

# **Minutes of School Board Regular Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

### **Cass Lake-Bena Schools**

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A School Board Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cass Lake-Bena Schools was held Monday, November 20, 2023, in the Cass Lake-Bena High School Media Center.

1. Meeting Call to Order by Millie Baird, Board Chair at 5:00 pm.
2. Roll Call:  
Present: Millie Baird, Jolyn Donnell, Jamie Mitchell, Jennie Reyes, and Dave Yates  
Absent: Lenny Fineday, Terri Goggleye (Excused) and Elli Johnson, Student Council Representative  
(Excused)
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Agenda Approval
  - A. A motion by Donnell, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting of Monday, November 20, 2023 as presented.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Consent Agenda
  - A. A motion by Yates, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.
    1. Approve the October 18, 2023 School Board Working Meeting minutes.
    2. Approve the October 25, 2023 School Board Regular Meeting minutes.
    3. Approve the payment listing for the month of October in the amount of \$2,758,617.84.
    4. Approve the recommendations from administration to hire the following positions contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and drug screening results:
      - a. Dean Blomgren, Elementary School Special Education 1:1 ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - b. Linda Conner, Elementary School ParaEducator, temporary, effective November 21, 2023.
      - c. Jonathan Spradling, Elementary School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - d. Nicole Collins, Elementary School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - e. Susan Graunke, Elementary School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - f. John Slevin, High School Custodian, effective November 21, 2023.
      - g. Traci Campbell, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center Coordinator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - h. Morgan McDougall, Middle School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - i. Carissa Ericson, High School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - j. Shea Oman, Elementary School ParaEducator, effective November 21, 2023.
      - k. Jody Rushman, YouthBuild Teacher, effective November 21, 2023.

5. Accept the resignation of Troy Johnson, Head Cross Country Coach, effective November 10, 2023.
6. Accept the resignation of Roberta Lord, Middle School Art Teacher, effective December 1, 2023.

## 7. New Business

- A. World's Best Workforce Presentation from Cindy Kingbird.
- B. A motion by Mitchell, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve the the extended field trip for Robotics to attend the Granite City Regional Competition in St. Cloud, MN on April 4-7, 2024. Costs will be funded through Student Activity fundraising for the Tech Club.
- C. A motion by Donnell, second by Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve the extended field trip for Speech to attend the Congressional Debate Sections and JV State in Eagan, MN on December 1-2, 2023. Costs will be funded through Student Activity fundraising.
- D. A motion by Mitchell, second by Donnell to approve the first reading and adoption of the revised policies as presented:
  1. Policy 604 – Instructional Curriculum
  2. Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements
  3. Policy 616 – School District System Accountability**Roll Call:** Baird – Aye; Donnell – Aye; Mitchell – Aye; Reyes – Aye; Yates – Nay
- E. A motion by Yates, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to approve the first reading of Policy 621 – Literacy and the Read Act (New).
- F. A motion by Donnell, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota for group employee health insurance plans and employee paid dental and vision plans as presented.
- G. A motion by Mitchell, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve an increase to the contract with Casper Construction in the amount of \$194,402 to meet plan change requirements of the Minnesota Department of Labor (100-year flood event).

## 8. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, 2023  
Holiday Break
- B. Monday, November 27, 2023 - **Cancelled**  
Negotiations (MSEA) Committee Meeting  
ALC Conference Room – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- C. Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
Negotiations (CLEA) Committee Meeting  
High School Room 435 – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- D. Monday, December 4, 2023  
Negotiations (MSEA) Committee Meeting  
Bus Garage Meeting Room – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- E. Thursday, December 14, 2023  
Safety Committee Meeting  
Middle School Media Center – 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
- F. Wednesday, December 20, 2023  
Conferences – All Buildings – 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- G. Wednesday, December 20, 2023  
School Board Working Meeting  
High School Media Center – 5:00 pm
- H. December 21, 2023-January 1, 2024  
Winter Break – No School
- I. Wednesday, December 27, 2023  
School Board Regular Meeting  
High School Media Center – 5:00 pm

10. Adjournment

- A. A motion by Yates, second by Donnell, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.

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Jennie Reyes, Clerk  
Cass Lake-Bena Board of Education

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Date