

**School Board Meeting Minutes  
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91  
October 24, 2023  
High School Auditorium**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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:** Several community members spoke to the current Homecoming practices.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

- E. Consider approving the school board goals for 2023-2024.

**Chairperson's Announcements:**

- A. Barnum Elementary School will be hosting a Family Literacy Event - Book Bingo on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All are welcome. Come, enjoy a free hotdog meal, and go home with free books!
- B. Barnum High School is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://mbc.org/searchdrives) and use sponsor code 0974 to register.
- C. Special Election for School Board Member remaining term (1 year) will be held at the Barnum Fire Hall, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Reports:**

- A. Student Representative – J. Jurek
- B. Elementary Principal - Birman
- C. High School Principal - Fanth
- D. Board Committees
  - Facilities, Activities & Transportation – Bonneville
  - Finance, Personnel & Negotiations - Anderson
  - Curriculum & Policy – Dinger
- E. Superintendent - Peel

**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, September 26, 2023.
- B. Approve the Special School Board Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2023.
- C. Approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2023.
- D. Approve the September 2023 Accounts Payable totaling \$208,138.01.
- E. Approve the resignation of Sarah Vargo, Paraprofessional, effective October 2, 2023.
- F. Approve the resignation of Kari Johnson, Student Council Advisor, effective October 13, 2023.
- G. Approve the FY24 Community Education contract for John Stevens, School-Age Care Lead Teacher, effective September 1, 2023.
- H. Approve the FY24 & FY25 Barnum Community Education contract for Kaitlin Warpula, Early Childhood Coordinator, Begindergarten, Leaps & Bounds & ECFE Teacher, effective August 28, 2023.
- I. Approve the hire of Jett Nelsen, Paraprofessional, effective October 10, 2023.
- J. Approve the change in job status for Jodi Schatz from High School Administrative / Due Process Assistant to Payroll Clerk effective once a replacement has been found for the administrative assistant position.
- K. Approve the hire of Robert Minkkinen, Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective October 25, 2023.
- L. Approve the hire of Stacey Rhodes, Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective October 25, 2023.
- M. Approve the hire of Shawn Bailey, Shared Robotics Coach, effective October 25, 2023.

**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 Ferrin, **seconded** by Poirier and **unanimously carried** to approve revised policies 534, 710, 721, 802, 805, 806 and 903 as recommended by the Policy Committee.

- C. A meeting to canvas the November 7, 2023, election results was set for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 4:45 p.m.
- D. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.
- E. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the School Board Goals for 2023-2024.

**Future Meetings:**

- A. Meet and Confer, Friday, November 10, 2023, 7:30 a.m., H.S. Boardroom
- B. Canvas Election Results, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 4:45 p.m., H.S. Boardroom.
- C. Facilities, Activities and Transportation Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m., H.S. Boardroom
- D. Finance, Personnel and Negotiations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00 a.m., H.S. Boardroom
- E. Curriculum and Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m., H.S. Boardroom
- F. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., H.S. Media Center

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Poirier, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk