

School Board Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
December 18, 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

Truth in Taxation Hearing Presentation by Jen Smith, ARCC

The public had the opportunity to ask questions and get answers relating to the school portion of their property tax statement and School District budget.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville and **unanimously carried** to approve the agenda as written.

Chairperson's Announcements:

- A. Students working on the 2023-2024 yearbook earned a \$50 gift card to Dominos Pizza for turning in the highest percentage of their outstanding yearbook pages! Reagen W., Kendra J., Riata K., and Mrs. Nordstrom will be using the gift card to celebrate at an upcoming work session as they continue working to finish the yearbook. Yearbooks are only available to purchase on the school website and the cost will increase again at the end of January.
- B. After requesting that BHS try to do more for teen mental health, a senior has taken on the task of creating a peer to peer mental health action group. "Accepting Who We Are" will be a student-led group of senior high students who will start to meet in January to work towards an environment where students feel empowered to talk about mental health and find support in each other as well as the adults in the community. Awareness activities will bring light to conversations about depression, anxiety, self esteem, and more to break down the stigma of mental illness and increase support school wide.
- C. BES 5th graders enjoyed a first time P.E. field trip to Route 61 to try out bowling, a life-long sporting opportunity. The students had a blast and the plan is to make it an annual event.

- D. Bomber Club is going strong. The students enjoy participating in our daily themes: Monday is Math Fun, Tuesday is Game Day, Wednesday is Arts & Crafts, Thursday is Journaling and Friday is Fun Day. We've added five students since the beginning of the year. We currently have two adult staff and would like to have three so we are currently accepting applications.
- E. Although our class offerings are currently limited due to the lack of a coordinator, our annual Holiday Play was a success with over 300 in attendance. We are still offering Karate, Zumba, Walking Club, Women's Open Basketball, Sign Language Club and Yoga. Go to our page on the school website to register and pay at <https://isd91.org/community-education/>.
- F. The high school band held a flash mob performance of a few pep band songs during lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 13. And yes, Taylor Swift was on the playlist.
- G. Reading Corps tutors and Title 1 collectively support over 60 Kindergarten through 3rd grade students at BES. These critical programs meet children where they're at, help to build a myriad of reading skills, and bolster the instruction teachers are teaching in the classroom. We're so grateful for these programs!
- H. Third graders are performing their second Reader's Theater, inviting parents in to watch and listen. Third graders have increased their fluency tremendously and are excited to share it!
- I. Communications Technology Graphic Design students have created some high quality, fictional movie posters that are currently on display in the high school commons area. The follow up assignment will be a concert poster of their favorite band or music genre. Incorporation of methods, tools and techniques learned using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop training and tutorials will be used. The completed work is printed using the newly acquired Canon Image PROGRAF TA-30 printer for our Graphic Design program at BHS.

Reports:

- A. Student Representative – prepared report read by Superintendent Peel
- B. Elementary Principal reported
- C. High School Principal – no report
- D. Board Committees – no reports
- E. Superintendent Peel reported

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approve the School Board Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2023.
- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023.

- C. Approve the November 2023 Accounts Payable totaling \$247,999.68.
- D. Approve a maternity leave for Katelynn Gullickson beginning approximately May 1, 2024, through the end of the school year.
- E. Approve the resignation of Shallon Barber, Assistant Cook, effective December 23, 2023.
- F. Approve the hire of Justine Miller, C-Squad Girls Basketball Coach, effective December 4, 2023.
- G. Approve the hire of John Peura, Bus Driver, effective December 7, 2023.
- H. Approve the hire of Lenorah Korpela, Paraprofessional, effective December 11, 2023.
- I. Approve the Education Minnesota - Barnum Local #2111 Collective Bargaining Agreement for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.
- J. Approve the FY24 Certified Seniority List.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations.
- B. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve revised policies 413 and 503 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Policies 504, 508, 510, 514, 515 and 521 were reviewed with no changes. Policy 606.5 was not adopted.
- C. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser and **unanimously carried** to approve the final 2024 levy in the amount of \$1,553,610.99.
- D. **Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Poirier and **unanimously carried** to approve the 2022-2023 World's Best Workforce Report.

Future Meetings:

- A. Reorganizational Meeting, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m., H.S. Auditorium
- B. School Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m., H.S. Auditorium

Adjournment:

Motion by Bonneville, **seconded** by Poirier, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk