

**School Board Meeting Minutes
Barnum Public Schools ISD 91
October 22, 2024
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, J. Unkelhaeuser, Student Rep J. Jurek and Superintendent Peel

Members Absent: P. Poirier

Comments & Requests from Visitors: none

Approval of Agenda:

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

Chairperson's Announcements:

- A. BES 6th graders welcomed staff from The Friends of the Boundary Waters for an afternoon of experiential learning. The Friends of the Boundary Waters mission is, "to protect the Boundary Waters and to connect people of all backgrounds to the wilderness, so that this and future generations benefit from this special place." Students worked on team-building through a river-crossing activity, learned how to portage a canoe, built a fire AND roasted marshmallows, and took a close look at animal skulls to determine if they were herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores.
- B. First graders had their 9-1-1 program day where they got to check out firetrucks.
- C. The Bombers Football team collected 821 pounds of food and \$401 during their fall food drive for the local food shelf. Thank you to the generosity of the community.
- D. The Varsity Girls Cross Country team took 2nd place at the Polar League All-Conference Meet, and the Junior Varsity Girls took 1st. Varsity All Conference girls medalists were Brooklyn Wasche (6th), Amelia Olson (8th), and Bella McCall (9th); JV Girls medalists were Abby Vargo (7th) and Katelyn Brown (10th); and boys varsity medalists were Elliot Wasche (8th) and Eli Berger (10th).
- E. NHS sponsored Blood drive Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at the high school.
- F. School Social Worker, Ally Washenesky, started a new program called Bomber Bites, which is a food and resource pantry for high school students who need a little extra help meeting

some basic needs. It is funded in part by donations of Our Family labels, found on products sold at KJ's Fresh Market in Moose Lake. Labels can be dropped off at the high school office.

- G. Kindergarten students had local Ojibwe author, Betsy Peacock, visit their classrooms. She read them one of her children's books and talked about being an author.
- H. The volleyball players and coaching staff successfully hosted two tournaments recently at Barnum High School. On October 5, we hosted our own C-team tournament, and on October 12, we hosted the Polar League 7th grade tournament. These tournaments brought in 16 teams from around the area and were a great fundraiser for our teams, as well as an economic boost for our local community.
- I. Introduction of new Student School Board Representatives – Lucy Franek and Mackenzie Hanson

Reports:

- A. Student Representative – Jurek present and reported
- B. Elementary Principal – Miller not present
- C. High School Principal – Fanth not present
- D. Board Committees
 - Curriculum & Policy - policies reviewed in October:
 - 534-Unpaid Meal Charges
 - 721-Uniform Grant Guidance
 - 806-Crisis Management Policy
 - 903-Visitors
 - 425-Staff Development
 - 602-Organization of School Calendar and School Day
 - 604-Instructional Curriculum
 - Facilities, Activities & Transportation Committee reported
- E. Superintendent – William Peel

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approve the School Board Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024.
- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2024.
- C. Approve the September 2024 Accounts Payable totaling \$1,683,587.90.
- D. Approve the resignation of Amanda Nordstrom, Junior High Softball Coach, effective October 7, 2024

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

- A. A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the High School Boardroom, to canvass school board election results.
- B. **Motion** by Bonneville, **seconded** by Unkelhaeuser, and **unanimously carried** to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

Future Meetings:

- A. Finance, Personnel and Negotiations Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m., High School Boardroom
- B. School Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m., High School Auditorium

Adjournment:

Motion by Bonneville, **seconded** by Ferrin, and **unanimously carried** to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Dawn Hultgren, School Board Clerk