

**School Board Regular Meeting Minutes  
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91  
April 20, 2021**

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

**Members Present:** L. Bonneville, P. Coughlin, B. Dinger, S. Ferrin, B. Schatz, J. Unkelhaeuser and Superintendent M. McNulty

**Members Absent:** J. Fuglestad

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to approve the agenda with the following addition to "Items for Individual Action and Discussion:"

- F. Consider approving the reduction of one bus route beginning FY22.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board, March 16, 2021 and Minutes of the Working Meeting of the School Board, April 6, 2021.

**Chairperson's Announcements:**

**A. Good Things Happening**

1. Congratulations to the following Barnum High School BPA students who will be competing at the National BPA Conference virtually from April 26 - May 4: Lynnsey Schatz placed 1st (out of 97 students!) in the State in Financial Math and Analysis Concepts. She also took 6th in Banking and Finance. Ava Gran and Kate Ferrin placed 3rd in the Small Business Management Team.
2. Six Barnum High School students are working/learning in the PAES lab this semester and are joined by two Willow River students a few afternoons each week.
3. Congratulations to Ivy Polecheck, Audrey Liggett, Maxwell Moors and Logan Liggett for having their artwork selected for the 2021 Congressional Art Show.
4. Courtney Seickert, a 2015 Barnum graduate, is currently working with the special education team at the elementary school as a student teacher. She recently completed student teaching in a Barnum 4th grade classroom. Courtney has been

working in Bomber Club since her senior year of high school and for a number of years in the Community Ed office. Courtney is working on her teaching degree through the University of Wisconsin-Superior, with a major in Elementary Education and minors in both Special Education and Early Childhood.

5. Twenty-six staff members participated in the March "Going for the Gold" fitness challenge. Together they completed 9,061,290 steps or an estimated 4,356 miles!

**B. Public Participation: None**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2021.

**Payment of Bills:**

**Motion** by Unkelhaeuser, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$209,909.94 and payroll paid in March in the amount of \$518,096.99 for a total of \$728,006.93.

**Wire Transfer:**

**Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the wire transfer funds of \$602,000.00.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent McNulty was present and reported.

**Principal Presentation on PLC's**

High School Principal Campbell and Elementary Principal Vitito were present and addressed the additional teacher PLC days on the FY22 calendar.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- A. Approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar.
- B. Approve the resignation of Sarah Jurek, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, effective April 2, 2021.
- C. Approve a \$5,000 donation from Marie Eskowitz to go towards an audio system for the high school gym and commons.
- D. Approve membership enrollment renewal for 2021-2022 with Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative.

**Items for Individual Action and Discussion:**

- A. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Mariah Minkkinen, part-time temporary Junior High Math and Reading Interventionist, for the fourth quarter of FY21.
- B. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Mariah Minkkinen, Head Girls Basketball Coach, effective April 22, 2021.
- C. **Motion** by Coughlin and **seconded** by Ferrin to approve the hire of ICS to help us with our future strategic planning, as recommended by the Finance Committee. **Motion amended** by Unkelhaeuser, **amended motion seconded** by Dinger, and **amended motion unanimously carried** to approve the hire of ICS to help us with Phase I of our future strategic planning.
- D. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve holding Board meetings in the media center starting in May to accommodate up to 25 attendees with social distance protocol. This would allow approximately 10-14 guests. Meetings will still be live streamed.
- E. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Coughlin, and **carried** to approve the reduction of a 1.0 FTE high school administrative assistant for FY22. **Those voting for:** Bonneville, Coughlin, Dinger, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser. **Those voting against:** Ferrin.
- F. **Motion** by Coughlin and **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser to approve the reduction of one bus route beginning FY22. **Motion to table** item by Dinger, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to table the discussion.

**Enrollment Comparison for March 2021**

**Future Meetings:**

- A. Working Meeting of the School Board, Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Board Room
- B. NLSEC Board Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- C. Community Ed Advisory Council Board Meeting, Monday, May 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
- D. Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Board Room
- E. Regular Meeting of the School Board, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Board Room

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Unkelhaeuser, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

  
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Paul Coughlin, School Board Clerk