

Belmond-Klemme Community School District

Belmond, Iowa 50421



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2020
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

Initial Student Head Count Shows Stability

At the end of the first two weeks of school, our preliminary and unofficial count shows us at 692 students.

September 11, 2020				
	Enrolled	Section	Ave Size	
<u>Jacobson Elementary</u>				
Kindergarten	53	3	17.7	(4 online learners)
Grade 1	45	2	22.5	(2 online learners)
Grade 2	43	2	21.0	(2 online learners)
Grade 3	43	2	21.5	(4 online learners)
Grade 4	45	2	22.5	(2 online learners)
Grade 5	50	2	25.0	(5 online learners)
Grade 6	40	2	20.0	(3 online learners)
Elem Total	319	15	21.3	(22 online learners)
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<u>Jr/Sr High School</u>				
Grade 7	67	3	22.3	(2 online learners)
Grade 8	52	2	26.0	(4 online learners)
Grade 9	52	2	26.0	(1)
Grade 10	70	3	23.3	(4)
Grade 11	62	3	20.7	(1)
Grade 12	61	3	20.3	(1)
HS Total	364	16	22.8	(13)
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GRAND	683			

This year our preliminary enrollment appears to be down 5 students overall. Funded at \$7,044 per student, our anticipated revenue will be decreased by about \$36,000.

The official count is taken each year on October 1.

A Free Lunch

The federal government has funds remaining from its support of schools last spring. We were recently notified by the fed that any school-age child will be able to receive free breakfast and lunch. This change will begin on Monday, September 14, 2020. This program is free for all enrolled students in the district, and no special registration is required.

This program has been extended through the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2020), or until federal funding runs out. The school will notify parents and families of students when they will be charged for a meal again.

Summer School

Pat Kelly directs our high school summer school credit recovery program. Here are his results from this past summer:

- 93 students were identified as needing summer school
- 38 students did not pick up a computer
- 15 students are in process but did not complete at this time
- 40 students completed their classwork with a total of 86 classes being completed during summer school and the remainder of the summer for those that chose to.

Greenfield Completes Academy

Congratulations to Business Manager Theresa Greenfield. This summer Theresa completed the two-year course of study of the Iowa School Business Management Academy. Craig Hansel, Ph.D., an assistant professor at Iowa State and Director of the Iowa School Business Management Academy, sent these words to me:

“I just wanted to say *‘thank you very much’* for the support you provided to Theresa Greenfield while she completed the Academy’s two-year training program (135 instructional hours) and one-year Mentoring Program required of all new school business officials (SBOs).”

This training program was approved by Iowa’s State Board of Education. New SBOs who complete these program requirements are eligible to apply to Iowa’s Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) to convert from an initial SBO authorization to a standard SBO authorization. Every school district in Iowa must employ a school business official with SBO authorization.

Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

September 23, 2020	1:00 P.M. Dismissal for Teacher PD
October 1, 2020	9:00 A.M., IASB Employee Relations Conference, Altoona
October 12, 2020	Columbus Day – No School (Teacher PD Day)
October 15, 2020	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
October 27, 2020	End of First Quarter
November 6, 2020	No School Following Parent-teacher Conferences
November 17 – 19	IASB Annual Convention
November 19, 2020	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
November 25 – 29	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 17, 2020	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
December 23 – 30	No School – Christmas Break

Message from Shari Plagge, Wright County Assessor

To the members of the Conference Board, City Council and School Boards,

As you already know, tax statements have been sent out this year and a majority of the taxpayers saw tax increases, some quite significant. This year, not only did the 2019 valuations increase across most of the county but budgets and levy rates did as well. The tax process is complicated and does have many pieces in the puzzle. Valuation is one piece, your budgets and levy rates are the last piece of the tax puzzle. My staff and I are more than happy to review their valuations and the reasons for those valuation changes, however, we are unable to answer questions pertaining to your budgets or levy and are referring the taxpayer to you for those answers.

Attached is an overview of the valuation, tax levy rates and budget changes for a sample residential parcel for each city. (Commercial and industrial property information would be the same except they have a 90% rollback instead of the 55% rollback.) The overview information is from the bottom of a random tax statement within each city and is what we review with a taxpayer whenever they have questions.

Also, starting next week, my office will begin to review and visit property for the January 1, 2021 assessments (current taxes are based on a 2019 assessment). In reviewing market and property sales information for the first 6 months of this year, it appears that values will continue to increase across the county. In January and February, I will be attending a meeting for each board to give you a brief overview of the values for the next year and what I anticipate values to be at for the 2022-2023 tax cycle.

In the meantime, if anyone has questions or concerns, please give me a call or send an email.

Shari Plagge, ICA, RES, AAS
Wright County Assessor