

# **FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Independent School District #599

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**8:00 p.m., November 14, 2022**

Fertile-Beltrami School Board Conference Rm

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2022. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhau, Paul Stromstad, Kylie Strem, April Swenby, Ryan Opdahl, Nathan Rasch, Bookkeeper Jessica Vanderplaats, Principal Messick, Dean Bruggeman, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Mark Sorenson, Linda Widrig, Krista Fisher, Kari Morvig

Vice Chair Rasch called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Stromstad moved, Swenby seconded to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting, Informational Meeting, November 1, 2022. UC

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

The following made public comments: none

Cash balances for October were reviewed.

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded to approve payment of the November bills in the amount of \$359,573.49 for checks 66697-66820. UC

Dean/AD Bruggeman reported on the following: Fall sports wrap up, itinerary for Football playoffs, Fall Clay Target team finished 1<sup>st</sup>, individual Girl's finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fall Play dates- 12/10 and 12/11, Jr High Girls bb beginning.

Principal Messick reported on the following: Student of the month awards, Direct admission project update, Veteran's Day program, Principal of the Year Conference.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Moody's set District bond rating to Aa3, Academic Enrichment update, Community Ed Report submitted, Vex Robotics scrimmages, Canvassing info.

Member Stuhaug moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on Tuesday November 8, 2022, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1035 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of Referendum Renewal, of which 801 voted in favor, 234 voted against the same, and there were 0 completely blank or defective ballots relating to this question.
3. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.
- \* 4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

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: Opdahl, Swenby, Stromstad, Strem, Rasch, Stuhaug, Erickson.

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA        )  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 (Fertile-Beltrami), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the school board of said school district duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to canvassing the results of a special election of said school district, and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this 14th day of November, 2022.

Kylie Strem  
Clerk



Member Stuhauq moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2022, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1567 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of (four) school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Candidate S      Matt Erickson

Candidate T      Ryan Opdahl

Candidate U      Paul Stromstad

Candidate V      Mark Sorenson

Candidate W      Stanton Wang

3. Candidate S, Candidate T, and Candidate U, Candidate V having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2023.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES  
OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK  
TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 14th, 2022.

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

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No.599 to the following candidates:

- a. Matt Erickson
- b. Ryan Opdahl
- c. Paul Stromstad
- d. Mark Sorenson

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto (see APPENDIX 59 for sample forms).

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Strem and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Stuhaug, Rasch, Strem, Stromstad, Swenby, Opdahl, Erickson

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA        )  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 (Fertile-Beltrami), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the school board of said school district duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to canvassing the results of a special election of said school district, and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this 14th day of November, 2022.

Kylie Strem  
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 599 on Monday November 14th, 2022, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 8, 2022.
2. Erickson, Opdahl, Stromstad, Sorenson received the (largest/second largest/third largest/fourth largest) number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 599 for a full four year term.
3. There are (four) full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore Erickson, Opdahl, Stromstad, and Sorenson are elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No.599 for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2023 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2027.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No.599, pursuant to resolution dated November 14, 2022.

Member Rasch introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Independent School District No. 599 is a member district of the Area Special Education Cooperative (ASEC) of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Area Special Education Cooperative at the November 14, 2022 meeting passed a motion to spend Federal Flow-Through IDEA Part B Sec. 611; IDEA Part B Sec. 619 Preschool; IDEA Part B Sec. 611 Low Incidence; IDEA Part C (Ages 0-2); 140 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 611; and 141 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 619 Preschool Incentive Ages 3-5 Program funds jointly in the Cooperative for the 2021/2022 school year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Superintendent Brian Clarke be appointed the official representative for Independent School District No. 599, Fertile, Minnesota empowering him to spend their Federal Flow-Through IDEA Part B Sec. 611; IDEA Part B Sec. 619 Preschool; IDEA Part B Sec. 611 Low Incidence; IDEA Part C (Ages 0-2); 140 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 611; and 141 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 619 Preschool Incentive Ages 3-5 Program funds cooperatively with other schools through the Joint Powers Agency of the Area Special Education Cooperative, 1505 Central Avenue NW, East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721.

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Member Stromstad and upon vote being taken thereon, the following vote in favor of: Opdahl, Swenby, Stromstad, Strem, Rasch, Stuhaug, Erickson

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**In the presence of:**

Stuhaug Board Witness Erickson Board Chair

Opdahl Board Witness Strem Board Clerk

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 and the keeper of the records of said school district, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the School Board thereof at Fertile, Minnesota, on the 14th day of November, 2022, and that the same is now in force.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my name as Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 this 14th day of November, 2022.

Clerk Strem

Opdahl moved, Stromstad seconded to accept the following grants from the Fertile-Beltrami Education Foundation: . UC

Rasch moved, Stuhaug seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Alexis Kiesow- Academic Enrichment/Support. UC

Stromstad moved, Strem seconded to approve the following extra-curricular assignments: Jeff Gullickson—Asst. Boys' Basketball, Kevin Nephew-Asst. Wrestling, Bailey Gronner- Asst.

Girl's Basketball, Troy Olson- Jr. High Wrestling, Haley Massman- BB Cheerleading, Michaela Meine-Wrestling Cheerleading (approved in Oct), Kerri Solie- Jr High GBB, Craig Larson-Jr High GBB, Shelley Rice 9<sup>th</sup> GBB, Tim Sykes-9<sup>th</sup> BB, Carter Burke- Jr High BB, Todd Peterson- Jr High BB. UC

Swenby moved, Opdahl seconded to approve the bid from GVTEL for camera system installation upgrade in the amount of \$7,187.75. UC

Stuhaug moved, Rasch seconded to approve resignation from Mandy Abeld- paraprofessional. UC

Discussion Items: make up days for November 3, November 11<sup>th</sup> (p.m.) and upcoming November 17<sup>th</sup>. Swenby requested to step down from Policy Committee and have Stromstad fill-in.

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk