

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 30, 2026**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Anna Manecke, Jack Aakhus, Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall, Todd Haugen and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to approve the agenda.

AGENDA

Proposed Closure of J.W. Smith Elementary

The motion was offered by Dave Wall, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by Anna Manecke, Jenny Frenzel, and Dave Wall to approve the closure of J.W. Smith Elementary School and redistricting attendance boundaries for J.W. Smith Elementary students to other PreK-3 elementary schools.

Motion Fails.

Adjournment

Chair Haugen adjourned the meeting. Time: 6:34 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Todd Haugen, Chair

Date Approved