

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, February 24, 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. Director Gary Berkland called the meeting to order.

Director Berkland asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Michelle Murphy (via Zoom Conference Call), Heather Ridgway, Sharon Barkema, Gary Berkland, and Ryan Meyer. Absent were Rick McDaniel and Jim Swenson. Also, present were Superintendent Dan Frazier and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Director Berkland determined that a quorum was present.

Director Berkland called for a public hearing on the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. There were no public comments. Director Berkland closed the hearing.

Rick McDaniel arrived at 7:05 P.M.

Director Berkland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Barkema; seconded by Ridgway. Motion carried 6/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 19, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- Review of Board Policies 500 through 501.16 Students;
- Request for Continued Participation in Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield Group Health Insurance;
- Renewal of Service Agreement with Halvorson Trane for Rooftop HVAC Units;
- Contract with CDWG for Technology Upgrades under eRate;
- Renewal of 28E Agreement with Garner-Hayfield-Ventura for the North Iowa Therapeutic Instructional Consortium with Four Oaks;
- Coach and Sponsor Assignments for the Spring and Summer 2023 Seasons;
 - Girls Soccer: Brooke Sunne, Head Varsity; Tiffany Landrum, Volunteer Assistant.

- Boys Soccer: Gannon Harsma, Head Varsity; Dennis Quinn, Assistant; Ethan Krogman, Volunteer Assistant.
- Girls Track and Field: Justin Meyer, Head Varsity; Ethan Albertson, Junior High.
- Boys Track and Field: Shannon Muhlenbruch, Head Varsity; Leigh Jass, Assistant; Cory Yoder, Junior High.
- High School Girls Golf: Jordan Willms, Head Varsity.
- High School Boys Golf: Joe Perez, Head Varsity.
- Girls Softball: Shannon Muhlenbruch and Mikyla Hefti, Co-Head Varsity; Keyra Kelly, Junior High.
- Boys Baseball: Joe Tautges, Head Varsity; Evan Parshall, Assistant; Jake Smith, Volunteer Assistant.

Moved by Ridgway; seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 6/0.

Reports

Student Profiles: eSports State Champions and the eSports Program

Coach Leo Livingston and three of the eSports members spoke to the Board about winning the state championship and the eSports program at B-K. Director Berkland presented the members with a trophy for their achievement.

Student Profiles: Culinary Arts Students and their Charcuterie Boards Unit

Zander McLemore presented on the Charcuterie boards and the Culinary Arts class he is in.

School Improvement: School Culture Report by the Teacher Leadership Cadre Members

Justin Meyer reported on how faculty and staff are using the Top 20 program to improve school culture.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Frazier commented that the soccer team is named "Wright County Soccer," with uniforms designed to use all the participating school's colors.

Principals' Report

Principal Young mentioned the following upcoming events: PBIS celebrations, Read across America, second annual spelling bee, talent show, and Reading and Running program.

School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year

Director Barkema moved to approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year; seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 6/0.

School Budget and Finance

- I. Superintendent Frazier reported the low Supplemental State Aid (SSA) increase of 3.0% combined with declining enrollment and high inflation will leave the district with no new money.
- II. Superintendent Frazier presented the board with the final audit report for FY2022. Director McDaniel moved to approve the audit report as submitted; seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 6/0.
- III. Superintendent Frazier presented on Elementary Class-size Funds and recommended the board continue to fund two elementary teachers to keep class sizes smaller. Moved by Barkema; seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 6/0.
- IV. The School Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is not available yet.

Director Ridgway left the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

School Budget Guarantee Resolution

WHEREAS, the Code of Iowa Section 257.14 allows financial support to schools with declining enrollment so that the decline does not adversely affect a school's educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District chooses to support its educational programs to the best of their ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa/

Board Member Meyer introduced the resolution above and moved its adoption. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Barkema and the roll being called the following voted in favor thereof: Barkema, Berkland, McDaniel, Meyer, and Murphy.

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2023.

Job Postings

Director Barkema moved to approve the posting for a Science teacher position with a \$5,000 sign on bonus, seconded by McDaniel. The bonus will be paid throughout a span of 3 years. The first \$1,500 would be paid at the start of the first year for the individual. The second \$1,500 will be paid after the end of the second year, and the third \$1,500 will be paid at the end of the third year.

Director Ridgway returned to the meeting at 8:19 P.M.

School Board Member Resignation and Filling a Board Vacancy

Board Member Heather Ridgway resigned her position as director due to relocating outside of the district. Director Barkema moved to accept the resignation, seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 5/0, Ridgway Abstaining.

Director Barkema moved to appoint Marc Schlichting to the position vacated by Heather Ridgway, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 5/0.

Advocacy to the State Legislature

The board discussed their concerns with Senate Study Bill *1145*, that includes banning books in school districts across Iowa.

Adjourn

Director Berkland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn moved by McDaniel, seconded by Barkema at 8:47 P.M.

Gary Berkland, Board of Directors

Date

McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

Date