

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
DISTRICT OFFICE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

Members Present: Sandy Benson, Brian Boen, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, Jill Hanson, and Theresa Jacobs

Members Absent: NA

Administration Present: Jim Menton, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-12 Principal; Derek Flann, Dean of Students/Activities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Hanson. Hanson then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Jacobs moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and those watching through Zoom.

Public Forum: Todd Frank asked the board to consider dissolving the relationship between BOLD School and ICS Consulting, Inc.

Consent Items: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes: August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting  
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Preschool Staff 2021-2022: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the Preschool Staff as follows:

Lindsey (Long) Rengel – Coordinator/Preschool Teacher  
Kassidy Zimmerman – Preschool Teacher  
Laurie Lubitz – Parent Educator  
Josette Repke - ECFE Teacher  
Jody Neubauer – Paraprofessional  
Kathy Herdina – Paraprofessional  
Lori Minkel - Paraprofessional  
Tonja Miller/Ziller - Paraprofessional  
Motion carried unanimously.

Shane Suess: Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Shane Suess, Food Service Staff, effective August 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Starr: Boen moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Tracy Starr, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective September 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Benson: Bohlin moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Jennifer Benson, Food Service Staff, effective September 14, 2021. Motion carried 5-0 with Benson abstaining.

Steve Solem: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Steve Solem, JH Girls Basketball Coach, effective August 24, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Debora Ziller: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of the .5 FTE Musical Choreographer Debora Ziller, effective September 7, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Catherine Meyers: Boen moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Catherine Meyers as a .5 FTE Musical Choreographer, effective September 20, 2021. Pay Level D of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Nathan Kubesh: Bohlin moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve Nathan Kubesh as an Assistant Wrestling Coach, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay Level B of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Maher: Benson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Anthony Maher as a Junior High Wrestling Coach, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay Level C of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mariah Lowe: Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Mariah Lowe as a Special Education Professional, Grade 2, Step 1 of the 2019-2022 AFSCME Council 65, AFL-CIO Labor Agreement for Paraprofessionals, Food Service & Administrative Assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cuellar: Boen moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Brenda Cuellar as a Food Service Staff, Grade 3, Step 1 of the 2019-2022 AFSCME Council 65, AFL-CIO Labor Agreement for Paraprofessionals, Food Service & Administrative Assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Jangula: Buchtel moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve Jeanette Jangula as a Food Service Staff, Grade 3, Step 1 of the 2019-2022 AFSCME Council 65, AFL-CIO Labor Agreement for Paraprofessionals, Food Service & Administrative Assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

Elsa Skeie: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Elsa Skeie as the Assistant Dance Coach beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay Level B of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Carrie Gilbertson: Jacobs moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Carrie Gilbertson as the Junior Varsity Dance Coach beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay Level C of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Tara Rodmyre: Boen moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve an FMLA leave for Tara Rodmyre for August 11, 2021 through September 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports:

### Superintendent Report:

Class of 1977 Sign Donation Update: The electronic sign was approved by the zoning committee and is now waiting to be approved by the City Council. The sign will be on a timer and will not have any advertising posted. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Facilities: The Facilities Committee had a good meeting on September 16th with several community members in attendance. The committee discussed the Splash Island Adventure Park and discontinuing relations with ICS Consulting, Inc. and to seek another vendor.

ESSER III: There is federal money available if the board can come up with a plan by October 1, 2021 utilizing staff, school board and the community.

K-12 Principal Report: Homecoming is the week of September 27- October 1, 2021. Mr. Benson has been greeting and getting to know the middle/high school students.

Activities Report: Mr. Flann said BLHS is no longer interested in a Softball Cooperative with BOLD. The cooperative would bump BLHS into the next class and they prefer not to do that. He then talked about the Emergency Action Plan for each sport and activity to have readily available at practice and events.

School Board Committee Reports and Discussion: The roof on the Bird Island gym needs to be repaired.

Pool Report: Nothing further to report.

## New Business

Facilities Committee - Splash Island Adventure Park: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve a proposal from the Facilities Committee regarding the request for land purchase in Bird Island. The motion included selling as-is the east 215' of the 300' x 580' tract lying south of the athletic field for the price of \$1 to the Splash Island Adventure Park. The purchase will be contingent on the group successfully securing funding and the purchase agreement will remain active for 18 months. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Committee - ICS Consulting, Inc.: Benson moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve a proposal to discontinue the relationship between ICS Consulting, Inc. and BOLD Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

MOU with Chalkboard Collective: Buchtel moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve the revised MOU with Chalkboard Collective. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2021 Payable 2022 Levy: Bohlin moved and Boen seconded a motion to Adopt/Certify the Proposed 2021 Payable 2022 Maximum Levy. Motion carried 5-1 with Jacobs voting no.

MREA Membership: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the MREA (Minnesota Rural Education Association) membership for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-1 with Jacobs voting no.

Absentee Ballot Board: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #102 Equal Educational Opportunity: Benson moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve Policy #102 Equal Educational Opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #401 Equal Employment Opportunity: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Policy #401 Equal Employment Opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy: Hanson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Policy #402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students With IEPs From School Grounds: Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Policy #532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students With IEPs From School Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #713 Student Activity Accounting: Boen moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Policy #713 Student Activity Accounting. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #410 Family and Medical Leave Policy: First reading of Policy #410 Family and Medical Leave Policy.

Policy #514 Bullying Prohibition Policy: First reading of Policy #514 Bullying Prohibition Policy.

Upcoming Date:

October 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting @ District Office

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants and Bequests: Benson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to adopt a resolution for acceptance of a donation from Sheehan's Gas toward a new paint sprayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Bohlin moved and Boen seconded a motion at 7:59 p.m. to move to a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously. Buchtel moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Hanson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel  
Board Clerk