

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
MARCH 17, 2026**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Gymnasium at JW Smith Elementary.

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

Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Wall and Anna Manecke

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Question and Answer Session on Proposed School Closure – JW Smith

Superintendent Jeremy Olson presented on the financial picture of the district.

School Board Members received public input and questions regarding the proposed school closure of JW Smith Elementary School. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Chair Haugen adjourned the meeting. Time 8:30 p.m.

Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

Date Approved

Todd Haugen, Chair

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