

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe
Public School Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Tuesday November 10, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

A. CALL TO ORDER- Called to Order by Board President Norma Castro at

B. OPENING

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. MISSION

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, in cooperation with parents and community provides an educational program that develops each student's individual abilities. We are committed to providing educational excellence through rigorous and relevant programs within a safe, nurturing, and culturally rich environment with specific emphasis on the Anishinaabe traditions and language.

E. ROLL CALL- Batho-present, Castro-present, Habusta- present Murdock-absent, Roe-present, Strahan-present

Motion by Habusta supported by Roe to excuse Murdock.

Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan

Nays: none.

Motion Carried

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Habusta supported by Roe to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan

Nays: none.

Motion Carried

G. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2020 Financial Audit Presentation – Ron Harris (**Audit Attached**) Harris presented the audit and discussed the issues in the audit including the new accounting standard implemented this year and the funds planned for in the 2019-2020 year received for a lesser amount, some funds were not received within the allotted 60 days following the conclusion of the fiscal year. Mr. Harris reviewed the audit with the board and stated that overall everything was as expected.

2. Fall Assessment Data - Donna Kozma (**Attached**) Kozma presented the Fall Assessment information. Kozma discussed the MAP Score reports with how much school was missed last school year we have students who are in need of assistance to catch up. The Native American students are showing more Native Students in the bottom 30% than other ethnic classes at the present time. We are unable to look at the socioeconomic status reports due to being this being protected data. There is a possibility that this had an impact on the ethnic discrepancy as well as the loss of face to face instruction in the 2019-2020 school year. Overall, the scores are as expected for the fall in light of circumstances. Mr. Habusta asked how our trends compare to other districts locally and state wide. Kozma does not have that information at this point, however she compared last fall to this fall and the as expected the scores were lower this year than last year. Staff has looked at this data and has worked on implementing plans to help recover from the lack of face to face instruction from the Spring 2020 school closures. The current online distance learning is better situated to provide stronger instruction than we experienced in the spring. Habusta would like to determine how we can work to better assist with the ethnic gap.

LaPointe emphasized that JKL is a high performing school and advised the board to remember that and it is always difficult to realize a drop in scores, NMU will be here to assist us in any way they can as we work to recover from the lost educational time.

Kozma commended the JKL parents for their dedication to ensuring their students

Kalstrom thanked the staff for working so hard to prepare for and implementing Virtual learning so quickly and efficiently.

Roe asked if it is felt the gap can be closed in this school year or if it will be a lingering issue.

Kozma advised that in her opinion she was amazed we were able to stay face to face for so long and saw some amazing growth in that time frame. She feels that she cannot fully speak to if the gap can realistically close within the current school year. Given the extra stress on the staff and students with the COVID situation, she feels that it is not likely that we will be able to close the gap. Roe agrees and feels we need to inform the parents/staff /students that it is not necessarily within reach to close the gap in one school year.

Kallstrom advised it is likely and somewhat expected that the gap cannot close very quickly, patience and understanding are necessary.

Kozma stated the mental as well as educational care for our students are our primary focus.

Castro thanked Kozma and the staff for their hard work and dedication to our students.

H. COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Habusta supported by Batho to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan

Nays: none.

Motion Carried

1. Superintendent's Update (**Attached**)
2. Administrator's Update (**Attached**)
3. Enrollment Update (**Attached**)
4. Minutes from October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting (**Attached**)
5. Minutes from November 3, 2020 Special Meeting (**Attached**)
6. Committee Reports & Updates (**Attached**)
 - a. Personnel Committee
 - b. Facilities Committee
 - c. Policy Committee
 - a. Curriculum/Student Services Committee
 - b. Finance Committee

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Legislative Update (**Attached**)
2. NMU Charter School Office Report LaPointe commended our staff and reminded us that our students come in at a higher level than many in other districts. LaPointe advised to be mindful of the emotional needs of the students. A meeting of the Charter Schools with NMU is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2020.
3. Personnel Update (**Attached**)
4. First Reading of Fall 2020 Policy Updates (**Attached**)

K. FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. Financial Monthly Report (**Attached**) Aldrich discussed the budget amendment due to the State Aid being fully reinstated; the budget reflects the wage increase for staff. We are up to date with the exception of August which will be issued at 75% of the requested amount and the remaining 25% to follow once a meeting is held. The budget amendment also includes the purchased of a school bus.
2. Financial Update for Fiduciary Committee (**Attached**)

L. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of October 2020 Expenditures (**Attachment L1**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of October expenditures in the amount of \$871,668.22
Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan
Nays: None.
2. Approval of 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Amendment (**Attachment L2**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Amendment.

Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan
Nays: None.

3. Approval of Updated Reading recovery Contract (**Attachment L3**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of the Updated Reading recovery contract.
Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan
Nays: None.
Castro asked how successful this program has been. Kallstrom advised this has been a very successful program over the years JKL has been using it, the programs has greatly benefited the staff and students.
4. Approval of purchase of Chromebook power cords (**Attachment L4**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of the purchase of Chromebook power cords.
Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan
Nays: None.
5. Approval of move to Virtual Learning (**Attachment L5**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of the move to Virtual learning.
Ayes: Batho, Habusta, Roe, Strahan, Castro
Nays: None.
TK will keep track of the positivity rate
6. Approval of 2020 Financial Audit (**Attachment L6**)
Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe for the approval of the 2020 Financial Audit.
Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Roe, Strahan
Nays: None.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS TK will

N. PUBLIC COMMENT- K.Corbiere spoke regarding the Health Department being very far behind in communication to those who have been exposed to COVID, she has a student in isolation as a result of testing positive and her other students and she will likely test positive in the next few days despite the precautions they have taken. The Chippewa County Health Department is very delayed in releasing information. She asks we consider that information when making our decisions regarding face-to-face and other instruction methods.

Solomon expressed concerns about using only the positivity rate, she feels we should be using more information and also mentioned that the plan does not mention an average

Hoffman stated that the War Memorial Hospital ICU is full as are other area hospitals, she asks that this information be considered used when making decisions regarding what teaching model we will use.

Sorensen reiterated that we consider the above mentioned factors. On a positive note, she mentioned that she is able to do more things scientifically because the students are not restricted by social distancing while participating in Virtual Learning.

O. ADJOURNMENT-Meeting adjourned at 6:36

Norma Castro
School Board President

Todd Rice
School Board Secretary