

Belmond-Klemme Community School District

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

Held in the Belmond-Klemme High School Library
411 Tenth Avenue Northeast, Belmond, Iowa 50421

Thursday, September 15, 2022- TENTATIVE-UNAPPROVED

The Board of Directors for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District met for a regular board meeting at the above date at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Michelle Murphy.

Vice President Murphy asked for the roll to be called. The Board Secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Michelle Murphy, Sharon Barkema, Gary Berkland, Heather Ridgway, and Jim Swenson. Rick McDaniel and Ryan Meyer were absent. Also present were Dan Frazier, Superintendent and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Vice President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

Vice President Murphy welcomed the Honored Guest, Mark Thompson. Thompson explained his history and his interest in education as a substitute teacher. The board discussed their concerns about gun violence, school security, mental health, teacher shortages, inflation, school vouchers, and inequities in school funding. Thompson listened to the concerns without committing to any particular stance.

Superintendent Frazier requested the school improvement and principals' reports be removed from the agenda. Director Swenson moved to approve the agenda as amended; second by Ridgway. Motion carried 5/0.

Vice President Murphy asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting from August 16, 2022;
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2022;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies: Review of Board Policies 406.1 through 407.5 Employees;
- Permission for Athletes to Compete in the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Wrestling Program;
- Substitute Bus Driver Contracts: John Andrews; Eric Boelman, David Butler, Daniel Cross, Eric Dougherty, Roger DuVall, Shirley McLaughlin, Scott Meyer, John Murphy, Deb Sloth, Jason Wessels, and Josh Wessels;
- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations:

- Assign Yvonne Sanchez as the Head Baker in the Junior-Senior High School with terms of employment on Step “C”, Year 5 of the master contract with an hourly wage of \$16.74 for 7 hours per day for 180 days.

Moved by Berkland, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 4/0, Murphy abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Reports

Business Manager’s Report on the Audit Exit Interview

Business Manager Theresa Greenfield reported on the financial audit and the single audit for fiscal year 2022. The nutrition fund ending balance will no longer be negative. The auditor will return to report directly to the board.

Superintendent Frazier reported on the increase in cyber threats targeting schools. Belmond-Klemme will increase cyber security efforts with two-factor authentication. Belmond-Klemme school buildings will have vulnerability assessments done and be eligible for up to \$50,000 per building to implement recommended safety capital improvements. Dr. Frazier reported that radon testing is complete, results are clear, and no further action is recommended.

Annual Meeting

Review of Board Treasurer’s Report: Examine Financial Accounting Books for Fiscal Year 2022
Board Treasurer Ms. Greenfield presented the Treasurer’s Report and ending fund balances. Barkema moved to approve the report; seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution of Depositories

Resolved, that the Belmond-Klemme Community School District approve the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of Belmond-Klemme Community School Funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of the Iowa Code Chapters 452 and 453 (1983) as amended by 1984 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2220. The school District Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Belmond-Klemme funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for the financial institution as follows: First State Bank in Belmond, IA maximum balance of \$8,000,000; Green Belt Bank and Trust in Belmond, IA maximum balance of \$500,000; The Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) in Des Moines, IA maximum of \$8,000,000. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution of Belmond-Klemme Community School District adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 15th day of September 2022. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 4/0, Berkland abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Appoint School Board Attorney

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board approve Ann Smisek of Ahlers Law as its legal counsel. Moved by Berkland; seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 5/0.

State Financial Reports

Annual Transportation Report: Superintendent Frazier recommended the board approve the report as submitted. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 5/0.

Certified Annual Report: Business Manager Ms. Greenfield explained the report to the board. Superintendent Frazier recommended the board move to approve the report as submitted. Moved by Barkema, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 5/0.

Special Education Deficit: Superintendent Frazier recommended the board approve the report as submitted. Moved by Barkema, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

SBRC Supplemental Aid for Special Education Deficit

Superintendent Frazier recommended approval of the report as submitted along with a request to the School Budget Review Committee for supplemental aid and allowable growth for the excess special education costs of \$488,856.81. Moved by Ridgway, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 5/0.

New Position of Weight Room Coordinator

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board create a new position for Weight Room Coordinator and authorize the hiring of someone to fill it. Moved by Berkland, Seconded by Swenson. 5/0.

Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Development (Wednesday, October 19)

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board approve an early dismissal on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 for professional development. Moved by Barkema, Seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

Board and Superintendent Goals

The board reviewed their progress toward setting goals from the board retreat on September 8, 2022. Goal development will continue at the October meeting.

Redistricting-New Director District Plan

Superintendent Frazier proposed a new director district plan made by Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting for Belmond-Klemme CSD. The board commented that this new director district plan would mean that Director Barkema and Director Meyer would be in the same district.

The Iowa Association of School Board's Annual Convention

Superintendent Frazier and Directors Berkland, Murphy, and Swenson all plan to attend the Iowa Association of School Board's Annual Convention on November 16th and 17th.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Director Ridgway wants to add baseball to a future agenda. Director Berkland asked Superintendent Frazier about progress on construction in the high school.

Adjourn

Board Vice President Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn by Swenson, seconded by Berkland. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Rick McDaniel, Board President

Date

McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

Date