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FINANCE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Oak Crest Elementary School, 1101 Commerce Dr, Belle Plaine, MN 56011
6:00 PM Monday, March 24, 2025

Our mission is to pursue excellence in academics, programming, and the social and emotional development of our students. Fostering a culture of kindness, inclusion, and pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.

Terry Kahle: Present, Karl Keup: Present, Matt Lenz: Present, Tracy O'Brien: Present, Kellen Schmidt: Present, Tonya Smith: Present. Board member Kellen Schmidt is attending the March 24, 2025 School Board Meeting remotely from: 20 Gulfside Way, Miramar Beach, FL 32550

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kahle will call the meeting to order.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Special Presentations

Chairperson Kahle will ask if visitors wish to be placed on the agenda.

1. Adapted Floor Hockey, One Act, Nordic Ski, Wrestling Teams:

Representatives of these teams will highlight their successful seasons.

Activities Director John Bergs presented on recent accomplishments in our activities.

John presented members of the adapted floor hockey team on behalf of coach Jeremy Kalal. Belle Plaine participates in the New Prague Trojan Adapted Floor Hockey Coop, which earned a State Championship this season. Participants from Belle Plaine include Ryan Swenson, Ellie Gwozdziejewicz, and Ava Oxendale.

One-Act co-directors Tony Hartmann and Dylan O'Brien shared the accomplishments of the the One Act season. Their performance of "The Drowsy Professor" earned the school its 20th State Star Award of Excellence, making it the Most Starred school in the state. The One-Act program includes 26 students, grades 7-12, including 11 seniors.

Scott West assistant wrestling coach Matt Hennen shared a recap of the wrestling season, which culminated in state appearances by Isaac Williams, Dylan Thomas, Tristan Holbrook, Jacob Lehman, and Mason Breeggemann.

Scott West Nordic Ski coach Lisa Jamison summarized the successes of the Nordic Ski season, including junior Isaac Bemmels's appearance in State Nordic Ski

Championship.

3. Finance Meeting

Chuck Keller

Superintendent Laager provided an updated on anticipated challenges in state funding for next year. There is a 2.74% increase on the formula for next year; however due to a decrease in enrollment this results in less state

4. Other Items as Brought Before the Board &

Consideration of Agenda

Chairperson Kahle will ask if there are any items that need to be brought before the board and for consideration of the agenda.

Approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

5. Consensus Items

Chair Kahle

If any board member has concerns about the adoption of the following consensus items, please acknowledge the Chairperson prior to the final vote. If there are no concerns, these items will be voted on as a group.

Approval of all consensus items is recommended. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

1. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Kahle

Enclosed are the February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes for your review and adoption.

2. Approve Monthly Expenditures

Chair Kahle

At the board finance meeting, expenditures for the month of March were reviewed. Administration recommends approval of the March 2025 disbursements totaling \$1,752,281.48. This includes Board Payables of \$274,323.58, Hand Payments of \$227,592.45, Electronic Payments of \$1,234,885.84 and Student Activity Payments of \$15,479.61.

3. Personnel

Chair Kahle

See the attached Personnel Changes spreadsheet.

4. Donations

Chair Kahle

Donations totaling \$4,969 were given to the Belle Plaine School District over the past month. See the attached resolution for a full listing of the donations. Thank you to all who made these generous donations!

6. Discussion Items

Chair Kahle

1. Superintendent Update

Chair Kahle

Superintendent Laager will provide updates on current school activities.

Superintendent Laager provided an update on facility planning:

- *The community survey has been finalized and will go out to community members in early April.*
- *Board members visited recent township meetings to share updates on the district's facility planning.*
- *Met with the city council to discuss the potential of the city using Chatfield for a police station, should the district move forward with reducing our buildings from 4 to 2.*

- *Noted operational savings of approximately \$400,000 if moving from 4 buildings to 2.*

2. Board Member Reports

Chair Kahle

Board members will have an opportunity to share information about meetings they have attended over the past month.

Board member Kellen Schmidt provided an update on a recent FFA alumni meeting and highlighted the work of the FFA advisor Anna Buckentine.

Board member Tracy O'Brien provided an update on recent SouthWest Metro board work.

Board chair Terry Kahle shared an update on his visit to the Blakely township meeting.

7. Action Items

Chair Kahle

1. Non-Renewal of Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Dr. Laager

The resolution for non-renewal of the Girls Basketball Head Varsity Coach is attached. This is a roll call vote.

Approve the non-renewal of Carly Werner as the Girls Varsity Basketball head coach.

This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Tracy O'Brien, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Nay, Smith: Abstain (With Conflict)

Board recessed at 6:47pm.

Carly Werner responded to the reasons for her nonrenewal in a hearing.

Board resumed at 6:55pm (Karl Keup moved to resume, and Matt Lenz seconded the motion).

2. Seniority Lists:

Mr. Keller

The 2024-25 seniority lists for the BPEA and BPESP groups are attached. Approval is recommended.

Approve annually updated seniority lists. This motion, made by Tonya Smith and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

3. Policy Review:

The following policies are due to be reviewed. The current policy along with the redline version are attached:

Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records (with Form) - *Adds explanatory note for directory information*

Policy 516 Student Medication - *Adds new statutory provisions; rearranges sections for clarity*

Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination (with Form) - *Updates statutory definition of "disability"*

Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety (with Form) - *New title; adds cell phone provision*

Policy 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds - *Adds school resource officer language*

Approval of the revised policies is recommended. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

8. Upcoming Meetings

April 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session

April 28, 2025 6:00 p.m. Finance/Regular Board Meeting

9. Adjourn

Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

Board Clerk

Date