

# **Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

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

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A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cass Lake-Bena Schools was held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in the Cass Lake-Bena High School Media Center.

1. Meeting Call to Order by Millie Baird, Chairperson at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
  - Present – Millie Baird, Jolyn Donnell, Lenny Fineday, Jamie Mitchell, Jennie Reyes, Terri Vail
  - Absent – Dave Yates
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Agenda Approval
  - A motion by Fineday, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve the revised agenda for the regular school board meeting of Wednesday, May 26, 2021.
5. Public Comment – Tonya Morris, parent, acknowledgement of her son's teachers; Brian Stoeber, reminder of graduation ceremony
6. Consent Agenda
  - A motion by Fineday, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented:
    - A. April 28, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes
    - B. May 19, 2021 Special School Board meeting minutes
    - C. May 19, 2021 School Board Working Session
    - D. Payment listing for the month of April in the amount of \$695,505.98.
    - E. Approve the new hire of the following positions contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and drug screening results:
      - a. Priscilla Smith, Accounting Technician
      - b. Carmen Urman, Special Education Evaluation Specialist effective 2021-22 school year
      - c. Krista Saxton, High School Language Arts Instructor effective 2021-22 school year
      - d. Michael Schlemper, Middle School Art Instructor effective 2021-22 school year
      - e. Sydney Harper, Director of American Indian Education effective 2021-22 school year
      - f. Amy Frank, Middle School Head Cook effective 2021-22 school year
      - g. Priscilla Smith, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
    - F. Approve the tenure of the following staff as presented:
      - a. Hanna Zuehlke, Elementary School Teacher
      - b. Samantha Ruzek, Elementary School Teacher
      - c. Lindsey Abram, Elementary School Teacher

- d. Rebecca Kummet, Elementary School Teacher
- e. Troy Johnson, High School Special Education Instructor
- f. Jason Bents, Middle School Teacher
- g. Krista Saxton, Middle School Teacher
- h. Amy Olson, Middle School Teacher
- i. Jill Kandel, Middle School Special Education Teacher
- j. Katherine Rousu, Middle School Teacher
- G. Approve the family medical leave request for Bethany Floria, Elementary School Teacher effective August 30 to November, 2021
- H. Accept the resignation from Peter Hill, School Bus Driver effective April 28, 2021.
- I. Approve the non-renewal of contract with Monica DeLaCruz, Middle School Guidance Counselor.

#### 7. New Business

- A. Presentation by Josh Grover, Elementary School Principal – Additional Title I Teacher
- B. A motion by Vail, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to approve an additional Title I Teacher at the Elementary School effective 2021-22 school year
- C. Presentation by Rochelle Johnson, Superintendent on a new position – District Facilities Manager
- D. A motion by Fineday, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to suspend the motion to create the new position of District Facilities Manager until next School Board Working Session warranting more discussion
- E. A motion by Vail, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to approve the school nurse positions to hold a minimum LPN.
- F. A motion to approve the revisions to the 2021-22 School Calendar

#### 8. Personnel

- A. A motion by Vail, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to accept the retirement of Marie Ann Chandler/Borslien, Third Grade Teacher effective October 31, 2021 and to thank her for 19 years of service with the school district.

#### 9. Words of Appreciation

- A. Presentation by Millie Baird, Chairperson to Mackenzie Stoeber, 2020-21 School Board Student Council Representative

#### 10. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. School Board Committee Meeting – Negotiations (CLEA)  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
5:00 p.m. – High School Media Center
- B. Budget (Finance) Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

4:30 p.m. – High School ISS Room

C. School Board Working Session

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

5:00 p.m. - High School Media Center

D. Regular School Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

5:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

11. Closed Session

A. A motion by Vail, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to enter into a closed session at 5:51 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations per Minnesota State Statute 13D.03.

B. Meeting resumes at 6:24 p.m.

12. Adjournment

A. A motion by Donnell, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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Jennie Reyes, Clerk  
Cass Lake-Bena Board of Education

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Date