

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
MARCH 16, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Frenzel, Jack Aakhus, Anna Manecke, Todd Haugen and Superintendent Jeremy Olson

Jacobi Burmeister Pater – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Long Voelkner, Dave Wall  
Mckenzie Edevold – Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andrea Kent – JW Smith

REQUEST TO REMOVE TOPIC(S) FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the February 3, 2026 and March 2, 2026 School Board Meetings
- B. Bills Totaling: \$4,282,416.66
- C. Certified Confirmation of Resignation
- D. Non-Certified Staff Resignations
- E. Certified Staff Appointment
- F. Second Reading of Policies
- G. Request to Submit Grant — BHS
- H. Request to Submit Grant - Summer Program
- I. Request to Submit Grant — Paul Bunyan Center and Community Education
- J. Field Trip Request — BHS Robotics to World Championships

SPECIAL TOPICS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jacobi Burmeister Pater reported on helping JW Smith students feel welcome in their new school, the music trip to Las Vegas, ACT's and spring sports starting.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Anna Manecke had one person attend listening session who talked about concerns regarding closing JW Smith.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by Jack Aakhus, seconded by Anna Manecke, and carried by all in attendance to accept the following donations, \$1,200.00 to BMS for their Academic Showcase from Bank Forward and a Wego 13 Communication Device to Special Ed from Amanda Lundquist.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Regular School Board Meeting, April 20, 2026, 6:30 PM, District Office Board Room

OTHER

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Olson shared a presentation about the financial situation of the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by Jenny Frenzel, seconded by Jack Aakhus, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:51 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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Date Approved