

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

Held in the Jacobson Elementary School Library
1004 7th Street NE, Belmond, Iowa 50421

Thursday August 17, 2023

The Board of Directors for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District met for a regular board meeting at the above date in the Jacobson Elementary 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 (by telephone), and Jim Swenson. Also present were Interim Superintendent Bergman and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Board President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

Interim Superintendent Bergman requested to add resignations and recommendations to 4(k) Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from July 20, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies:
 - Annual Review of Policy 505.8 Parental Involvement (For Title 1)
 - Annual Review of Policy 606.5 Insufficient Classroom Space;
- Grant Application Renewals: Federal Programs Titles I, II, III, & IV
- 2023-2024 7-12 and Jacobson Student Handbooks;
- Employee Handbook;
- Donations;
- FY24 Four Oaks Consortium Agreement;
- Teacher Lane Change Advancements:
 - Paige Watne from BA to BA+15
 - Michael Stittsworth from MA to MA+15
 - John Sifert from MA+15 to MA+30
- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations;
 - Accept the resignation from Shelby Wiegmann as para-educator.
 - Appoint Laura Depuew as a para-educator at Jacobson Elementary.

- Appoint Kelsey Peterson as a para-educator at Jacobson Elementary.
- Appoint Jennifer Reed as a para-educator at Jacobson Elementary.
- Appoint Kaitlin Boelman as Football Cheer Sponsor.
- Accept the resignation of Marta Montenegro as para-educator.
- Accept the resignation of Reyna Tapia as a para-educator at Jacobson Elementary.
- Appoint Stephanie Fournier as para-educator at Jacobson Elementary.

Moved by McDaniel, seconded by Swenson. Motion Carried 7/0.

Food Service Director's Report on Summer Program and Readiness for School

Food Service Director Kim Belstene reported that nearly 2,000 meals were served during the summer lunch program. The kitchens and staff are prepared for the school year.

Transportation Director's Report on Fleet and Readiness for School

Transportation Director Brandon Allen reviewed recent training opportunities. All busses have been self-inspected and all driver positions are filled.

Building and Grounds Director's Report on Readiness for School

Building and Grounds Director Cory Heifner reported on the maintenance completed during the summer. A section of the roof over the new addition will need to be replaced.

Technology Coordinator's Report on Readiness for School

Technology Coordinator Trish Morris reported that all required technology for school is almost ready. Dual authentication is required for cyber safety.

Principals' Reports

Principal Jensen reported on new teacher orientation, fall sports, and welcoming new EL students to the building.

Principal Young reported on regular and EL summer school. Due to high enrollment, three-year-old preschool has been split into two sections: Monday and Thursday, or Tuesday and Friday.

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Bergman reported on back to school events, handbooks, and the website. Due to no female student athletes from Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, the Girls Cross Country Sharing Agreement has been negated.

School Business Office Report

Business Manager Ms. Greenfield reported that audit fieldwork begins August 28. Onboarding for new teachers and staff is going well and other state reporting is underway.

Board Meeting Schedule Change

Director Berkland moved to change the date of the November board meeting to November 13th to ensure board members could attend the IASB conference, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 7/0.

Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and to Fill a Vacancy

Director Berkland introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Barkema seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:

Ayes: Sharon Barkema, Gary Berkland, Rick McDaniel, Ryan Meyer, Michelle Murphy, Marc Schlichting, and Jim Swenson.

Nays: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF
CONTINUING LEVY A VOTER APPROVED PHYSICAL PLANT AND
EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAX AND TO FILL A VACANCY.

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that an election should be called on the question of continuing to levy a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELMOND-KLEMMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF FRANKLIN, HANCOCK, AND WRIGHT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District, in the Counties of Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The following public measure is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the public measure for the Ballot with the Wright County Commissioner of Elections no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed.

PUBLIC MEASURE

Shall the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District, in the Counties of Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing school houses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, by authorized for a period of ten

(10) years, to levy annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment property tax not to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or each year thereafter?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That in conjunction with the public measure above, an election be held to fill the remaining term of the office that became vacant on the resignation of Heather Ridgway and that was filled by the appointment of Marc Schlichting, such term to be effective until a successor is elected at the November 2025 regular school election and qualified thereafter.

Section 3. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 4. Wright County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 5. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before election.

Section 6. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Iowa Code Section 49.53(2).

Section 7. That the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with these Commissioners of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 8. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this RESOLUTION IN THE Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the “written notice” to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2023
Michelle Murphy, President of the Board of Directors
Attest: McKenna Pentico, Secretary of the Board of Directors

School Board Retreat

Director Berkland moved to plan the retreat for September 19th at 5:00 P.M. with a location to be determined, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 7/0.

Board Election

School Board Members discussed the upcoming election.

Districts 1,2,3,5 and 1 At-Large (2-year term) seats will be up for election.

August 28 is the first day of candidate filing.

September 21 is the last day for candidate filing.

September 26th is the candidate withdrawal deadline.

November 7th is Election day.

Advocacy to the State Legislature

Superintendent Bergman discussed what Advocacy to the State Legislature meant to her.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

No comments were made.

Closed Session: Real Estate

Board went into closed session at 8:15 P.M. under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5, to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to increase the governmental body would have to pay for that property to reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Board emerged from closed session at 8:27 P.M.

Adjourn

Director Swenson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by McDaniel. Board President Murphy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.