

# **FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Independent School District #599

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**8:00 p.m., November 12, 2024**

Fertile-Beltrami School Board Conference Rm

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Paul Stromstad, Kylie Strem, Mark Sorenson, Ryan Opdahl, Nathan Rasch, Bookkeeper Jessica Vanderplaats, Principal Messick, Dean Bruggeman, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: April Grunhovd, Nick Aakhus, Tia Gullickson, Krista Fisher, Lisa Christenson, Olivia Morton

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m..

Strem moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024. UC

Rasch moved, Sorenson seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

Brady Martz Audit Report- presented by Olivia Morton

The following made public comments: Nick Aakhus addressed the Board members as a concerned parent regarding school safety.

Cash balances for October were reviewed.

Opdahl moved, Strem seconded to approve payment of the November bills in the amount of \$789,585.41 for check #s 69097-69213 (\$274,099.69) and wires (\$524,485.72). UC

Dean/AD Bruggeman reported on the following: Team up leadership event, Fall Sport surveys, Football playoff schedule, Fall Clay Target team finished first, VB semifinals, Cross Country- Katrina State qualification, Sr High Play performances, winter sports beginning.

Principal Messick reported on the following: Veterans program, Parent Teacher Conferences, ASVAB testing, staffing updates, Pepfest send off, Wed.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: construction updates, ESSER III and Safety Grant deadlines, Literacy Lead requirement.



Stuhaug moved, Rasch seconded to accept the 2023-2024 Audit Report as presented. UC

Member Opdahl introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Independent School District No. 599 is a member district of the Area Special Education Cooperative (ASEC) of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Area Special Education Cooperative at the November 12, 2024 meeting passed a motion to spend Federal Flow-Through IDEA Part B Sec. 611; IDEA Part B Sec. 619 Preschool; IDEA Part B Sec. 611 Low Incidence; IDEA Part C (Ages 0-2); 140 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 611; and 141 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 619 Preschool Incentive Ages 3-5 Program funds jointly in the Cooperative for the 2024/25 school year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Superintendent Brian Clarke be appointed the official representative for Independent School District No. 599, Fertile, Minnesota empowering him to spend their Federal Flow-Through IDEA Part B Sec. 611; IDEA Part B Sec. 619 Preschool; IDEA Part B Sec. 611 Low Incidence; IDEA Part C (Ages 0-2); 140 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 611; and 141 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEAS Part B Section 619 Preschool Incentive Ages 3-5 Program funds cooperatively with other schools through the Joint Powers Agency of the Area Special Education Cooperative, 1505 Central Avenue NW, East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721.

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Member Strem and upon vote being taken thereon, the following vote in favor of: Stuhaug, Rasch, Strem, Stromstad, Sorenson, Opdahl, Erickson

And the following voted against the same: none.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**In the presence of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Opdahl \_\_\_\_\_ Board Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Matt Erickson \_\_\_\_\_ Board Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nathan Stuhaug \_\_\_\_\_ Board Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Kylie Strem \_\_\_\_\_ Board  
Clerk

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 and the keeper of the records of said school district, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the School Board thereof at Fertile, Minnesota, on the 12th day of November, 2024, and that the same is now in force.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my name as Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 this 12th day of November, 2024.

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Kylie Strem \_\_\_\_\_

Member Stuhaug moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.599, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1514 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of (three) school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Candidate S     April Grunhovd

Candidate T     Nathan Rasch

Candidate U     Tia Gullickson

Candidate V     Valerie Wagner

Candidate W     Chris Zimmer

Candidate X     Brenda Hallgren

Candidate Y     Alicia Kieckbusch

3. Candidate S, Candidate T, and Candidate U, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2025.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES  
OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK  
TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 12th, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 599, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No.599 to the following candidates:

- a. April Grunhovd
- b. Nathan Rasch
- c. Tia Gullickson

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto (see APPENDIX 59 for sample forms).

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Sorenson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Opdahl, Sorenson, Stromstad, Strem, Stuhaug, Erickson

and the following voted against the same: none

Rasch abstained.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA        )  
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COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 599 (Fertile-Beltrami), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the school board of said school district duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to canvassing the results of a special election of said school district, and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this 12th day of November, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_Kylie Strem\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No.599 on Tuesday November 12, 2024, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 5, 2024.

2. Grunhovd, Rasch, Gullickson, received the (largest/second largest/third largest) number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No.599 for a full four year term.

3. There are (three) full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore Grunhovd, Rasch, and Gullickson are elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No.599 for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2025and expiring the first Monday in January, 2029.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No.599, pursuant to resolution dated November 12, 2024.

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to accept the following grants from the Fertile-Beltrami Education Foundation: Grant Awards total \$32,465.01 Roragen- \$305, Moland- \$1,000, Langenfeld-\$10,047.20, Messick-\$6,744.04, Solie/Benson- \$1,656, Olson/Sorenson-\$2,703, T Raaen-\$10,009.77. Field trips, Band requests, robotics, art, reading programming, Career Tech Education. UC

Opdahl moved, Sorenson seconded to approve the following extra-curricular assignments: Jeff Gullickson—Asst. Boys’ Basketball, Shelley Rice- Asst, Girls BB, Maria Bruggeman- 9<sup>th</sup> GBB, Kevin Nephew-Asst. Wrestling, Hunter Kresl- Jr. High Wrestling, Kerri Solie- Jr High GBB, Craig Larson-Jr High GBB, Tim Sykes-9<sup>th</sup> BB, Carter Burke- Jr High BB, Todd Peterson-Jr High BB. UC

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to accept a donation from FB Booster Club in the amount of \$2,250 for shot clock backboard lights. UC

Stuhaug moved, Strem seconded to accept the WBWF Report as presented. UC

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to approve a contract with the NWSC for Literacy Lead Services. UC

Sorenson moved, Stromstad seconded to approve Haley Mosher volunteer GBB coach. UC

Discussion Items:

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk