

# **Minutes of Special School Board Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

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

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A Special School Board (Organizational) Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cass Lake-Bena Schools was held Wednesday, January 4, 2023, in the Cass Lake-Bena High School Culture Room.

1. Meeting Call to Order by Millie Baird, Board Chair at 4:45 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present –Millie Baird, Jolyn Donnell, Lenny Fineday, Terri Goggleye, Jamie Mitchell, Jennie Reyes (arrive at 4:55 p.m.), and Dave Yates  
Absent – None
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Agenda Approval  
A motion by Fineday, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for the special school board organizational meeting of Wednesday, January 4, 2023.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Board Chair Millie Baird administered the Acceptance of Office and the Oath of Office for newly elected board members for four year terms: Jolyn Donnell, Lenny Fineday, and Terri Goggleye.
7. Election of Officers
  - A. Chairperson
    1. A motion by Fineday, second by Yates and unanimously carried to open the nominations for the 2023 School Board Chairperson. Millie Baird was nominated.
    2. A motion by Fineday, second by Baird and unanimously carried to close the nominations for Chairperson.
    3. A motion by Yates, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to approve Millie Baird as the 2023 School Board Chairperson.
  - B. Vice-Chairperson
    1. A motion by Goggleye, second by Mitchell and unanimously carried to open the nominations for the 2023 School Board Vice-Chairperson. Jolyn Donnell was nominated.
    2. A motion by Goggleye, second by Yates and unanimously carried to close the nominations for Vice-Chairperson.
    3. A motion by Yates, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to approve Jolyn Donnell as the 2023 School Board Vice-Chairperson.

C. Clerk

1. A motion by Mitchell, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to open the nominations for the 2023 School Board Clerk. Jennie Reyes was nominated.
2. A motion by Goggleye, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to close the nominations for Clerk.
3. A motion by Fineday, second by Goggleye and unanimously carried to approve Jennie Reyes as the 2023 School Board Clerk.

D. Treasurer

1. A motion by Yates, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to open the nominations for the 2023 School Board Treasurer. Jamie Mitchell and Terri Goggleye were nominated, with a decline from Goggleye.
2. A motion by Fineday, second by Yates and unanimously carried to close the nominations for Treasurer.
3. A motion by Fineday, second by Yates and unanimously carried to approve Jamie Mitchell as the 2023 School Board Treasurer.

8. New Business

- A. A motion by Yates, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to name The WesternBank of Cass Lake and Duluth as the official depository for the 2023 school year.
- B. A motion by Donnell, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to approve *The Cass Lake Times* as the official newspaper for official publication for the 2023 school year.
- C. A motion by Fineday, second by Yates and unanimously carried to authorize the treasurer to invest any surplus funds in certificate of deposit or treasury bonds for the best possible rate of interest.
- D. A motion by Mitchell, second by Fineday and unanimously carried to name Fuller, Wallner, Cayko, Pederson and Huseby, LTD as the law firm for the 2023 school year.
- E. A motion by Fineday, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to set the date, time and place for School Board Meetings as follows:
  1. Working School Board Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center with the Middle School Media Center as an alternate site.
  2. Regular School Board Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center with the Middle School Media Center as an alternate site.
  3. The November Regular School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, November 20, 2023 in the High School Media Center with the Middle School Media Center as an alternate site.

F. A motion by Yates, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to renew membership in the Minnesota School Board Association.

G. A motion by Donnell, second by Mitchell and unanimously carried to appoint the following school board members to serve as Board representatives to the committees listed below and to dissolve the Transportation Committee and replace with the Construction Oversight Committee:

1. Activities Committee: Jolyn Donnell, Jennie Reyes and Dave Yates
2. AIPAC (American Indian Parent Advisory Committee): Jolyn Donnell and Jamie Mitchell with Lenny Fineday as an alternate
3. Bemidji Regional Inter-district Council: Terri Goggeye
4. Budget (Finance) Committee: Millie Baird, Lenny Fineday and Jamie Mitchell
5. Buildings, Grounds, and Technology Committee: Millie Baird, Lenny Fineday and Dave Yates
6. Food Service Committee: Lenny Fineday and Jennie Reyes
7. Meet & Confer Committee: Jolyn Donnell, Jennie Reyes and Terri Goggeye
8. Minnesota State High School League: Jolyn Donnell
9. MSBA Legislative Liaison: Lenny Fineday
10. Sourcewell: Lenny Fineday
11. Negotiation Committee for Licensed Staff: Jamie Mitchell, Jennie Reyes and Terri Goggeye
12. Negotiation Committee for Non-Licensed Staff: Millie Baird, Jolyn Donnell and Terri Goggeye
13. Negotiation Committee for Exempt Staff: Jolyn Donnell, Jennie Reyes and Dave Yates
14. North Country Vocational Center: Millie Baird
15. Policy Committee: Jamie Mitchell, Jennie Reyes and Dave Yates
16. Construction Oversight Committee: Jolyn Donnell, Jamie Mitchell and Terri Goggeye

H. A motion by Yates, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to set the salaries of the School Board Members at \$300.00 per month.

I. A motion by Fineday, second by Mitchell and unanimously carried to set the salary for the School Board Chairperson at \$400.00 per month.

J. A motion by Fineday, second by Reyes and unanimously carried to set Special School Board Meeting stipends at a rate of \$50.00 per every two hours.

A motion by Fineday, second by Mitchell and unanimously carried to  
K. authorize Sue Chase, Superintendent and Christina Abrahamson,

Business Manager with the School Board Treasurer as an alternate to jointly make electronic fund transfers.

- L. A motion by Goggleye, second by Donnell and unanimously carried to authorize Sue Chase, Superintendent, Christina Abrahamson, Business Manager, Priscilla Smith, Accounts Technician and Katie Norenberg, Payroll, to conduct business at The WesternBank of Cass Lake and Duluth.
- M. A motion by Fineday, second by Goggleye and unanimously carried to authorize Sue Chase, Superintendent or Christina Abrahamson, Business Manager to apply for federal and state funds.

9. Adjournment

- A. A motion by Fineday, second by Goggleye and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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Jennie Reyes, Clerk  
Cass Lake-Bena Board of Education

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Date