

**School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
April 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: P. Coughlin, C. Feters, J. Fuglestad, T. Peterson, P. Poirier, B. Schatz, J. Unkelhaeuser and Superintendent M. McNulty

Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Make the following correction to the *IX. Consent Agenda* item C.: replace “an eight-week maternity leave” with “a 12-week maternity leave”
- Add the following meeting date to *XII. Future Meetings*: Finance Committee Meeting, May 19, 2020, 5:30 p.m., TBD

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Coughlin, **seconded** by Peterson, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board, March 17, 2020, and the Minutes of the Working Meeting of the School Board, April 7, 2020.

Chairperson’s Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. Free breakfast and lunch is being picked up by or delivered to over 350 students, thanks to the coordinated efforts of the food service staff, paraprofessionals, bus drivers and office staff.
2. Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into the National Honor Society: Mendota Castonguay, Jennie DeCaigny, Brooke Doran, Amri Gilbertson, Trayton Houck, Audrey Langhorst, Jonah McCauley, Maxwell Moors, Lacie O’Leary, Joseph Peterson, Skye Phipps, KayeLea Poirier.

B. Public Participation:

Three following three questions were submitted by Audra Richardson to the School Board:

1. Now that cuts have been made with faculty and staff, is the board considering cuts--benefits, salary, full/part-time--to administration?
2. Maintaining our buildings is a priority. What improvements will be made in the near future, are they necessary and what will they cost?
3. As the board moves forward with the possibility of a referendum, how will it address the community's concerns about our financial situation and board's role in our deficit spending? How will it prove trustworthy of making good decisions?

Because the Board does not respond to questions during the regular monthly meetings, the Board will address these three questions at the May 5 working meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2020.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$208,446.73 and payroll paid in March in the amount of \$544,428.88 for a total of \$752,875.61.

Wire Transfer:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Feters, and **unanimously carried** to approve the wire transfer funds of \$ 641,000.00.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McNulty was present and reported.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Accept the resignation of Rachel Arro, Speech Pathologist, effective June 4, 2020.
- B. Accept the resignation of Carly Berry, Bomber Club Student Assistant, effective April 24, 2020.
- C. Approve a 12-week maternity leave for Madeline Belden beginning at the start of the 2020/2021 academic school year.
- D. Approve a \$500 donation from Debra Bottem for Robotics.
- E. Approve membership enrollment renewal for 2020-2021 with Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. Discussion of possible levy was tabled for May 19 Finance Committee Meeting.
- B. **Motion** by Fetters, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve establishing a Barnum – Moose Lake – Willow River School Board Cooperative, consisting of four Board members from each school. Barnum members: Fetters, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser, and alternate Peterson.

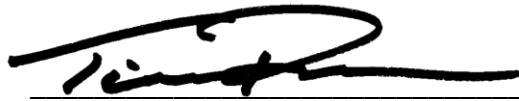
Enrollment Comparison for March 2020

Future Meetings:

- A. Working Meeting of the School Board, May 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- B. Finance Committee Meeting, May 19, 2020, 5:30 p.m., TBD
- C. Regular Meeting of the School Board, May 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m., TBD

Adjournment:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.



Tim Peterson, School Board Clerk