

# **Belmond-Klemme Community School District**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Held in the Belmond-Klemme High School Library  
411 Tenth Avenue Northeast, Belmond, Iowa 50421

### **Thursday, February 18, 2021 – TENTATIVE - UNAPPROVED**

The Board of Directors for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District met for a regular board meeting at the above date at 7:00 P.M.

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Governor Reynolds signed a proclamation easing the rules for public meetings during the course of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The requirement that school boards have a physical meeting location where the public can congregate to listen to the meeting was temporarily suspended. During this time period, meetings must be hosted entirely through electronic means.

The meeting was Live Streamed on the school district's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BKBroncos>

Citizens wishing to speak at the hearing or address the school board could do so by calling the telephone number 641-444-4300 ext. 2109

The meeting was called to order by Board President Rick McDaniel.

President McDaniel asked for the roll to be called. The Board Secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Rick McDaniel, Michelle Murphy, Sharon Barkema, Gary Berkland, Ryan Meyer, Marc Schlichting, and Jim Swenson. Also present were Superintendent Dan Frazier, Student Representative Kaitlin Alfaro, and Board Secretary Thelma Martinez. President McDaniel determined that a quorum was present.

President McDaniel Called for a public hearing on a School Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year. There were no public comments. President McDaniel Closed the hearing.

President McDaniel asked the board to approve the agenda. Moved by Swenson; seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 7/0.

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

- Minutes of the Board Meeting from January 21, 2021;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies:
  - Review of School Board Policies 707.1 through 709, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services
  - First Reading of Revised Policy 710.1 School Nutrition Program
  - First Reading of Revised Policy 710.2 Free or Reduced-price Meals Eligibility
- Bidding of Lawn Care Services;
- Request for continued Participation in Wellmark BlueCross-Blue Shield Health Insurance;
- Renewal of Service Agreement with Halvorson Trane for Rooftop HVAC units at the Elementary;
- Coach and Sponsor Assignments for Spring and Summer 2021 Season
  - Soccer: Girls Soccer: Iveth Guzman Head Varsity, Melanie Chandler Volunteer Assistant. Boys Soccer: Gannon Harsma Head Varsity, Dennis Quinn Assistant, Wendy Meints Volunteer Assistant.
  - Track and Field: Girls Track and Field: Justin Meyer Head Varsity, Leigh Jass Assistant, Jeff Buseman Volunteer Assistant, Ethan Albertson Junior High. Boys

Track and Field: Shannon Muhlenbruch Head Varsity, Jaxon Heinz Assistant, Joel Bagley Junior High.

- High School Boys and Girls Golf: Joe Perez Head Varsity, Dan Renwick Volunteer Assistant.
- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations
  - Accepted the resignation of Merriya Ruiter as English/Language Arts Teacher.
  - Accepted the resignation of Darwin Christensen as Head Varsity Football Coach
  - Accepted the resignation of Shelby Zirbel as a special education paraeducator in the high school

Moved by Barkema, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 7/0.

## Reports

Ms. Marne Markwardt reported on the fundraisers made to establish the Jason Englert scholarship; she mentioned the scholarship has raised \$13,530.19 to date.

Ms. Debbie Jennison and Ms. Marne Markwardt reported on the FAST testing for kindergarten students performed on January.

Superintendent Frazier mentioned his correspondence with Representative Baxter about Vouchers for Private Schools; He also, mentioned the high percentage of staff vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. Finally, Superintendent Frazier updated the board with the interviewing process for High School Principal.

Principal Fisher mentioned the end of the winter sports season, Jazz/Pop concert, and the spring plays.

Principal Young talked about the food pantry, and mentioned the upcoming play day for the Elementary School.

## Secondary School Building Repairs, Improvements, and Renovations

Architect Wineinger presented the current plans and a tentative schedule for this summer's renovation of the high school to the board.

## Financing Phase III of the High School Renovation Project

Director Berkland moved to approve the engagement letter for Piper Sandler (Placement Agent); seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 7/0.

Director Swenson moved to approve the engagement letter for Ahlers & Cooney (Bond Counsel); seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.

The President of the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District (the "School District") called up for consideration the Resolution Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$1,800,00 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which requires that a public hearing be held on this proposal

Director Barkema introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Schlichting seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:

AYES: McDaniel, Murphy, Barkema, Berkland, Meyer, Schlichting, and Swenson.

