

BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 18, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
School Administration Office

The Barron Area School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the school administration office.

President Brittany Stephens announced it was an open meeting and that proper notice was given to the news media.

Members Present: Brittany Stephens, Chris Donica, Danette Hellmann, Dan McNeil, Kelli Rasmussen, Wil Sinclair, Orin Thompson (arrived 6:00 p.m.) and Kate Vruwink.

Members Absent: Megan Marion

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of the Mission Statement.

Public comments were invited by the District at Large and by Staff and Students.

Spotlight on Staff recognized Brandon Thalacker.

Spotlight on Education featured a presentation on the District Report Cards.

In the interest of time, Item XII was moved forward:

Sinclair/McNeil moved to approve going into executive session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will be rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the School District with respect to litigation in which it is or likely to be involved, relating to contract matter.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, Voting Aye: Donica, Hellmann, McNeil, Rasmussen, Sinclair, Stephens and Vruwink. Voting Nay: none

Donica/Rasmussen moved to reconvene into Open Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes to take action or announce actions taken in the closed session, if any and if appropriate.

Donica/Hellmann moved to go to RFP for a medical clinic/facility, with a minimum of 2 (two) providers, in January 2024, to be in effect mid-March, 2024. Motion carried, all ayes.

Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Regular Session and the November 20, 2023 Closed Session will stand as presented.

Sinclair/Vruwink moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Vouchers to be Paid
- B. Approval of Retirement
 - 1. Brenda Haag, High School Teacher
- C. Approval of Staffing Recommendations
 - 1. Joseph Tischer, Night Custodian
 - 2. Mohamed Ali, EL Bilingual Aide
 - 3. Hafsa Hussein, EL Aide
 - 4. Robin Hanson, High School Forensics Coach
 - 5. Ann Malinowski, Middle School Forensics Coach
 - 6. Tristan Gorud, Support Staff Substitute
 - 7. Rebecca Schriener, Support Staff Substitute
- D. Approval of Donations
 - 1. Swant Graber Chevrolet Youth Baseball Program, \$500
 - 2. Dallas Lutheran Church, Backpack Food Program, \$60
 - 3. WI Northwest Heritage Passage Grant, Ellyn Schneider, Art Journals, \$500
 - 4. DonorsChoose, Greta Meincke, Beating Boredom-Board Games, \$226

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, Voting Aye: Donica, Hellmann, McNeil, Rasmussen, Sinclair, Stephens, Thompson and Vruwink. Voting Nay: none

Informational Reports:

- A. Correspondence:
 - 1. Stacy Hanie Family
 - 2. Dorothy Rischette Family
 - 3. Rita Runge Family
 - 4. Gail Larson Family
- B. Food Service Report
- C. Boiler Plant Report-none
- D. Monthly Enrollment Report
- E. Office of School Safety, Written Evaluation of Annual School Violence Drill-Review & Certification
 - 1. Elementary Schools
 - 2. Riverview Middle School
 - 3. Barron High School

Committee Reports:

Informational

- A. Site Council/Parent Groups-none
- B. Technology
- C. BACC Report – Chris Donica & Kelli Rasmussen

The Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit as follows for November 2023: Flex Account Balance-\$12,018.24; General Fund Balance-\$1,451,775.91; Activity Fund Balance -\$279,551.91; Fund 46-\$1,663,896.73.

Action Agenda:

McNeil/Sinclair moved to approve the NEOLA policy updates for Volume 32. No. 2. Motion carried, all ayes.

Donica/Rasmussen moved to approve the District’s five-year, long-range library plan. Motion carried, all ayes.

Rasmussen/Hellmann moved to approve the purchase of the new K-5 ELA curriculum through Amplify CKLA in the amount of \$155,650.62. Motion carried, all ayes.

Hellmann/Thompson moved to approve the new high school course offering, Technology Applications in Agriculture. Motion carried, all ayes.

McNeil/Vruwink moved to approve the hire of Kuhleen Wong as new long-term substitute cook. Motion carried, all ayes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- A. Wisconsin State Education Convention, January 17-19, 2024, Milwaukee

Donica/Rasmussen moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Kelli Rasmussen, Clerk