

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Bdote Learning Center**  
**3216 E 29<sup>th</sup> St. Minneapolis, MN 55406**  
**March 25, 2024 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes approved at April 29, 2024 Board Meeting**  
**Zoom link is at the TOP of the BOARD/[Board Meeting Schedule webpage \(click here\)](#)**

**MINUTES**

**1. Opening Items**

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:54 PM
  - i. Reminder that cameras are turned on during the meeting.
- b. Record Attendance and Guests
  - i. Present: Fawn YoungBear-Tibbetts, Angela Two Stars, Victoria Morris, Jewell Arcoren, Tedi Grey Owl
  - ii. Absent: Mathew Pendleton, Sheila Zephier
  - iii. Guest(s): Shaina Dreaming Bear, Korissa Howes, Veronica Peterson Briggs, Nicole Schmidt (CLA).
- c. Statement of Conflict of Interest.
  - i. None stated.
- d. Reading of Bdote Learning Center Mission & Vision Statement
  - i. The Mission of Bdote Learning Center is to develop culturally aware, successful, high performing students by providing them with an academically rigorous education that is place-based, and rooted in Native language and culture of indigenous peoples.
  - ii. The Vision of the Bdote Learning Center is that all students will develop a love of lifelong learning, language and cultural fluency, gain skills and education to determine their own future, and develop a genuine commitment to contribute back to their family, community and nation.
- e. Agenda (review and approval)
  - i. *Vikky motion to accept the March 25th, 2024 Agenda.*  
*Fawn seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*



**2. New Business**

- a. AIPAC vote of Concurrence/Non-concurrence presented by Melissa Perez, AIPAC Chair - TABLED
- b. Review and approve [Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year](#) - Only School start time TABLED.
  - i. Angela motion to accept the Bdote Learning Center 2024-2025 School Calendar. Jewell seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
- c. Approve termination of Shaina Dreaming Bear - Executive Committee [Recommendation](#)
  - i. Angela motion to approve termination of Shaina Dreaming Bear effective 3/25/2024. Jewell seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
  - ii. Executive Committee to discuss rehire policies.

**3. Public Comment**

- a. Shaina Dreaming Bear requested time to public comment in regards to misconduct.
- b. 5:09 Mathew Pendleton joined the meeting.

**4. Finance**

- a. February 2024 Financials and Check Register Nichole Schmidt, CLA.
  - i.  BLC February 24 Management Report.pdf &  BLC February 24 Financial Statements.pdf
  - ii. *Fawn motion to accept the February 2024 Management Report and Financial Statements.*  
*Vikky seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*
  - iii. Finance Committee March 2024 updates

**5. Board Meeting Minutes**

- a. Approve February 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

- i. [February 26, 2024 Board Minutes](#)
- ii. *Angela motion to accept the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Fawn seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*

**6. Leadership Reports: January**

- a. [Administrative Report](#) by Veronica Peterson-Briggs
  - i. Approve new hire Bernadette Toscano effective March 18, 2024.  
*Jewell motion to approve new hire Bernadette Toscano. Angela seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*
  - ii. Approve merging Dakota 5-8 to be placed with Ojibwe 4-5 and Ojibwe 6-8 effective, April 8, 2024.  
*Jewell motion to merge the middle school language groups with a cap of 25 students until the end of the school year, June 30, 2024. Angela seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*
- b. [Operations Report](#) by Korissa Howes

**7. Old Business**

- a. Board work per School Improvement Plan FY24
- b. School Committees updates

**8. New Business**

- a. Review suggested revisions to Bdote Learning Center Bylaws. Present revised bylaws for approval at next board meeting. Follow up with each board member for comments.  
[Comments and Proposed Revisions to Bylaws \(3\).docx](#)

**9. Next Regular Board Meeting: scheduled April 22, 2024 @ 4:30 PM via Zoom.**

**10. Adjourn**

- a. *Jewell makes a motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM. Fawn seconds.*