

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 777, Benson, Minnesota
Monday, November 30, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. – Northside Elementary School Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Brian Samuelson. Members present: Mary KW Langan, Bill McGeary, Eric Peterson, Gary Williams, Jim Berens, Brian Samuelson and Paul Carruth joined the meeting via Zoom.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Dennis Laumeyer, Katie Foley, Garrett Schmidt, Brock Duncan, Reed Anfinson, Kari Thompson, Kim Ulland, Jen DeBaere, and others via Zoom.

MSHSL Foundation: Activities Director Garrett Schmidt presented the MSHSL Foundation application grant. Motion by B. McGeary, second by G. Williams to approve the Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Roll call vote with the following voting in favor: J. Berens, B. McGeary, G. Williams, M. KW Langan, P. Carruth, E. Peterson, B. Samuelson and none against. Motion carried (7-0).

B-KMS Cooperative Activities: Supt. Laumeyer presented KMS Activities Committee updated proposal for a Cooperative Activity Fair Share Fee. KMS proposed to continue to pay their share of annual operational costs of the B-KMS cooperatives, based upon number of participants; KMS will continue to pay transportation costs to transport their athletes to Benson; Starting with the 2021-2022 season KMS and Benson will alternate Cross Country practices sites; KMS will pay Benson an annual \$25,000 participation fee starting the 2021-2022 school year; All other operation costs will remain the same as currently written in the Cooperative Agreements. Further discussion was held.

Motion by B. McGeary, second by G. Williams to accept the \$25,000 annual participation fee from KMS and to alternate B-KMS cross country practices between Benson and KMS. In addition, KMS must sign the cooperative agreements with these terms added and return to Benson no later than Friday, December 4, 2020. Motion carried (5-2).

Motion by J. Berens, second by E. Peterson that if agreements are not signed and returned to Benson Administration by Friday, December 4, 2020 the Benson School Board authorizes the Benson School Administration to send a letter dissolving all cooperative agreements except boys and girls hockey. Motion failed (2-5).

Future Meetings:

School Board Work Session - Monday, December 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Northside Elementary School Cafeteria

Truth in Taxation Hearing - Monday, December 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Northside Elementary School Cafeteria

Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, December 14, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Northside Elementary School Cafeteria

Levy Certification - Monday, December 14, 2020 6:00 p.m., Northside Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion by B. McGeary, second by J. Berens to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried (7-0).

Mary K.W. Langan, Clerk