

School Board Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
May 23, 2023
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: B. Anderson, L. Bonneville, B. Dinger, S. Ferrin, D. Hultgren, P. Poirier, J. Unkelhaeuser and Superintendent Peel

Members Absent: None

Comments & Requests from Visitors: None

Approval of Agenda:

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

- Add to Reports item *F. Community Ed Advisory Committee Report* - Dinger
- Move item *E. Approve an extended leave of absence for up to five years for Paul Riihiluoma, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2023*, from Consent Agenda to item *F.* under Items for Individual Action and Discussion.
- Re-letter Consent Agenda items from F-N to E-M.

Chairperson's Announcements:

- A. Congratulations to Olivia Dammer for entering and winning the 2023 U.S. Congressional Art Contest. Her watercolor painting "Postcards From The North" was selected to be shown in the U.S. Capitol for the year. In June, Olivia and her family members will receive round trip tickets to Washington D.C. to attend a reception, alongside all other statewide district members, in the rotunda where the art will be displayed.
- B. Education Minnesota Barnum would like to recognize and thank the following educators who have reached a five-year milestone with Barnum Schools. Thanks for all that you do!
 - 30 Years: Rick B
 - 25 Years: Heather C
 - 20 Years: Jill J, Zach P
 - 15 Years: Jeff G, Kristen H, Karilyn J, Jodi Z, Mary H, Erica H
 - 10 Years: Bekah L

- C. Golf concluded their Great River Conference schedule May 17. Congratulations to senior Ryan Manahan who was the GRC Conference Champion and senior Layne Wickstrom who earned All Conference Honors. Going into the last match of the conference season, Ryan was ranked 28 in MN Class A. Also congratulations to junior Kira DeCaigny and sophomore Madi Koecher who earned All Conference Honors.
- D. Congratulations to the following athletes that earned All-Conference Honors at the May 17 track meet: Spencer Strohm--110 Hurdles and High Jump; Keenan Head--300 Hurdles; Caden Sheff, Ryden Anderson, Carlos Beckstrand and Gavin Reynolds--4x200 Relay; Mark Hall--Discus; and Annaka Bogenholm--Shot Put and Discus.

Reports:

- A. Student Representative Hudson Kasberg was present and reported.
- B. Elementary Principal Melisa Maxwell was present and reported.
- C. High School Principal Jodi Fanth was present and reported
- D. Committee Updates:
 - 1. Facilities, Activities & Transportation – Bonneville reported
 - 2. Finance, Personnel & Negotiations – Anderson reported
 - 3. Curriculum & Policy – Dinger reported
- E. Superintendent Bill Peel was present and reported.
- F. Community Ed Advisory Committee Report – Dinger reported

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approve the School Board Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2023
- B. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for April 2023.
- C. Approve the April 2023 Accounts Payable totaling \$288,194.50.
- D. Approve the retirement of Jan Hartmann, Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2023.
- E. Approve a four-week paternity leave for Hunter Fetters, Elementary Teacher, beginning approximately October 9, 2023, with an approximate return date of November 6, 2023.
- F. Approve the hire of Gabby Blomdahl, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher, beginning August 28, 2023.
- G. Approve the hire of Meredith Akason, 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher, beginning August 28, 2023.

- H. Approve the hire of Timothy Rahkola, 1.0 FTE Classroom and Vocal Music Teacher, Grades 3-12, beginning August 28, 2023.
- I. Approve a lane change for Hunter Fetters from B.A. to B.A. +10 effective August 28, 2023.
- J. Approve the seasonal lay-off of the non-licensed staff effective June 7, 2023.
- K. Approve the following job descriptions:
 - Teacher
 - Elementary Admin Clerk
 - Paraprofessional
 - Elementary Secretary
 - High School Secretary
 - Admin/Due Process Assistant
- L. Approve the Membership Enrollment Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement 2023-2024 with Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative.
- M. Approve the Agreement for the Provision of Family School Support Worker Services for FY24 for \$7,232.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations.
- B. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Ferrin and **unanimously carried** to approve policies 207, 415, 417, 419 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Policies 215 and 418 were reviewed with no changes.
- C. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve a change to the 2023-2024 School Calendar, moving the February 6 & 8 BES Parent Conferences to align with the March 5 & 7 BHS Parent Conferences.
- D. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution Calling Special Election to Fill School Board Vacancy.
- E. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Dinger and **unanimously carried** to approve the 2023-2024 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League.
- F. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Dinger and **carried** to approve an extended leave of absence for up to five years for Paul Riihiluoma, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Voting for: Anderson, Dinger, Ferrin, Hultgren, Poirier, Unkelhaeuser. Voting against: Bonneville.

Future Meetings:

- A. Facilities, Activities & Transportation Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 5:00 p.m., H.S. Boardroom
- B. Finance, Personnel & Negotiations Committee meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 7:00 a.m., H.S. Boardroom
- C. Curriculum & Policy Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m., H.S. Boardroom
- D. School Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., H.S. Media Center
- E. Committee of the Whole meeting, Monday, June 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m., H.S. Boardroom

Adjournment:

Motion by Bonneville, **seconded** by Dinger, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk