

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

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

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 Poirier, **seconded** by Ferrin and **unanimously carried** to approve the agenda with the following additions to IX. *Items for Individual Action and Discussion:*

- D. Consider approving the facilities project change order approval matrix.
- E. Consider approving the elementary school building projects as recommended by the Facilities Committee.
- F. Consider closing the meeting per M.S. 13D.05, subd. 3(a) to discuss the Superintendent's annual evaluation. A motion and second is required.

Chairperson's Announcements:

- A. Congratulations to BHS senior, Olivia Dammer, whose photo of a horse was chosen for the "My District, My Minnesota" program of the MN State Senate. Each year photos or drawings by students are chosen by Senators who feel it best represents their district. As a group, they also choose two additional submissions to represent the program as a whole. Olivia's photo of a horse was chosen to represent the program as a whole because so many felt it represented their district. It will hang in a prominent place in the Minnesota Senate Building for the rest of 2024.
- B. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their donation of goodies to help stock the BES PBIS school store that provides prizes for students to purchase for modeling positive behavior during the day. Special thanks to Joel & Jennifer Soukkala for making this possible!
- C. A belated thank you to Grover Tree Experts for donating the removal of a tree on elementary property this past fall.
- D. Congratulations to Annabelle Soukkala, Katrina Petersen and Hallie Schoonover who were this year's Barnum Art Department's selectees to participate in the 2024 U.S. Congressional Art

Competition. Focus on originality, craftsmanship and being a student of high academics were guiding factors in the selection process. Their art pieces were delivered to Representative Pete Stauber's office and from there they will be further judged. If one of these students is chosen as a 1st place winner, they and a family member will be flown as guests in Washington, D.C. to a reception where all winning art pieces throughout the country will be displayed in the Capitol rotunda.

- E. Congratulations to Spencer Strohm for breaking the school 110M High Hurdles record at the Crosby-Ironton meet. His time of 15.65 breaks the record by more than one second!
- F. Congratulations to the following students who were recently inducted into the Barnum High School John O. Calverley Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS): MaKenna Nordstrom, Aleksander Shefchik, Brock Hurst, Riley McNamara, Ava Nyquist, Morghan Korpela, Sophia Frank, Lucy Franek, Annabelle Soukkala, Iris Polecheck, Alizondra Collelo and Abigail Vargo.
- G. The BHS Math League Team recently competed at the UWS Math Meet with some impressive success. Congratulations to Eli Johnson who finished first in Trigonometry and to Keenan Head who received Honorable Mention for Problems and Statistics!
- H. Thank you to Affordable Fence for donating half of the \$1,000 total repair cost of the 300 feet length by 6 feet tall softball field home run fence at RJM Park.

Reports:

- A. Student Representatives present and reported
- B. Elementary Principal not present
- C. High School Principal present and reported
- D. Board Committees
 - 3.18.24 Working School Board Meeting
 - Facilities Committee report given
 - Community Ed Advisory Committee report given
 - Policy Committee – April policies for review:
 - 410 Family and Medical Leave
 - 412 Expense Reimbursement
 - 413 Harassment and Violence
 - 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse
 - 527 Motor Vehicles
 - 528 Student Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination
 - 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
- E. Superintendent present and reported

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, March 18, 2024

- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2024.
- C. Approve the March 2024 Accounts Payable totaling \$355,997.30.
- D. Approve the 1.0 FTE Unrequested Leave of Absence for Brian Miller, Social Studies Teacher, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, due to declining enrollment.
- E. Approve the .60 FTE Unrequested Leave of Absence for Mariah Minkinen, Interventionist, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, due to the termination of ESSER funding.
- F. Approve the change from full-time (40 hours per week) to part-time (20 hours per week) for Tyler Siltanen, Housekeeper, effective July 1, 2024, due to the termination of ESSER funding.
- G. Approve the termination of probationary teacher, Savannah Goebel, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, due to the termination of ESSER funding.
- H. Approve the termination of probationary teacher, Brittany Baier, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, due to declining enrollment.
- I. Approve the resignation of Amy Fitzsimmons, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- J. Approve the resignation of Kaitlin Warpula, Early Childhood Coordinator, ECFE Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher and Leaps & Bounds Teacher, effective May 31, 2024.
- K. Approve the resignation of Rick Bird, Robotics Coach, effective April 4, 2024.
- L. Approve the resignation of Rebecca Levinski, .40 FTE Classroom Music Teacher, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- M. Approve the hire of Carlee Wolf, Paraprofessional, effective March 18, 2024.
- N. Approve the hire of Tim Streefland, Transportation Supervisor / Mechanic, effective April 22, 2024.
- O. Approve the hire of Rick Peterson, Bus Driver, effective April 8, 2024.
- P. Approve the following job descriptions:
 - Payroll Clerk
 - Media Integration Specialist
 - Business Manager
 - Community Education Coordinator
 - Counselor, Elementary

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 revoking the previously approved SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARNUM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 91 AND WILLOW RIVER AREA SCHOOL ISD 577 for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 dated February 26, 2024.
- C. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to approve the SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARNUM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 91 AND WILLOW RIVER AREA SCHOOL ISD 577 for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.
- D. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve the facilities project change order approval matrix.
- E. **Motion** made by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve the following bids for the elementary school summer facilities projects as recommended by the Facilities Committee:
 - Thelen Heating & Roofing: Roof section replacement - \$98,000
 - JAMAR: AHU-8 - \$13,700
 - JAMAR: Victaulic Fittings - \$6,730
 - JAMAR: Hot Water Heaters - \$29,151
- F. **Motion** by Poirier, **seconded** by Bonneville, and **unanimously carried** to approve closing the meeting at 7:18 p.m. per M.S. 13D.05, subd. 3(a) to discuss the Superintendent’s annual evaluation.

Motion by Poirier, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to approve re-opening the meeting at 8:20 p.m. per M.S. 13D.05, subd. 3(a) after discussing the Superintendent’s annual evaluation.

Future Meetings:

- A. School Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Elementary Media Center

Adjournment:

Motion by Bonneville, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk