

# FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
8:00 p.m., January 9, 2024  
Fertile-Beltrami School Board Conference

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem, Ryan Opdahl, Mark Sorenson, Principal Messick, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Jenna Schrom, Karina Skaug, Angie Whitcomb

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

## Election of Officers

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

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

Opdahl nominated Strem for clerk, Stuhaug moved, Sorenson seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Sorenson nominated Stromstad for treasurer, Strem moved, Opdahl seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

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

## Board Appointments:

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

## Board Committees:

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

Strem moved, Sorenson seconded to designate the Fertile Journal as the official school newspaper, Bremer Bank (main account), and the PMA Financial Network, Inc. are designated as the official depositories. UC

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

Strem moved, Opdahl seconded to set the school board meetings and informational meetings for Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m, March mtg at 8:01 (due to Township Elections) , Informational Meetings- the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. UC

Strem moved, Sorenson seconded to set the board per diem at \$85 per meeting, \$100 for meetings over 4 hours & board chair stipend of \$500. UC

Stuhaug moved, Opdahl seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting Regular Meeting, December 12, 2023, Negotiations Committee Meeting, January 4, 2024, Negotiations Committee, January 8, 2024, and Negotiations, January 8, 2024. UC

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

The following made public comments: none

Cash balances for December were reviewed.

Stuhaug moved, Strem seconded to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of 803,052.19 (checks 68156-68215 \$169,533.70 and wires \$633,518.49). UC

Teacher report: Mrs. Skaug highlighted end of quarter, students assessments, and planning for February “I Love to Read Month.”

Principal Messick reported on the following: Good Student Award, Giving Project, Staff Development.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Building insurances, Fire Marshall inspection, After School Program, Pay Equity Report.

Sorenson moved, Strem seconded to approve the 2024 Seniority List. UC

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded to approve the Pay Equity Report. UC

2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Fund Balance Policy #714

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 13, 2024

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk