

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Independent School District #599
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
8:00 p.m., January 24, 2023
Fertile-Beltrami School Board Conference Rm

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met for an Informational Meeting at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Paul Stromstad (via telephone), Ryan Opdahl, Mark Sorenson, Principal Messick and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Angie Whitcomb, Jenna Schrom, Samantha Stock

Discussion: Member Rasch brought forward concerns regarding the book Slaughterhouse Five used in College Comp- citing language, references, subject matter used in book, and asked if another book could be used. Opdahl stated a former student who had read the book wished they could “unread” the book. Stuhaug shared comments from a former student who felt the book did challenge students and was appropriate for a College level class. Erickson highlighted this is a college class and students do have an option to not take the course. Sorenson discussed it’s the theme of the book and not a focus on specific content. Rasch felt that at a minimum parents should be aware of the information in the book.

Chairman Erickson adjourned at the meeting at 9:01 p.m. UC

_____ Chairperson _____ Clerk