

**School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
February 18, 2020**

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

Members Present: P. Coughlin, C. Fetters, J. Fuglestad, T. Peterson, Beth Schatz, J. Unkelhaeuser and Superintendent M. McNulty

Members Absent: P. Poirier

Approval of Agenda:

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

- Add Linda Loons to the agenda as item XI, and renumber the following agenda items accordingly.
- Under XII. Items for Individual Action and Discussion:
 - Remove the item "Eklund Consulting non-renewal" from the list under item C.
 - Table items D-S. (**Motion** by Fetters and **seconded** by Fuglestad.)
 - Add item T. Freeze Superintendent and Principal Salaries for 2020-2021.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Unkelhaeuser, **seconded** by Fuglestad and **unanimously carried** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the School Board, January 21, 2020, the Special Meeting Minutes of the School Board, January 28, 2020, the Special Meeting Minutes of the School Board, February 4, 2020, the Working Meeting Minutes of the School Board, February 4, 2020, and the Special Meeting Minutes of the School Board, February 5, 2020.

Chairperson's Announcements:

A. Good Things Happening

1. Congratulations to the Senior High Math League on winning the Polar Division and also Section 7. They now advance to the state tournament on March 9, 2020. Also congratulations to the following individual Top 10 finishers: 1st - Jacob Hultgren, 3rd - Luke Dinger, 4th - Lynnsey Schatz, 7th - Isaac Konu, and 8th - Jonah McCauley.
2. Congratulations! Barnum Community Education is approved to move on to the next step toward hosting a Literacy Leadership AmeriCorps VISTA with Literacy Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Literacy Council) in 2020-21.
3. Congratulations to the Junior High Math League team on finishing in 4th place in the league, and also to Calindria Liggett for finishing in 1st place in the individual portion of the league.

B. Public Participation: The following people addressed the Board regarding staff reductions: BHS student Kyle, BHS teacher Kari, BES teachers Nicole, Sarah, Amanda, and community members Katie and Paula.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Coughlin, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2020.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Schatz and **unanimously carried** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$183,954.50 and payroll paid in January in the amount of \$510,944.96 for a total of \$694,899.46.

Wire Transfer:

Motion by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the wire transfer of funds in the amount of \$906,958.75.

NLSEC / NLA Report - Dena Hagen, Special Education Director, was present and reported.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent McNulty was present and reported.

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Statement

Statement read by Principal Campbell

Ed-MN Union Statement - President Linda Loons was present and addressed the Board.

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approve the resignation of Johanna Stenson, Bomber Club Teacher / School Readiness Asst., effective February 29, 2020.
- B. Approve the resignation due to retirement of Joan Kociemba, Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- C. Approve the resignation of Rachel Cook, Elementary Teacher on Leave, effective February 3, 2020.
- D. Approve the resignation due to retirement of Cathy Mattei, School Nurse, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Approve maternity leave for Ashley Barnes, beginning approximately April 29, 2020, through the end of the school year.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. **Motion** by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Fetters and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Jacob Grimm, Part-time Housekeeper, effective February 4, 2020.
- B. Assigned Board members Coughlin, Poirier and Schatz to hear the Ed-MN grievance. The suggested date, time and place is Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Confirmation of date, time and place to follow.
- C. **Motion** by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Peterson and **unanimously carried** to approve the following non-personnel reductions as recommended by administration:
- Technology lease reconfiguration
 - Newsela subscription non-renewal
 - Media budget reduction
 - 20% reduction to budget areas 401, 410, 430 (supplies)
 - Stop-It app non-renewal
 - Remind app non-renewal
 - IXL software non-renewal
 - BLT & Site Team budgets reductions
 - Reduction of one bus route (item tabled due to cooperative discussion)
- D. – S. Items tabled. See Approval of Agenda.
- T. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Fuglestad and **unanimously carried** to approve freezing superintendent and principal salaries for 2020-2021.

Special Working Session

District-wide budget reduction options will be discussed amongst a round table group of Board members and staff, student, and community member representatives. The group will meet on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Enrollment Comparison for January

Future Meetings:

- A. Regular Meeting of the School Board, March 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Board room
B. Working Meeting of the School Board, April 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Board room

Adjournment:

Motion by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve adjournment of the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Tim Peterson
School Board Clerk