Regular School Board Meeting August 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Jacob Lien, Cynthia Nord, Jesse Carey, Jenna Gross, Tog Anderson, and Superintendent Peter Bahr.

Members absent: Grant Mistic

I. The meeting was called to order by J. Lien at 6:00 p.m.

II. Agenda Changes

Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to add Item for Individual Action #8 Consider hiring Jay Cheney as a Jr. High Football Coach for the 2026/27 season. Level III, Year 7, $3,479. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. Thank you to Randy Notermann and the Blackduck custodial crew for their field preparation and hospitality to the Bemidji Summer Legion Softball program.

B. Open Comments from General Participation - None

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Approve Treasurer’s Report

3. Approve July bills

Motion was made by G. Mistic, seconded by J. Gross to approve the consent agenda items. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Consider hiring the following coaches for the 2026/2027 school year:

   Dan Hangaard-Head Football-Level I, Yr. 9+-$6,318
   Jonathan Smid-Asst. Football, Level II, Yr. 3-$3,905
   Ike Volk-Asst. Football, Level II, Yr. 3-$3,905
   Ryan Stomberg-Jr. High Football-Level III, Yrs. 9+-$3,711
   Lora Mistic-Head Volleyball-Level I, Yr. 9+-$6,318
   Sara Anderson-Removed from listing
   Destinee Benson-Jr. High Volleyball-Level III, Yr. 6-$3,249
   Misty Frenzel-Jr. High Volleyball Coach, Level III, Yr. 9-$3,711
   Brooke Lien- Removed from listing
   Neka Lindquist-Asst. Drama Coach ½ time, Level III, Yr. 3-$1,508

   Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to approve the coaches as presented (with two coaches removed from the listing) Motion approved unanimously.

   1a. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to hire Sara Anderson as Assistant Volleyball Coach-Level II, Yr 5. $4,212. Roll call Vote: J. Carey-Yes, T. Anderson-Abstain, C. Nord-Yes, J. Lien-Yes and J. Gross-Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

   1b. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by C. Nord to hire Brooke Lien as Drama Coach-Level III, Yr 8. $3,479. Roll call Vote: J. Carey-Yes, T. Anderson-Yes, C. Nord-Yes, J. Lien-Abstain and J. Gross-Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross to accept the bid for the 2026/27 Building Trades Home, from the Headwaters Housing Development Commission in the amount of $130,501.00, pending their signing of the purchase agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to ratify the 2026/27 contract with the Blackduck Education Support Professionals. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to approve the Elementary Student Handbook with changes. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to accept Darlene Benson's resignation as a Kitchen Custodian effective July 23, 2026. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by C. Nord to hire Darlene Benson as a Cook effective July 23, 2026, for 8 hours per student day. Year 2, $19.50 per hour. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to approve the summary of conclusions regarding July 20, 2026, Superintendent's evaluation. Summary includes: Mr. Bahr continues to demonstrate leadership qualities the Board values most and a genuine commitment to students and staff. His ability to communicate effectively, foster a positive district culture and manage complex situations has strengthened the district over the past year. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross to hire Jay Checney as a Jr. High Football Coach for the 2026/27 season. Level III, Year 7, $3,479. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion - None

V. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report provided by P. Bahr.

VI. Communications - None

VII. Future Meetings

1. September 14th Regular School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
2. Fall Teacher Workshop Days are August 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th.
3. Start of School Open House is Wednesday, August 26th, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., with a dinner in the MPR during that time.

VIII. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Motion approved unanimously.

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Chairperson Date

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Clerk Date