

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 July 20, 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 Highschool Library at 7:00 P.M. Board President Michelle Murphy called the meeting to order.

President Murphy asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Michelle Murphy, Ryan Meyer, Gary Berkland, Jim Swenson. Absent from the meeting were Sharon Barkema, Rick McDaniel, and Marc Schlichting. Also, present were Superintendent Bergman and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Board President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

Kaylen Morris spoke to the board in opposition of a sharing agreement between Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and Belmond-Klemme for cross country.

Superintendent Bergman requested to add resignations to 4(h) Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from June 15, 2023, Special Board Meeting from June 26, 2023, and Special Board Meeting from June 28, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies: Review of Policies 402.1 through 404 Employees and Second and Final Reading of New Board Policy No. 804.05 Stock Prescription Medication Supply;
- Rental Rates for School Facilities;
- Substitute Bus Driver Contracts for John Andrews, Eric Boelman, Kyle Braun, Daniel Cross, Eric Dougherty, Roger Duvall, Shirley McLaughlin, Scott Meyer, John Murphy, Deb Sloth, Jon Swenson, Jason Wessels, and Josh Wessels;
- District Personnel Handbook for Certified and Support Staff;
- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations;
 - Accept the resignation from Katie Hanig as para-educator in Jacobson Elementary.

- Accept the resignation of Leo Livingston as Fall eSports Coach, conditional upon finding suitable replacement.
- Accept the resignation of Reagan Swisher as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.
- Appoint Reagan Swisher as Junior High Football Coach.
- Appoint Katie Tautges as Junior-Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach.
- Appoint Tom Heifner as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.
- Appoint Mark Ketchum as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.
- Appoint Dawn Sanders as Volunteer Volleyball Coach.

Moved by Berkland, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 4/0.

School Improvement: Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) Testing Results for the BK Secondary School

Principal Jensen reported the ISASP testing results to the board for the BK secondary school.

Principal Jensen also reported on the Spring 2023 Public Schools Conditions for Learning Student Survey. The board discussed the student's responses and testing scores.

Principal Young Reported on the 3rd through 6th grade ISASP scores. Principal Young explained to the board that Covid-19 set back reading proficiency. Principal Young also reported on the Spring 2023 Public Schools Conditions for Learning Student Survey. The board discussed responses.

Principals' Reports

Principal Jensen reported that Baseball and Softball are complete and fall sports are starting.

Principal Jensen also reported about the summer lunch program.

Principal Young started that summer cleaning and maintenance are nearly complete. Jacobson is planning an open house with a Q&A session to follow.

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Bergman reported on the warm welcome that she has been receiving from the community. Superintendent Bergman also reported on open positions, preschool, and the new transportation director starting.

School Business Office Report

Business Manager Ms. Greenfield reported that the audit engagement letter has arrived and final payments for the construction project are included in the July bills. Ms. Greenfield also noted that board elections and the PPEL renewal are coming up in November.

Director McDaniel joined by phone at 7:53 P.M.

Renewing the Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy

Director Berkland moved to request voters approve a \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value PPEL levy at the next election, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

Sharing Cross-Country with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD:

James Severson reported to the board the benefits to sharing cross country with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD. Director Meyer moved to approve a sharing agreement between Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and Belmond-Klemme for the upcoming cross-country season, seconded by McDaniel. Motion carried 5/0.

Finalize Legislative Priorities of the School Board

Superintendent Bergman recommended that the Board move to affirm their legislative priorities and asked Board Secretary McKenna Pentico to complete and submit the priorities in the IASB *Call for Legislative Priorities* survey for possible inclusion among IASB's 2024 legislative priorities. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Berkland. Motion carried 5/0.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Superintendent Bergman asked the board to be thinking of dates for the school board retreat. The board also discussed the November meeting date.

Closed Session: Real Estate

Board went into closed session at 8:38 P.M. under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5, to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to increase the governmental body would have to pay for that property to reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Board emerged from closed session at 9:06 P.M.

Adjourn

Director Berkland moved the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Swenson. Board President Murphy declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Michelle Murphy, Board President

Date

McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

Date