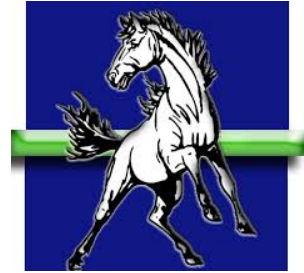


Belmond-Klemme Community School District

Belmond, Iowa 50421



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2023
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

Hiring Update

Posting	Position	Hiree
2303.	Science, Physics, Chemistry	
2304.	Special Education, H.S.	
2305.	Industrial Technology	Craig Johnson
2306.	Teacher, Elementary, Lower	Trinity Shirk
2307.	Teacher, Elementary, Upper	Natasha Smith
2309.	Teacher, Elementary, Lower	
2310.	Counselor, MS	
2311.	Teacher, Elementary, Utility	Bailee Frayne

No New Bus Coming

Last summer, the school board approved a bus purchase from Hoglund Bus. They were the low bidder when I did competitive bids. But Hoglund forgot to process our order. Now we have no bus coming, and Hoglund will no longer honor their bid.

Buying Gasoline Buses

The loss of our order was likely a blessing in disguise. We ordered a diesel bus, and diesels are on the way out. The new emission systems for diesel engines are high maintenance and very expensive. Likely by 2027, there will be no diesel buses available any more.

Neighboring district around us have been buying gasoline buses the last couple of years. We are behind times.

School buses remain eight months out for delivery. I would like to order a new bus this spring for delivery next January, and I would like to order only from Blue Bird, rather than letting competitive bids. Blue Bird is the only bus vendor with gas buses right now.

Senate File 251 Dies

SF 251 would limit non-classroom expenditures to no more than five percent of the school budget. This would have resulted in dramatic cuts to counselors, psychologists, school nurses, administrators, custodians, and transportation expenses.

A BIG thank you to all who reached out to House members to explain your concerns with SF 251. This bill did not advance out of the House Education Committee, so it is dead for the 2023 session.

Please continue to discuss the importance of all nonteaching staff in our schools, for student safety, mental health, and all of the operations and other supports that actually allow our teachers to focus on teaching. You are encouraged to keep explaining the importance of all nonteaching positions to legislators and celebrating the contributions of our staff with local constituents over the Interim.

Football Schedule Released

The Iowa High School Athletic Association changed the way it calculates classifications. Consequently, Belmond-Klemme dropped from Class 1A down to Class A for the next two seasons.

Our schedule was released last week:

Wk 1	Aug. 25	at North Butler, Greene
Wk 2	Sept. 1	West Hancock, Britt
Wk 3	Sept. 8	North Union
Wk 4	Sept. 15	at Saint Ansgar
Wk 5	Sept. 22	Newman Catholic, Mason City
Wk 6	Sept. 29	at Lake Mills
Wk 7	Oct. 6	AGWSR, Ackley
Wk 8	Oct. 13	at West Fork, Sheffield

Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

April 27, 2022	Administrative Professionals Day
May 5, 2022	National Day of Prayer
May 8, 2022	Mother's Day
May 19, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
May 22, 2021	2:00 P.M., Commencement
May 26, 2022	Ascension Day
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
May 31, 2022	Statutory deadline for completion of bargaining
June 16, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
June 19, 2022	Father's Day