

**Bug O Nay Ge Shig School**  
**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 14th, 2021**  
**4:30PM via Zoom**

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:36pm

2. Invocation given by Laurie

3. Roll Call

☐ Anita Cloud/District I  
☐ Rose Robinson/District I  
☐ Ronald Burnette/District II  
☒ Shirley Young/District II  
☒ Ingrid Mesarina/District III  
☒ John Johnson/District III  
☒ Laurie Harper/District III

4. John made a motion to approve the Agenda for October 14th, 2021. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.

5. John made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 14th, 2021. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.

6. John made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from October 8th, 2021. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.

7. Open Forum (none)

8. Work Together:

- **Students** (none)
- **Teachers:** Mike S. gave verbal update. Recognized 2 FT subs.
- **Culture Staff submitted written reports:** H.S Ojibwe Language Rob Tibbetts: Glad to be back on staff teaching. Students learning how to be back in school and excited to see each other. Assessing student knowledge of Ojibwemowin, some starting at the very beginning of language instruction. Hope to gain understanding of basic subjects; intro protocol, various small talks. Hopes to have a section of students coming from Niigaane to maintain knowledge and teach more while at Bugonaygeshig. Is also teaching Indigenous Film class for high school, students are looking at portrayal of Native people, stereotypes, and problematic themes while viewing films.
- **Seasonal Activities** Richard Armstrong: Students have smudged the school, picked and hung cedar ties. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade went to Camp Ripley, picked

sage, archery, and met National Guard recruiter. Students tied the sage into bundles picked swamp tea and are finishing up the wild rice.

- Elementary Ojibwe Language Wanda Jackson: September: Wild Ricing theme, how to set camp, traditional ceremony, Ojibwe words describing tools, canoe, knockers, baskets, fire, threshing.
- Cultural Arts: Bonita Desjarlais: Students have begun to create paper mache pumpkin, and are viewing videos on how to create Halloween figures and decorations. Benefits to incite creativity. Other students are helping to decorate the elementary display case for Halloween. Students made their own color wheel, benefits are to understand how color applies to all areas of art.
- Drum and Dance/Culture Bruce, Donna, Julitta: Elementary students are learning the different songs and dance, high school students are still working on beading projects and discussing the different types of dance with videos.
- **Program Directors: Tashina submitted a written report:** routes have been covered. Uncertainty in future. Currently down one driver due to on site injury. Have pulled together as a team to manage. Hopes to increase advertisement about or hiring including possible booth at job fairs. Bus safety in two weeks. Transp. Working on getting that set up and information out to classes, demonstration, and safety procedures. John will be doing bus evaluations during this time. Acknowledges drivers and dispatchers for their hard work and pulling together when needed.
- **Loren Devault submitted a written report:** Mentions all the loss of loved ones. Family and friends, make it hard to focus on daily issues. Crew continues to do the jobs to keep everything operating as normal. Long list of outside vendors utilized. Supports his staff. Notes have to adapt to Covid and make it part of the normal operations although difficult with loss of life and health.
- **Technology submitted written report:** Beginning of year accounts for students and staff winding down. About to start repair on broken chrome books. Getting staff and students both distance and in-person teaching at the same time, corded web cam with mics on smartboards, with wireless keyboard and mouse. To merge online and in-person simultaneously. Climate Makers finally received the last part for the HS server room AC install. They are assembling unit scheduled to install on 10/19. Electrician scheduling to install the 220V braker and bring electricity to outside AC unit. The server room has been breaching the 82 degree heat warning, when the heat kicks in at night, but has been clearing it once the day starts. So getting the AC unit installed before it gets colder is important. The yearly warranty on the HS servers have been renewed. Electrician still needs to be scheduled to put in new fire alarm wire as well as the fiber through the conduit from the cold storage building to the transportation building. Mice got into the conduit and chewed into the wires and the pull string webbing. There is also a section of fire alarm wire needing replacement to the outside generator.
- **Jessica Sherman submitted written report:** Point of Sale up and running so the students and staff do not have to type in their numbers. The students are getting the hang of bringing their cards to scan them when they come in. If our

students or staff do forget their cards, I can still enter them into the computer as counted. With numbers so low in the Elementary, food ordering was adjusted. Hope to return to regular orders after MEA.

- **Principal Motherway:** Attendance trending up. Applauds staff using technology, family outreach, grades. Volleyball update. Discussed Covid numbers in four surrounding counties, school plan in place with protocols.
- **Director Dan:** Discussed perceptions vs. reality. Plans in place to inform families of proactive measures taken by the school including the new screening process. Attendance is trending upward.

#### **9. Old Business**

- A. Shirley made a motion to approve COVID Quarantine Protocol & Screening Program. Ingrid seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.
- B. Discuss/Approve Student Handbook. Shirley made a motion to approve the Student Handbook. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.

#### **10. New Business**

- A. John made a motion to approve Purchase of RedCat System - Sound Amplification System (\$48,000) Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.
- B. Shirley made a motion to approve Septic Pump Emergency Repair Bills (\$68,000) John seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.
- C. Ingrid made a motion to approve Special Education Director Contract (\$25,000) John seconded the motion. Motion approved. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.
- D. Shirley made a motion to approve Choice Therapy Contract for Speech and Physical Therapy Services (hourly rate: \$89/\$69) Ingrid seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.

**11. Shirley made a motion to Move Into Executive Session at 6:29pm. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.**

**12. Shirley made a motion to Exit Executive Session at 7:02pm. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.**

Dan shared school board online training opportunity next Tuesday.

The next regularly scheduled Bugonaygeshig School Board Meeting will be held on **\*Tuesday, November 9th at 4:30pm on Zoom. \*Rescheduled around LLBO Holiday.**

**13. John made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10pm. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-yes, 0-nay, 0-abstained.**