

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 p.m., December 12, 2017
Fertile-Beltrami School Conference Room

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Joel Stola, Greg Bjerk, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Bookkeeper Donna Genereux, Principal Messick, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Neil Steffes, Kerri Solie

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Stuhaug moved, Rasch seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 14, 2017. UC

Stola moved, Bjerk seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

Discussion: Levy and Budget

The following made public comments: none.

Cash balances for November were reviewed.

Rasch moved, Stuhaug seconded to approve payment of the December bills in the amount of \$353,794.81, for checks 2753-2762, and 60327-60431. UC

Dean/AD Report: science fair, good deed phone calls, Garden Valley Tv broadcasts. Winter activities in full swing.

Principal Messick reported on the following: 2nd Qtr mid term, HS Choir Concert, Voice of Democracy winners- 1st Albert Kargel, 2nd-Tatianna Enget, 3rd-McKenna Derosier, 4th-Mariah Broden. 3rd Gr shelter presentations, Close-Up trip participants=32.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Early Out/Late Start weather decisions, Facilities Updates, SMARTLabs visit to Fargo, Readers Theater Activity led by Bonnie Skanson.

Community Education Report: summary of programming and participation numbers for the 2016-17 school year.

Rasch moved, Strem seconded to certify the pay 2018 levy as follows:

| <u>Levy Category</u> | <u>Maximum Levy Amount</u> | <u>Recommended Levy Amount</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General RMV – Voter Approved | \$251,956.27 | \$251,956.27 |
| General RMV – Other | 215,325.81 | 215,325.81 |
| General – NTC Other | 172,192.07 | 129,427.53 |
| Community Service | 41,609.87 | 41,609.87 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Debt Service – Voter Approved | 0 | 0 |
| General Debt Service – Other | <u>576,302.77</u> | <u>576,302.77</u> |
| Total Levy | \$1,257,386.79 | \$1,214,622.25 |
| UC | | |

Stuhaug moved, Strem seconded to approve notice of assignment for Matt Larsen-Jr. High Boys' BB. UC

Stuhaug moved, Stola seconded to cast votes for Gary Gaulldin, Park Rapids, MREA Representatives for the North Central Zone. UC

Support for the Purchase and Exchange of School Trust Lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Proceeding in Tandem

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s School Trust Lands were granted by the United States to Minnesota at statehood, with the intent to provide a source of continued revenue, now and into the future, for public schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 83,000 acres of the School Trust Lands have been locked up in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and unable to generate revenue for the trust for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Superior National Forest, by agreement with the State of Minnesota, manages these lands as interwoven fabric of the BWCAW landscape; and

WHEREAS there are limitations imposed by the Wilderness Act directly conflicting with State law that directs School Trust Lands management to “secure the maximum long-term economic return”; and

WHEREAS a Hybrid Model has been adopted that includes a combination of land sale and exchange to transfer School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW to the United States Forest Service (USFS); and

WHEREAS a Plan B has been developed as a three-step proposal to accomplish the purchase component of the Hybrid Model whereby the Conservation Fund would 1) purchase private forest lands in St. Louis County, and 2) exchange the parcels for School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW, and 3) the USFS would then buy the former School Trust Lands from the Conservation Fund with funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS it is valued by multiple stakeholders that the purchase and exchange of school trust lands proceed on similar timelines; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that *Fertile-Beltrami Public School* supports a combination of land sale and exchange to transfer School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW to the USFS using the Plan B model to ensure that thousands of acres of private forest land in northern Minnesota will be transferred to the School Trust. Plan B is an alternative that provides for a continued source of revenue for Minnesota schools, allowing for a sustained yield and stable employment for industries, and provides thousands of acres of land for public recreation.

On Behalf of the *Fertile-Beltrami Public School* Board of Directors:

Matt Erickson, Board Chair

Passed on a vote of 6 ayes; 0 nays

Dated: 12-12-17

Bus bids in November were incomplete- so we need to approve purchases again.

Telin-\$95,952.24 ea. , North Central-\$97,088.60 ea.

Stuhaug moved, Bjerck seconded to accept the bid from Telin for busses totaling \$191,904.48.

UC

Stola introduced the following resolution, Strem seconded:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES

FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND
DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING
PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD
ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

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

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

| <u>Precinct</u> | <u>Polling Place</u> | <u>Polling Hours</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| City of Beltrami | Beltrami Fire Hall | 7:00 a.m.-8 p.m. |
| City of Fertile | Community Center | 7:00 a.m.-8 p.m. |
| Garden Township | Garden Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Garfield Township | Garfield Town Hall | 7:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Godfrey Township | Godfrey Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Grove Park Tilden Township | Mentor Community Center | 7:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Liberty Township | Mail Ballot Precinct | |
| Onstad Township | Onstad Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Reis Township | Mail Ballot Precinct | |
| Russia Township | Mail Ballot Precinct | |
| Scandia Township | Mail Ballot Precinct | |
| Woodside Township | Woodside Town Hall | 7:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Bear Park Township | Bear Park Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Lockhart Township | Mail Ballot Precinct | |
| Spring Creek Township | Spring Creek Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |
| Sundal Township | Sundal Town Hall | 10:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. |

*3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between.

Note: See Section 3.6 of the Election Manual regarding certain restrictions on voting hours.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., January 8, 2018

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

_____ Chairman _____ Clerk