

# **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 September 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 Highschool 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, Marc Schlichting, and Jim Swenson. Absent was Rick McDaniel. Also, present were Interim Superintendent Bergman and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Board President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

Board of Directors lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim Superintendent Bergman requested to add Policy 503.8 Student Threats of Violence to 5(e) First Reading of Policy. Director Swenson moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 6/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from August 17, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies: Review of Board Policies 601.1 through 605.7 Education Program, First Reading of Revised Policy 605.1 Instructional Materials Selection, and First Reading of Policy 503.8 Student Threats of Violence;
- Appoint Members for Teacher Quality Committee: Christine Schultz, Amy Carlson, Justin Meyer, Mark Young, Cynthia Jensen, Chris Bergman;
- Purchase of Used 2008 Ranger Utility Vehicle for \$5,900;
- Donations: \$250 Knights of Columbus, \$100 Bock Family, \$100 Dale Timmerman, Backpacks/Supplies Bernie and Liz Barrett;
- Fundraisers:
  - NHS: Cookies
  - Band/Choir: Club Choice Food Sales
  - FFA: Fruit, Strawberry, & Poinsettia Sales, Spring Plants / Greenhouse Sales;
  - Elementary: Scholastic Book Fair

- eSports: Concession Stand for plays & musicals
- Yearbook: Yearbook Sponsorships
- Family & Consumer Sciences: Various treat sales, Football Game Fundraisers, Activity Bags, Pampered Chef, Food Truck, Meals by Sports Nutrition Class
- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations;
  - Accept the resignation of Melinda Fahrman as Title I teacher in Jacobson Elementary.
  - Appoint Austin Lich Fall Season eSports Coach and Sponsor (Rainbow Six Siege) with his salary at Year 3 for \$803 according to the master agreement.
  - Appoint Austin Lich as Spring eSports Coach and Sponsor (Valorant) with his salary at Year 3 for \$803 according to the master agreement.
  - Assign Jordan Hansen as the Evening Custodian at Jacobson Elementary with terms of employment at Year 1 in accordance with the master agreement (wage \$16.85 per hour) at 8.00 hours per day.
  - Accept the resignation of Nicole Herrold as 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher pending suitable replacement being found.
  - Appoint Justin Meyer as Boys HS Basketball Head Coach.
  - Appoint Dylan Block as Boys HS Basketball Assistant Coach.
  - Appoint Tom Burke as Boys J-JV Basketball Coach.
  - Appoint James Severson as Boys JH Basketball Coach.
  - Appoint Derek Varner as Girls HS Basketball Coach.
  - Appoint Katie Tautges as Girls HS Basketball Coach.
  - Appoint Paige Watne as Girls JH Basketball Coach.
  - Appoint Ethan Krogman as Co-Weight Room Coordinator.
  - Appoint Kyle Wilkinson as Co-Weight Room Coordinator.
  - Appoint Kaitlin Boelman as Show Choir Choreographer.

Moved by Swenson, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 6/0.

#### Student Showcase: Pledge of Allegiance Contest Winners

The Board enjoyed videos of Dani Schon's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class and Christine Schultz's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### School Improvement: Summer School Data

Principal Young reported on the summer school programs. Participation has dropped in the regular program. The EL summer school program is popular and has shown great success.

#### Principals' Reports

Principal Young reported on high elementary student attendance rates and homecoming activities. The PTO shows great support for students and staff in a variety of ways, including BK shirt donations. The board viewed a presentation on students and the countries they come from.

#### Interim Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent Bergman reported that she is writing monthly community newsletters. NIACC will be building a Regional Education Center in Hampton to serve area schools. Interim Superintendent Bergman invited Debbie Barkela to report on FFA National Convention plans. Mrs. Barkela discussed travel accommodations and the itinerary with the board.

#### School Business Office Report

Business Manager Greenfield reported on the annual audit. The district continues to carry negative student meal accounts. Internal control testing found no issues with financial records.

Review Board Treasurer's Report: Examine Financial Accounting Books for Fiscal Year 2023  
Board Treasurer Ms. Greenfield presented the Treasurer's Report and ending fund balances. Schlichting moved to approve the report, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 6/0.

#### Resolution of Depositories

Resolved, that the Belmond-Klemme Community School District approve the following list of financial institutions to be depositors of the 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 resolution of Belmond-Klemme Community School District adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023. Moved by Barkema, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5/0. Berkland abstaining due to a conflict of Interest.

#### Appoint School Board Attorney

Director Berkland moved the board approve Ann Smisek of Ahlers Law as its legal counsel, seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 6/0.

#### State Financial Reports

Annual Transportation Report: Director Swenson moved to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 6/0.

Certified Annual Report: Director Barkema moved to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 6/0.

Special Education Supplement: Director Swenson moved to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 6/0.

#### SBRC Supplemental Aid for Special Education Deficit

Director Berkland moved to approve 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 \$694,490.57, seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 6/0.

School Finance: Excess Costs of Limited English Proficient Program

Director Schlichting moved to approve the School Budget Review Committee application for a modified supplemental amount to cover the excess cost of \$91,408.63 for providing our Limited English Proficiency program for Fiscal year 2023, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 6/0.

FFA Excursion-National Convention

Director Barkema moved to approve the FFA excursion, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 6/0.

School Bus Purchase

Director Berkland moved to approve a purchase from School Bus Sales for a 60-passenger, gas bus for \$140,568, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/1. Voting no: Jim Swenson.

The Iowa Association of School Board's Annual Convention

Interim Superintendent Bergman requested that board members let Board Secretary McKenna Pentico know if they are interested in attending.

Advocacy to the State Legislature

Interim Superintendent Bergman reported to the board that the Belmond Independent has information on Legislative Coffees.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Board Members requested to add a closed session to the October meeting to discuss hiring a permanent superintendent.

Adjourn

Board President Michelle Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn by Barkema, seconded by Meyer. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Michelle Murphy, Board President

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Date

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McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

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Date