

**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Barnum Public Schools ISD 91**  
**September 21, 2021**  
**Media Center**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Abatement**

The public hearing was opened at 6:35 p.m. with a presentation by Matthew Hammer, Municipal Advisor with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors.

The public was invited to provide input on the proposed property tax abatement following the presentation. The public hearing was then closed at 6:40 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Move the **“Report on the Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation held on August 17, 2021”** from **“X. Consent Agenda, Item I.”** to **“XI. Items for Individual Items for Action and Discussion, Item X.”**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the following minutes:

- AFSCME Negotiations, August 16, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of the School Board, August 17, 2021
- Ed-MN Negotiations, August 24, 2021
- AFSCME Negotiations, August 25, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes of the School Board, August 31, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes of the School Board, September 3, 2021
- Ed-MN Negotiations, September 13, 2021

**Chairperson’s Announcements:**

**A. Good Things Happening**

1. Bomber Club attendance has doubled from last year to 40 kids a night!

2. The Community Ed office has moved to a new location in the high school just inside door #4 on the north side of the gym. The move didn't change their offer of hot cocoa to students and staff. About 50 students checked out the new digs on Sept. 14 while enjoying the treat.
3. High school English class students were able to sign up for an Arrowhead Library card and listen to the Moose Lake Public Library Director share about the many resources available to cardholders.

**B. Public Participation: None**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2021.

**Payment of Bills:**

**Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$290,024.08 and payroll paid in August in the amount of \$474,313.58 for a total of \$764,337.66.

**Wire Transfer:**

**Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the wire transfer funds of \$642,000.00.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent McNulty presented his report.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- A. Approve a lane change for Kristen Helland from M.A. +20 to M.A. +30, effective August 31, 2021.
- B. Approve a lane change for Robert Minkkinen from B.A. to B.A. +10, effective August 31, 2021.
- C. Approve a lane change for Brady Youngberg from B.A. to B.A. +20, effective August 31, 2021.
- D. Approve a lane change for Mariah Minkkinen from B.A. to B.A. +20, effective August 31, 2021.
- E. Approve the resignation of Dorie Aker, Elementary Teacher, effective August 23, 2021.

- F. Approve the resignation of Tessa Holm, Lead Bomber Club Teacher and Leaps & Bounds Teacher Assistant, effective August 25, 2021.
- G. Approve a \$300 donation from the Barnum Area Community Club for elementary headphones.
- H. Approve the resignation of Dave Duesler, Junior High Math League Advisor, effective August 30, 2021.

**Items for Individual Action and Discussion:**

- A. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the *Approval of Resolution granting Property Tax Abatement as presented at Hearing.*
- B. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the *Approval of Intent Resolution concerning the issuance of General Obligation Abatement Bonds and Participation in Credit Enhancement Program (CEP).*
- C. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the 2021 Proposed Levy payable in 2022. The Board will discuss the levy and budget at the December 21, 2021, School Board meeting, Board Room.
- D. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Schatz, and **carried** to approve the hire of Jill Litfin, Dean of Students, for periods 2-6, effective September 7, 2021. **Voted for:** Coughlin, Dinger, Ferrin, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser. **Voted against:** Bonneville, Fuglestad.
- E. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Schatz, and **carried** to approve the reinstatement / hire of Tony Bender, 1.0 FTE Phy-Ed Teacher, effective September 7, 2021, as follows:
  - .5 FTE reinstatement from unrequested leave of absence for two phy-ed classes and one study hall, and
  - .5 FTE hire for three phy-ed classes to fill in for Jill Litfin's Dean hours.**Voted for:** Coughlin, Dinger, Ferrin, Schatz. **Voted against:** Bonneville, Fuglestad, Unkelhaeuser.
- F. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Tracy Curtiss, Cafeteria Helper, effective August 30, 2021.
- G. **Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Tessa Holm, Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2021.
- H. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Josh Earlywine, Junior High Football Coach, effective August 27, 2021.

- I. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Molly Lockwood, Bomber Club Lead Teacher / Leaps & Bounds Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2021.
- J. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **carried** to approve the hire of Hunter Feters, Elementary Teacher, effective August 30, 2021. **Voting for:** Bonneville, Coughlin, Dinger, Ferrin, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser. **Abstained:** Fuglestad.
- K. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **carried** to approve the hire of Cheryl Weisert, Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2021. **Voting for:** Bonneville, Dinger, Ferrin, Fuglestad, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser. **Abstained:** Coughlin.
- L. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Denise Blake, Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2021.
- M. **Motion** by Unkeglhaeuser, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Rebecca (Becky) Benson, Paraprofessional, effective September 1, 2021.
- N. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Jeanie Schalow, Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2021.
- O. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Eric Bigelow, Groundskeeper, effective August 23, 2021.
- P. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Dean Vargo, Paraprofessional, effective September 7, 2021.
- Q. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Robert Minkkinen, Junior High Math League Advisor, effective September 22, 2021.
- R. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Elly Anderson, Paraprofessional, effective September 9, 2021.
- S. **Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Madelyn Jepsen, 1-to-1 Medical CNA, effective September 13, 2021.
- T. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Tyler Siltanen, Housekeeper, effective September 20, 2021.
- U. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the hire of Colleen Wicklund, Cafeteria Helper, effective September 10, 2021.

- V. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve changing the October Regular Meeting of the School Board from Tuesday, October 19, 2021 to Tuesday, October 26, 2021.
  
- W. **Motion** by Unkelhaeuser, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve School Board Policies 419, 516 and 533.
  
- X. Report given by Chair Schatz on the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation held on August 17, 2021.

**Future Meetings:**

- A. School Board Retreat, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Board Room
- B. BMLWR Cooperative Meeting, Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Moose Lake School
- C. Working Meeting of the School Board, Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Board Room
- D. Regular Meeting of the School Board, October 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Board Room

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Unkelhaeuser, **seconded** by Fuglestad, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

  
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Paul Coughlin, School Board Clerk