

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
8:00 p.m., January 12, 2021

Fertile-Beltrami School Commons
Zoom Link:

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Paul Stromstad, Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby, Principal Messick, Dean Hitchen, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Twyla Altepeter

Zoom: Donna Genereux, Jessica Moland, Carter Burke, Merrilee Forgit

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

Election of Officers

Rasch nominated Erickson for chairperson, Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Stuhaug nominated Rasch for vice-chairperson, Strem moved, Stromstad seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Rasch nominated Strem for clerk, Opdahl moved, Rasch seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Stuhaug nominated Stromstad for treasurer, Swenby moved, Strem seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

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

Rasch moved, Stuhaug seconded to set the board appointments and committees as follows:

Board Appointments:

Minnesota State High School League – Paul Stromstad
Legislative Liaison – Paul Stromstad, April Swenby
Pine to Prairie Vocational Board – Matt Erickson
Polk County Family Services Collaborative—Ryan Opdahl

Board Committees:

Staff Development – Paul Stromstad, Kylie Strem
Technology – April Swenby, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch
Community Education – Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug
Transportation – Nathan Stuhaug, Ryan Opdahl & Matt Erickson
Facilities – Nate Rasch, Kylie Strem & Matt Erickson
Negotiations – Nathan Stuhaug, Nathan Rasch & Matt Erickson
Policy/Meet & Confer – Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby & Nathan Rasch
Discipline – Nathan Rasch, Kylie Strem & April Swenby. UC

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

Present District Designations:

Newspaper – Fertile Journal

Depositories – Red River State Bank & PMA Financial Network, Inc.

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded to designate the Fertile Journal as the official school newspaper and the Red River State Bank of Fertile and the PMA Financial Network, Inc. as the official depositories. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Stuhaug moved, Opdahl seconded to delegate the authority to make electronic transfers to the Superintendent, the bookkeeper will initiate electronic transfers upon approval of the superintendent. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Rasch moved, Strem seconded to set the school board meetings and informational meetings for Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m, March mtg on Monday (due to Township Elections), Informational Meetings- the 4th Tuesday of each month. UC

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

Stuhaug moved, Rasch seconded to set the board per diem as follows: \$85 per meeting, \$100 for meetings over 4 hours & board chair stipend of \$500. UC

Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes
Swenby moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. UC

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

Stromstad moved, Rasch 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 December were reviewed.

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of \$743,195.87 for checks 64418-64505. UC

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

Dean Hitchen reported on the following: athletics

Principal Messick reported on the following: student support activities

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: revenue tracking

Member Stuhaug introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND
POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers; contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

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

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Rasch 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.

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded, to authorize the continued use of the 2020 check signature plate until a new one can be obtained. UC

Member Stuhaug introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) required covered employers to provide up to 80 hours of paid emergency sick leave and up to 12 weeks of partially paid expanded family and medical leave, and

WHEREAS, the requirement to provide said leave ended on December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides the option for covered employers to extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any hours/days of leaves defined in the FFCRA through March 31, 2021, for those who have not been absent previously due to the COVID.

BE IT RESOLVED, Fertile-Beltrami Public School shall extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours/days of the FFCRA paid emergency sick leave and partially paid expanded family and medical leave, according to the guidelines outlined in the FFCRA, through March 31, 2021.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member 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:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Stromstad moved, Swenby seconded to approve the 2020 Pay Equity Report. UC
Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Stromstad moved, Opdahl seconded to approve phone lease with GVTEL. UC
Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

Stuhaug moved, Rasch seconded to accept a letter of resignation, with thanks for years of service from Shelley Rice- phy-ed. UC
Erickson- yes, Opdahl-yes, Rasch-yes, Strem-yes, Stromstad-yes, Stuhaug-yes, Swenby-yes

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 9, 2020

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

_____ Chairperson _____ Clerk