

**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91  
March 15, 2022  
High School Auditorium**

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

- Pull items G. and H. from *Consent Agenda* and add to *Items for Individual Action and Discussion* as follow:
  - H. Consider approving a \$500 donation from International Computer Appliances Corporation for Robotics.
  - I. Consider approving a \$250 donation from Deanna Oswald for Robotics.
- Re-letter remaining Consent Agenda items in chronological order.
- Add the following to *Items for Individual Action and Discussion*:
  - G. Legislative Update
  - J. Discuss negotiation strategy. The meeting will be closed per MS 13D.03. A motion, second and majority vote is needed to close the meeting.

**Chairperson's Announcements:**

**A. Good Things Happening**

1. Congratulations to the senior high math league team for their 2nd place finish in the division. Also to Luke Dinger who finished in 1st for individuals and qualified for the state tournament on March 14.
2. 7th grade students had the opportunity to attend Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center Feb 7-9 in place of their 6th grade Wolf Ridge trip that was canceled due to COVID. Students participated in the following classes: high ropes course, climbing wall, orienteering, survivor, total team, Raptors by Family and stargazing stories.

3. On March 2, we had 15 2nd-5th graders attend a community ed Prehistoric Class at the Northern Outdoors Club in Esko. The kids learned and practiced the skills needed to survive in prehistoric life. Kids tried to hunt, start a fire, and played some old-school games. The club will be teaching an Archeology Dig at the end of the month.
4. BES has been awarded an \$1,800 grant for archery equipment as a part of the National Archery in the Schools Program. The grant was applied for by 6th grade teacher, Al Lund, and will be used as part of the 6th grade STEM curriculum, and hopefully expanded to provide archery opportunities through other school programs as well.
5. On February 23, 36 10-12 graders toured Alexandria Technical College. They checked out the communications and design programs, as well as manufacturing, mechatronics, welding, machining, marine and powersports, engineering and design, home construction and cabinet making. They also learned what is needed to be successful in school, tools needed, cost, length of programs, and job outlook. Barnum students were able to talk with current students and instructors in the programs to learn what skills they should develop in high school to be successful in college.
6. BHS has been collaborating with Fond du Lac College's Seek to Learn Program and has taken between 5-12 students (each time) on 4 different college visits this year, including: UMD, St. Scholastica, Fond du Lac, and UWS. Each visit has showcased a different aspect of each school: chocolate making lab at UMD, 3D human body simulation and athletic coaches at CSS, and mock college classes at Fond du Lac. We will also be attending a STEM event and two more college visits yet this spring.
7. Our 5th graders recently participated in STARBASE, which is a hands-on learning experience funded through the Department of Defense Youth Program. The 5-day program focuses on careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and is located on the Duluth National Guard Air Base, home to the 148th Fighter Wing. While attending STARBASE, fifth graders engaged in a variety of lessons in which they were tasked with researching and testing possible solutions to real world challenges. A few highlights included: designing and 3D printing their own wind turbines; programming rovers to complete a variety of tasks; exploring the potential uses of both virtual and augmented reality, as well as testing artificial intelligence; and conducting experiments using the scientific method.
8. Congratulations to the Bombatrons Robotics Team who ended their season with a 6-3 record and were ranked 19 out of 58 in the Lake Superior Regional Competition.
9. Congratulations to the following students who've been selected to present at the MSHSL Section 7A Regional Art Show this year: Ella Bednarek, Amri Gilbertson, Calindria Liggett, Dylan Frank, Grace Schatz, Matt Berry, Andrew Koriotoh, Viitoria Russo, Max Moors, Ruby Korpela, Emmalee Osterman, Caden Grimm and Kaitlyn Siedlecki.

10. Congratulations to Kate Ferrin and Ava Gran for placing 2nd at the 2022 State BPA Leadership Conference. They have earned a spot at the National Leadership Conference held in Dallas, TX in May!

**B. Public Participation:** several teachers and community members spoke to the teacher contract

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent McNulty was present and reported.

- Jennie DeCaigny, Student Representative, was not present.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- A. Approve the following School Board Minutes:
  1. Regular School Board Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2022 (Attachment A)
  2. Working School Board Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2022 (Attachment B)
- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2022. (Attachment C)
- C. Approve the bills and authorization to pay bills in the amount of \$345,662.96 and payroll paid in February in the amount of \$532,706.64 for a total of \$878,369.60.
- D. Approve wire transfer funds of \$825,000.00. (Attachment D)
- E. Approve the resignation of Jeff Gilbertson, Junior High Baseball Coach, effective February 17, 2022.
- F. Approve the resignation of Eric Bigelow, Groundskeeper, effective March 18, 2022.
- G. Approve annual review policies 410, 414, 415, 506, 514. No major changes. Copies of these policies are available on Google Drive at:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1fY8zUQWvjxogt16A\\_G0JCQm80Yw067Q](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1fY8zUQWvjxogt16A_G0JCQm80Yw067Q)
- H. Approve the resignation of Kathy Parker, Yearbook Advisor, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Items for Individual Action and Discussion:**

- A. Ehlers Presented the Facilities Presale Report.
- B. **Motion** by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **failed** to approve the RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH CERTAIN PROJECTS. **Voted for:** Unklehaeuser. **Voted against:** Bonneville, Coughlin, Dinger, Ferrin, Fuglestad, Schatz.

- C. **Motion** by Fuglestad, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously failed** to approve the RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND TAX ABATEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022A, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,320,000; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO.
- D. Considered School Board Policy 103 and form. This was the first of three readings of the policy and no Board action was required.
- E. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Schatz, and **unanimously carried** to approve the revised budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- F. Superintendent and K-12 principal search update given.
- G. Legislative update given by board member Ferrin.
- H. **Motion** by Schatz, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to approve a \$500 donation from International Computer Appliances Corporation for Robotics.
- I. **Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve the \$250 donation from Deanna Oswald for Robotics.
- J. **Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Fuglestad and **unanimously carried** to approve closing the meeting at **7:26 p.m.** per MS 13D.03 to discuss negotiation strategies.

**Motion** by Coughlin, **seconded** by Schatz and **unanimously carried** to approve re-opening the meeting at **8:13 p.m.** per MS 13D.03 following discussing negotiation strategies.

#### **Enrollment Comparison for February 2022**

#### **Future Meetings:**

- A. BMLWR Collaborative Meeting, Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 5:00 p.m. at Willow River School.
- B. Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, one hour prior to working meeting, High School Auditorium
- C. Working School Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m., High School Auditorium
- D. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m., High School Auditorium

#### **Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Ferrin, **seconded** by Coughlin, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
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 Beth Schatz, School Board Clerk