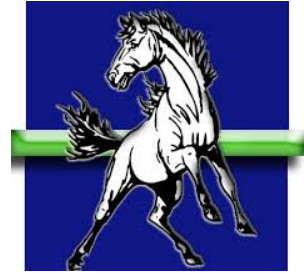


**Belmond-Klemme Community
School District**
Belmond, Iowa 50421



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

Rainbow Six eSports Team are State Champions

Our Rainbow Six eSports team competed in the state finals on Thursday, December 1, 2022, and emerged *STATE CHAMPIONS!* Congratulations to our team and its coaches.

Our Super Smash Brothers team also competed in the state tournament earlier in November and placed a respectable fifth in state.

Trap Shooting and Technical Problems

Over the last 20 years, several Midwest schools have added trap shooting teams. The teams are co-curricular and are generally open to any students who agree to provide their own shotguns. In many schools, a local shooting club like Ducks Unlimited or Pheasants Forever underwrites the trap team as the ammunition is very expensive.

Belmond-Klemme has a trap shooting team, but membership is restricted. It is only available to FFA members. Moreover, it is expensive. Every member must pay \$1,200 per year to remain a member in good standing of our school trap shooting team.

This is problematic for the Board. Under Iowa Code, it is unlawful to charge students to participate in any school activities, yet we charge \$1,200 per person.

The BK trap team has been in place since the school board approved it in February of 2009. At the time, FFA Advisor Brad Nelson proposed the club at an annual fee of "\$500 - \$600 dollars per member." Although the club was proposed by the FFA advisor, there was no indication that membership was to be restricted to FFA members.

FFA and Eligibility

A school board member recently asked me if a student must be taking agriculture classes in order to participate in Future Farmers of America (FFA). Yes, this is a state and national rule. A student must take at least a one-semester class each school year that they want to be a part of FFA.

Free and Reduced-price Meals

From our October report, this is the percentage of our students qualifying for free or reduced-price school meals this year:

Jacobson = 58.6%

Jr/Sr High = 49.3%

District Wide = 54.1%

District Operations Closing

Our operations will be largely shut down the week between Christmas and New Year. Our year-round employees get two days after Christmas and two days before New Year. With one day of vacation they have the entire week off this year.

I will be taking that week off as well and flying to Florida to spend the holiday season with my wife who remains on duty helping Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole survivors.

Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

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| December 15, 2022 | 7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting |
| December 24, 2022 | Christmas Eve |
| December 25, 2022 | Christmas Day |
| December 26, 2022 | "Christmas Day" day off |
| December 31, 2022 | New Year's Eve |
| January 1, 2023 | New Year's Day |
| January 2, 2023 | "New Year's Day" day off |
| January 6, 2023 | Epiphany |
| January 9, 2023 | Iowa Legislature Convenes |
| January 10, 2023 | End of First Semester |
| January 16, 2023 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Teacher PD Day |
| January 19, 2023 | 7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting |