

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
8:00 p.m., August 13, 2020
Fertile-Beltrami School Library
Zoom link:

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Thursday August 13, 2020. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Paul Stromstad, Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Bookkeeper Donna Genereux, Principal Messick Dean Hitchen, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Twyla Altepeter, Wendy Clark, Jason Allrich, Jenna Hutchins, Leah Swenby

Chairman Stuhaug called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

Stromstad moved, Opdahl seconded to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting, July 9, 2020, Policy Committee Meeting, July 30th, 2020, and Special Meeting, July 30th, 2020. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Strem moved, Swenby seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

The following made public comments: none

Cash balances for July were reviewed.

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to approve payment of the August bills in the amount of \$787,384.23 for checks 3155-3166 and 63851-63942. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Dean/AD Hitchen reported on the following: State HS League decision, fall athletics.

Principal Messick reported on the following: Back to School Planning.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Back to School Planning, Construction updates.

Erickson moved, Opdahl seconded to approve Notices of Assignment for the following people: Paras: Lucy Fuglseth, Jean Kollin, Dione Rasmussen, Denise Ingberg, Tammy Lenz, Bonnie Meine, Colleen Berhow, Liz Ystenes, Jill Peltier, Jamie Wishard, Lisa Orre, Joni Page, Tracy Fuglseth, Andrea Grieve, Dorene Dufault, Hannah Chishom; Kitchen: Jodi Petry, Donna Mosher, Missy Mosher, Sherry Jensrud, Transportation: Todd Ranz, Dawn Resendiz, Steve Benbo, Philip Swenson, Danny Larson, Shane Fuglseth, Lisa Enget; Nurse: Kari Bolstad, Custodial: Rochelle Choate. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Stromstad moved, Strem seconded to approve Notices of Assignment for the following people: Allie Sannes-Counselor, Chad Hitchen-AD, Tammy Hemmah—Fall (Sr. High) Play, Denise Ingberg – TAP.
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Rasch moved, Erickson seconded to accept the bid of Bimbo for bread products for the 2020-21 school year. UC

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Strem moved, Opdahl seconded to accept the bid of Westside Dairy for milk products for the 2020-21 school year. UC

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Member Swenby introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
AND CALLING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.599, State of Minnesota as follows:

(a) 1. It is necessary for the school district to hold its general election for the purpose of electing (three) school board members for terms of four (4) years each.

(b) The clerk shall include on the ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed affidavits of candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.

2. Even Year: The general election is hereby called and elected to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020.

3. Even Year: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this general election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as for the state general election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said general election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall include the date of said general election and the office or offices to be voted on at said general election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said general election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said general election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on Election Day.

5. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this election, and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate election officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

6. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause or to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 599
Fertile-Beltrami

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the ovals(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VOTE FOR UP TO Three*

CANDIDATE U

CANDIDATE V

CANDIDATE W

CANDIDATE X

write-in, if any

write-in, if any

write-in, if any

write-in, if any

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

7. The name of each candidate for office at this election shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for the same office in the manner specified in Minnesota law.

8. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, if requested by the election official, furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

9. Odd Year: The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within fourteen (14) days prior to the general election date. The clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance of publication once in the official newspaper, by posting a notice, and by notifying the county or legislative district chair of each major political party.

10. Odd Year: The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the general election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the general election, or once the week preceding the general election if the newspaper is a weekly.

11. Odd Year: As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the school district and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.127 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include school district staff trained as election judges. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day.

12. Odd Year: The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election, to act as such at the respective polling places listed below:

Polling Place	Election Judges
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Head Election Judge - _____

The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The general election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the general election.

Even Year: The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit them to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The general election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the general election.

13. The School District clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, available on the school district's website. The clerk must post the report on the school district's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The school district must make a report available on the school district's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Opdahl and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

And the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Swenby moved, Rasch seconded to approve the teacher handbook. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Rasch moved, Erickson seconded to approve the elementary handbook. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Swenby moved, Rasch seconded to approve the high school handbook. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Erickson moved, Strem seconded to adopt the 20-21 Emergency Crisis Management Plan, addendum to policy 806 Crisis Management Policy. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Erickson moved, Swenby seconded to modify the 20-21 School Calendar- moving a staff development day from June 1, 2021 to a flex staff development day used in August 2020 . UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Erickson moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Fertile-Beltrami Back to School Plan. UC
Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Member Erickson introduced the following resolution:

Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Independent School District 599 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the School Board that Elementary In-person and 7-12 Hybrid will be the base Learning Model to be implemented at the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 599 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 2020-2021 school year: Elementary In-person and 7-12 Hybrid

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Member Strem seconded.

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2020.

Roll Call Vote

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to transfer funds from the General Fund to resolve negative balances in Food Service (\$-37,584). UC

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Strem moved, Swenby seconded to transfer funds from the 432 ECFE Fund to resolve negative balances in 444 School Readiness (-41,503) and 431 Community Education (-16,138) the fund transfer requested meets Minnesota Laws 2020, Chapter 116/House File 4415 Article 3 Section 8, the fund will not interfere with the equitable delivery of distance learning or social distancing models. UC

Erickson-yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Discussion:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., September 8, 2020.

Chairman Stuhaug adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

_____ Chairman _____ Clerk

