)
 Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice) Meier (Holdingford)
 Rudnitski (Foley)

Others Present: Swenson (Holdingford) Widvey (Kimball)
 Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice) Enerson (ROCORI)
 Perry (Foley) Nelson
 Dohrmann

Board Members Absent: Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen)

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

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

- a. Approval of February 19, 2025 Board Minutes
- b. Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 59112-59164
- c. Electronic funds transfers (EFT)
- d. February 2025 Budget Comparison
- e. Approval of hire, Katherine Potasky School Psychologist, MA+30, Step 6, effective August 21, 2025.
- f. Approval of resignation, Mary Peters, Screener, effective April 4, 2025.
- g. Approval of reduction in hours per week for medical reasons, Jodel Carrigan, Speech Pathologist, effective March 10, 2025 through the end of the school year.
- h. Approval of request for reduction in FTE form Joy Olson from 192 days to 182 days effective August 25, 2025 pending approval of open EI Teacher FTE increase and position being filled..
- i. Approval of request for reduction in FTE for Tiffany Torberg from 182 days to 146 days effective August 25, 2025 pending approval of open EI Teacher FTE increase and position being filled.
- j. Approval of request for reduction in FTE for Amy Feddema from 169 days to 164 days effective August 25, 2025 pending approval of open EI Teacher FTE increase and position being filled.
- k. Approval of request for reduction in FTE for Jessica Zack from 192 days to 182 days effective August 25, 2025.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Foley to approve an increase of Early Intervention Teacher position from .88 FTE to 1.0 FTE (22 days) beginning August 21, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve a two year technology services contract with Sartell-St. Stephen Public Schools for 15 hours of service per week for \$64,500 in year 1 and \$67,728 in year 2. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to approve a 60 month copier contract with Marco totaling \$6052.44 per year. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Holdingford to accept the donation of a Zing 1 Stander, valued at approximately \$2000 from Sarah Enga. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Policies-Second Reading
 #903-Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites
 #807-Health and Safety
 #533-Wellness

Review of Policies-First Reading
 #520-Student Surveys
 #709-Student Transportation Safety

#620-Credit For Learning

Executive Director Updates

 BSED Programs Enrollment Update

 Early Intervention Monthly Service Update

 25-26 Calendar Planning

Facility Update-Doug Boser and Jake Cleveland from Inventure Real Estate provided an update on our facilities search.

A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 3:30 to discuss facility planning.

The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be April 16, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.