

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MARCH 24, 2026**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Bemidji High School Commons at 2900 Division St NW.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative  
Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:31 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**Public Hearing on Proposed School Closure – J.W. Smith Elementary**

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

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

**Adjournment**

Chair Haugen adjourned the meeting. Time 7:03 p.m.

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Jenny Frenzel, Clerk

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Date Approved

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Todd Haugen, Chair

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