

Belmond-Klemme Community School District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Thursday December 21, 2023

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

Board President Michelle Murphy called the meeting to order.

President Murphy asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Michelle Murphy, Ryan Meyer, Sharon Barkema, Gary Berkland, Rick McDaniel, Marc Schlichting, and Jim Swenson. Also, present were Interim Superintendent Chris Bergman (via zoom) and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

President Murphy added the appointment of Corrine Pelzer to item 5(k) Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations. President Murphy added Jostens yearbook agreement to item 5(j).

President Murphy asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Moved by Swenson, seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 7/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from November 13, 2023; Minutes of the Board workshop November 13, 2023; Minutes of the Special Board Meeting December 4, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- First Reading of New Policy 705.01 R(1) Purchasing-Bidding-Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contractors Procedure;
- First Reading of New Policy 705.1 R(2) Purchasing-Bidding-Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts;
- Early Graduation: Madisyn Swenson
- Preschool Schedule Update;
- Student Assistance Program Contract;
- Fundraisers: Strawberry and Meat Stick Sales, FFA, Trapshooting Clothing order, FFA, Coin Collection for Cheer Fund donation, NHS;
- Donations: \$1,000 Knights of Columbus, \$400 BKBK, \$450 BKBK, \$100 Cesar Lopez & Thelma Martinez, \$500 Zion Reformed Church, Winter Gear and supplies Nell Boyd, Comic Books First State Bank, Winter Gear Mary Schroeder;

- Employment Personnel Resignations and Recommendations:
 - Assign Mary Thompson as para-educator in Jacobson Elementary working with special education as Step 1 (wage of \$15.63 per hour) for 7.25 hours per day.
 - Change in Lori Eekhoff's assignment from 1.0 FTE special education to 0.8 special education and 0.2 teacher librarian. Approve 60 hours above and beyond her current contract for program development; Extend annual contract by 5 days, per diem.
 - Change in Erin Slifer's assignment from 1.0 classroom teacher to 0.8 classroom teacher and 0.2 Talented and Gifted teacher. Approve 60 hours above and beyond her regular contract for program development. Approve TAG stipend of \$1,296 per master contract; Approve 98 "missed prep period" payments at \$25 each, or \$2,450 total. Approve actual education expenses of tuition and books up to \$10,000 to complete all classes necessary for TAG endorsement, conditional upon a four-year commitment as TAG teacher for Belmont-Klemme CSD and repayment due to Belmont-Klemme CSD if teacher leaves the position prior to the four-year commitment.
 - Reassign Corrine Pelzer from Title I Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher for the position vacated following the resignation of Margaret Schon.
- Jostens Yearbook Agreement

Moved by Berkland, Seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 7/0.

Reports

Student Showcase- Lego League Competition

Ms. Schon and five students presented on Lego League. Twenty students are on BK's two teams. The students described practices, competitions, and coding, and gave a demonstration.

Principals Reports

Principal Jensen and Principal Young reported on the year end concerts, games, and activities. Both principals also reported on the Cyber Safety presentation for 5-12th grades.

School Improvement Advisory Committee Report

Director Gary Berkland reported to the board about the first meeting. He explained the role of SIAC and strong points that they would like to focus on more.

Interim Superintendents Report

Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on the staffing changes and the SIAC meeting. She played the video "Did you Know?"

School Business Report

Business Manager Theresa Greenfield gave an update on the safety grant application and using funds for video surveillance. She also went described the new Student Assistance Program.

Application to School Budget Review Committee for Increased Enrollment

Director Schlichting moved to approve the district's application to the SBRC for a supplemental amount of \$53,445 due to an increase of certified enrollment from the prior year, seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 7/0.

Application to School Budget Review Committee for Open Enrollment

Director Berkland moved to approve the district's application to the SBRC for a supplemental amount of \$101,797 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count.

Application to the School Budget Review Committee for the English Learner Program

Director McDaniel moved to approve the district's application to the SBRC for supplemental amount of \$30,463 for English Learner students who have exceeded five years of weighting and are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 7/0.

At-Rick/Dropout Prevention Grant Application

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S AT-RICK AND
DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 257.11(4) provides funding for at-risk programs and alternative schools, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 257.38 calls for school boards to submit to the Iowa Department of Education comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget costs of the at-risks programs and alternative schools, and

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District seeks to support its at-risk student population and prevent students from dropping out of school, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District chooses to levy local property tax to implement the programs described in the District's comprehensive program plans.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; by the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District as follows:

That the Board of Directors hereby approves the district's at-risk and dropout prevention programs and funds for the 2024-2025 school year.

Director Barkema introduced the resolution above and moved its adoption. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Director Swenson. The following voted in favor thereof: Barkema, Berkland, McDaniel, Meyer, Murphy, Schlichting, and Swenson. And the following voted against the same: None.

This resolution passed and approved this 21st day of December, 2023.

Michelle Murphy, President of the Belmond-Klemme Board of Directors.

Attest: McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

Transit Van Purchase

Director Barkema moved to approve the purchase of a used 12 passenger transit van for \$41,025.00 or one similar, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 7/0.

Board Comments

President Murphy shared comments from staff to thank Directors Barkema and Schlichting. The board thanked them for their years of service on the board.

Adjournment of the retiring Board “SINE DIE.”

President Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn the retiring board meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn moved by Barkema, seconded by Schlichting at 8:04 P.M.

Michelle Murphy, Board President

Date

McKenna Pentico, Board President

Date