

School Board Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
January 23, 2024
High School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Members Absent: none

Comments & Requests from Visitors: several bus drivers and community members spoke to transportation services

Approval of Agenda:

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

- Remove item J. from the Consent Agenda and re-letter items K-O to J-N.

Chairperson's Announcements:

- 1,000 Points Club Newest Member!** Congratulations to Hayden Charboneau for recently joining the Boys Basketball 1,000 Points Club!
- NHS Blood Drive Surpasses Goal!** The NHS-sponsored blood drive in January surpassed its goal of collecting 31 units of blood by collecting 37! This equates to potentially saving 111 lives! Thank you to everyone who donated!
- Making Music Together!** Grades 3-6 have been learning about genres of music recently in music class. Fifth graders brought in the instruments they play or want to learn and shared some songs with each other.
- Barnum BPA Numbers Largest Yet!** 23 BHS students will be heading to the Region BPA Competition on January 24 in Detroit Lakes, MN. They have been working hard to prepare their presentations and study for their tests. This is our largest group yet and we have high hopes for a great season!

Reports:

- A. Student Representative – no report
- B. Elementary Principal reported
- C. High School Principal reported
- D. Board Committees
 - Facilities, Activities & Transportation Notes – Bonneville reported
 - Finance, Personnel & Negotiations Notes – Anderson reported
 - Curriculum & Policy – Dinger reported
- E. Superintendent Peel reported virtually

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approve the School Board Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2023.
- B. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for December, 2023.
- C. Approve the December 2023 Accounts Payable totaling \$207,063.59.
- D. Approve the resignation of Jenny Stahlbusch, Paraprofessional, effective January 19, 2024.
- E. Approve the resignation of Amber Lingle, Paraprofessional, effective January 19, 2024.
- F. Approve the hire of Bernard Oetterer, Groundskeeper - Seasonal, effective January 24, 2024.
- G. Approve the hire of Alycia Washenesky, Community Education Coordinator, effective December 18, 2023.
- H. Approve the hire of Doreen Peterson, CNA Paraprofessional, effective December 18, 2023.
- I. Approve the hire of Jason Mikrot, Assistant Cook - Long-Term Substitute, effective December 7, 2023.
- J. Approve the FY24 AFSCME Seniority List.
- K. Approve a lane change for Hunter Fetters from B.A.+10 to B.A.+20, effective January 22, 2024.
- L. Approve a lane change for Tara Kisler from M.A. to M.A.+10, effective January 22, 2024.
- M. Approve the contract between ISD 91 and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center for the sixth grade science field trip Oct. 14-16, 2024.

- N. Approve the contract between ISD 91 and Pro Sound & Light Show for DJ services for the February 3, 2024, high school dance.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. **Motion** by Dinger, **seconded** by Ferrin and **unanimously carried** to approve revised policies 511 and 513 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Policies 522, 524 and 526 were reviewed with no changes.
- B. **Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Poirier and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.

Future Meetings:

- A. Working Board Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m., H.S. Boardroom
- B. School Board Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m., H.S. Media Center

Adjournment:

Motion by Bonneville, **seconded** by Poirier, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk