

## Resolution on the Purchase of Computing Devices for Students for the School Years 2021-22 through 2024-25

### **Background:**

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, the Belmond-Klemme Board of Directors cast a final vote to become a one-to-one laptop school for all students in grades 4 through 12. The minutes of the meeting record the following:

“Technology Director Trish Morris presented to the board two options on possible lease options on laptops for the upcoming school year. After reviewing information, the board agreed to lease Mac laptops for grades 5-12. Motion by LaRue second by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.”

A year later, the Belmond-Klemme faculty adopted a goal to make a priority their commitment to using these technology tools effectively: “We will integrate relevant technologies to support optimal learning.”

Since that time, the faculty and staff of Belmond-Klemme have distinguished themselves in the use of technology as a modern instructional tool, and the school system has been successful in its integration and infusion of technology in its classrooms.

### **Recommended Action:**

I recommend the board move to adopt the resolution below.

Director \_\_\_\_\_ introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_ after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called, the following Directors voted:

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_

Nay: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, computers have become ubiquitous in our modern world and computer skills have become largely essential to the modern workplace; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District wishes to provide students with a modern curriculum designed to prepare them for the world they will enter upon graduation; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Board of Directors voted on Thursday, May 18, 2017 to make Belmond-Klemme a one-to-one school by provide a computing device to every student in grades 5 through 12; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme faculty has committed itself to effectively using technology in teaching by adopting the following goal: "We will integrate relevant technologies to support optimal learning"; and,

WHEREAS, our computer network was designed and engineered to accommodate Apple computers, and any change to another computer platform would be at substantial additional cost to the District at this time; and,

WHEREAS, the mobile computing devices provided to our students served the District well during the current and on-going pandemic and allowed Belmond-Klemme to distinguish itself as one of only six districts out of 327 in the State of Iowa to engage all students in continuous required learning while school buildings were closed in the Spring of 2020 and during school interruptions caused by the pandemic during the 2020-2021 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the federal funding known as the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act*, the *Omnibus COVID Relief Deal*, and the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* all designated money toward "providing technology for online learning to all students."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District on this date that Belmond-Klemme will continue as a one-to-one computer learning district, in accordance with the following:

1. The Board of Directors approves the acquisition of 430 Apple MacBook Air laptops for all 7 – 12 students along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services;
2. The Board of Directors approves the acquisition of 160 Apple iPad tablets for all 4 – 6 students along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services;
3. The Board of Directors approves the acquisition of 65 Apple TV connections for all K – 12 classrooms along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services (collectively, with the laptops and tablets, the “computer equipment”);
4. The Board of Directors further approves the acquisition of the computer equipment via the Apple Inc. Education Price Quote as negotiated with Apple Inc.;
5. Pursuant to the Apple Inc. Education Price Quote, the total owed for the computer equipment (inclusive of 430 laptop computers at \$779 per computer, 160 iPad tablets at \$294 per tablet, and 65 Apple TV connectors at \$149 per connector) shall be \$446,643.00;
6. The Board authorizes the complete payment of \$446,643.00 due to Apple Inc. upon submission of this order;
7. This purchase to be paid from federal COVID-19 stimulus funds designated to support online learning; and
8. This Resolution notwithstanding Board Policy 705.1, as the Apple Operating System is a proprietary system offering unparalleled safety and security not available from any other vendor in the industry.

Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Board President

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Attest:

Board Secretary

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