NAYS: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY  
\$1,800,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES  
AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure and Advanced Vision for Education Fund (“SAVE Revenue”) pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on April 6, 2010 approving a revenue purpose statement (the “Revenue Purpose Statement”), the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is in need of funds for the following school infrastructure project(s): to build, furnish, and equip additions to and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing high school, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has deemed it necessary and advisable that the District issue School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, in the approximate amount of \$1,800,000 for the purpose of providing funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing high school, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District’s Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, before said Bonds may be issued, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.4, and to publish a notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the proposal to issue such Bonds; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. A public hearing will be held in the High School Library, 411 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N.E., Belmond, Iowa 50421, on March 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., on the proposal to issue approximately \$1,800,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, for the purpose of providing funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing high school, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District’s Revenue Purpose Statement.
2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to publish notice of this public hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the School District. Such publication will be made not less than ten nor more than twenty days ahead of the hearing date, and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED  
ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,800,000 SCHOOL  
INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX  
REVENUE BONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District, in the Counties of Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing upon its proposed issuance of approximately \$1,800,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue bonds, Which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, for purpose of providing funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing high school, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any Bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District’s Revenue Purpose Statement.

The hearing will be held in the High School Library, 411-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N.E., Belmond, Iowa 50421, on March 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

Rick McDaniel, President of the Board of Directors

Attest: Thelma Martinez, Secretary of the Board of Directors

#### School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board adopt Draft C of the calendar. Director Berkland moved to approve Draft C for the 2021-2022 School Year; seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.

#### Upgrades to the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems and Controls at the Elementary and Secondary buildings Using Federal COVID Relief Funds

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board move to authorize the Trane proposal with a roughly invest of \$70,000. Moved by Schlichting; seconded by Barkema. Motion a carried 7/0.

#### Drop-Off and Pick-Up Traffic Flow at Jacobson Elementary School

Board discussed the traffic flow at Jacobson Elementary

#### School Finance

- New Money report is not ready and available from the Iowa Department of Education
- Superintendent Frazier recommended continuing to fund the positions that Belmond-Klemme currently fund. Moved by Schlichting; seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.
- Business Manager Ms. Greenfield presented the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Director Berkland moved to approve an Income Surtax at 3% (\$12.97); seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0. Director Barkema moved to approve a Management Levy for a rate of 15.5¢; seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 7/0. Director Schlichting moved to approve Cash Reserve Levy for a rate of \$1.68; seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 7/0. Director Swenson moved to approve the amended budget for publication; seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 7/0.

#### Resolution in Opposition to Private School Vouchers and Advocacy to the State Legislature

Director Swenson introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Barkema after due consideration thereof by the Board, the president put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called, the following Directors voted:

AYES: McDaniel, Murphy, Barkema, Berland, Meyer, Schlichting, and Swenson.

NAYS: None

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature is considering enacting SF159, a scholarship fund for the purpose of enacting educational savings accounts or vouchers, expanded open enrollment leading to segregation and expanded tax credits and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District Board of Directors has determined that the Iowa Legislature should not enact any type of legislation of any kind, for any student, and should continue to promote and fully invest taxpayer resources in Iowa's public schools, who are barred by law from discriminating against any student and who are held to standards set forth by both federal and state government. Public schools are provided oversight by locally elected school boards and by the state of Iowa. Public schools must adhere to strict state testing requirements and ensure equitable success and outcomes for each learner regardless of income, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or disability. Nonpublic schools are not held to the same public accountability standards. Iowa taxpayers deserve to know how their public funds are being used. School choice already exists in Iowa in the form of open enrollment, enrollment in private online institutions, and tuition tax credits.

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District Board of Directors believes that Iowa public schools provide a strong educational experience for all students, the overwhelming majority of students attend public schools in Iowa, and families choose to remain in Iowa due to quality public school systems, we denounce any attempt to divert public funds from chronically underfunded, highly accountable public schools to private institutions that lack accountability and are not subject to rigorous academic scrutiny of financial oversight by publicly elected school boards.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021  
Rick McDaniel, President of the Board of Directors.  
Attest: Thelma Martinez, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Federal COVID-19 CARES Funding Used to Hire Additional Personnel  
Board discussed the use of CARES Funding to expand and improve services to struggling learners.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning  
Board suggested to Superintendent to add in the discussion items for next meeting the use of CARES Funding.

Adjourn  
President McDaniel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business there was a motion to adjourn moved by Swenson; seconded by Barkema. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Rick McDaniel, Board President

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Date

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Thelma Martinez, Board Secretary

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Date