

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 19, 2024

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 Gary Berkland called the meeting to order.

President Berkland asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Gary Berkland, Joel Buseman, Rick McDaniel, Michelle Murphy, Kevin Ring, and Jim Swenson. Also, present were Superintendent Jenn Peter and Board Secretary McKenna Parshall. Board President Berkland determined that a quorum was present.

Ryan Meyer arrived at 7:02 P.M.

Director Murphy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 7/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 14, 2024, Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting on November 14, 2024, and Minutes of the Board Workshop on November 25, 2024;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- Grants, Gifts, and Bequests: School Supplies & Nurse Supplies LuAnn Bruns with St. Olaf Church, Winter Gear Bobbi McVey & Mary Ann Lohse with St. Francis Xavier Church, \$10,000 for art display boards Foster & Evelyn Barkema Trust, \$10,000 for Barkema scholarship Foster & Evelyn Barkema Trust.
- School Board Policies: Review Board Policies 103-105 School District & Revise Board Policy 703.1 Budget Planning;
- Contracts for Students Tuitioned In and Out 24-25;
- Employee Personnel Resignations and Recommendations:
 - Accept the resignation of Stephanie Castro as para-educator in Jacobson Elementary.
 - Accept the resignation of Avery Pringnitz as Football Cheer Sponsor.
 - Accept the resignation of Jordan Willms as Head Golf Coach.
 - Assign Laura Pals as Elementary Counselor with a salary of \$65,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Assign Cory Yoder as Varsity Head Baseball Coach.
- Assign Ethan Krogman as Head Boys Soccer Coach.
- Assign Kristen Hefflefinger as Head Speech Coach.
- Assign Maddie Allen-Boelman as Assistant Speech Coach.
- Accept the resignation of Shaina Sheeder as Jr/Sr. High School para-educator.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Buseman. Motion carried 7/0.

Reports

School Improvement: eSports Team

ESports coach Austin Lich and five past and present eSports players presented to the board. They presented over the opportunities, skills, and connections that eSports has provided them. They discussed their rankings, game play, and matches with the board.

Curriculum Alignment with Justin Meyer

Justin Meyer reported over curriculum alignment kindergarten through twelfth grade. He discussed the processes that teachers and TLC committees are working through to help see a rise in scores.

Student Representatives Report

Student Representative Will Simonson reported over eSports competing at the state competition, blood drives, 7-12 grade band and choir concert, and the FFA food drive.

Principals' Reports

Principal Jensen reported over meeting with Director Meyer to create internships and work study opportunities for high-school students. Jensen also mentioned that the high school has begun working on their ESSA information.

Principal Offerman reported on plans to adopt new literacy curriculum to help meet goals at Jacobson. Teachers plan to begin piloting curriculum options as soon as possible.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Peter reported over attending the Iowa Superintendents Finance & Leadership Consortium conference with Business Manager Greenfield. She explained to the board about what they reviewed, and sessions they attended.

At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Grant

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S AT-RISK 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 approve by resolution comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget costs of the at-risk 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 a modified supplemental amount of \$220,818 which requires a local match amount of \$73,606 for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

This resolution passed and approved this 19th day of December, 2024.

Gary Berkland, President of the Belmond-Klemme Board of Directors.

Attest: McKenna Parshall, Board Secretary

Moved by Swenson, seconded by McDaniel.

The following voted in favor thereof: Berkland, Buseman, McDaniel, Meyer, Murphy, Ring, Swenson.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Application to the School Budget Review Committee for Open Enrollment

Director Murphy moved to approve the districts application to the SBRC for a supplemental amount of \$132,964.00 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 7/0.

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

Director McDaniel moved to approve the districts application to the SBRC for a supplemental amount of \$43,121.00 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.

School Budget Planning Calendar

Director Murphy moved to adopt the budget calendar for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, seconded by Ring. Motion carried 7/0.

Notice to Bid for Track Project

Director Meyer moved to tentively approve plans, specifications, estimated project costs, and form of contract prepared by Michael Murphy with Larson Engineering. Seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 7/0.

Authorize Date and Publication of Public Hearing

Director McDaniel moved to set a public hearing for January 23, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the High School media center as well as authorizing the publication of the hearing and notice to bidders, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 7/0.

Negotiations Planning

The board discussed the committees for bargaining and explained the process they will follow.

IA-SB Convention

Directors Murphy, Ring, and Superintendent Peter discussed their highlights at the IA-SB convention and the valuable resources and tools they acquired.

Adjourn

President Berkland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn moved by Swenson, seconded by Meyer. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Gary Berkland, Board President

Date

McKenna Parshall, Board Secretary

Date