

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 October 19, 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, Marc Schlichting, and Jim Swenson. Absent were Sharon Barkema and Rick McDaniel. Also, present were Interim Superintendent Bergman and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Board President Murphy determined that a quorum was present.

Board of Directors lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Murphy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5/0.

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

- Minutes of the Board Workshop from September 19, 2023 and Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from September 21, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies: Annual Review of Policy 507.9 Wellness Policy, Review of Policies 606.1 through 607.2R1 Education Program, and Second and Final Reading of 503.8 Student Threats of Violence;
- Donations: \$8,000 First State Bank, Snacks for football team Grid Iron, Basket of Goods Central Iowa Community Services, \$50 Amy Pollitt, \$37 Anonymous, Practice vests for football team Grid Iron, \$100 Callie Stein, Winter clothes and school supplies LuAnn Brunen, Winter clothes and school supplies, Nell Boyd, School supplies and manipulatives Tish Arnold, School Supplies Bobbi McVey/St Francis. Xavier Church, School supplies Rehabilitation Center of Belmond, School Supplies Boyd Family, Teachers lounge supplies BK PTO, Teachers lounge supplies First State Bank, Mittens Holmes Lutheran Church, Clothes and school supplies St Olaf Church.
- Professional Development with Top 20 Trainings for January and April for a cost of \$8,151.70 each;

- District Career and Academic Plan;
- Seniority List 2023-2024: Belmond-Klemme Classified Staff;
- Employment Personnel Resignations and Recommendations;
 - Accept the resignation of Denis Quinn as EL para in the High School, effective October 20, 2023
 - Appoint Garrett Griffioen as eSports Volunteer.
 - Assign Bailey Heuton as a 1st grade teacher in Jacobson Elementary for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year following the resignation of Nicole Herrold. Subject to the following: Successful completion of her student teaching and her degree, and obtaining a teaching license, certified in Elementary Education, on or before January 3rd 2024.
 - Approval of the following substitutes: Teachers- Wendy Jacobson, Naomi Lette, Jodi Braun, Jennifer Kreitlow, Lucinda Sheriff, Kaitlin Boelman, Connie Halfpop, Alan Mattison, Kyle Wilkinson, Edward Kane, John Andrews, Carrie Mulford, Leroy Jensen. Para-Educators- Brandy Crawford, Heather Masteller, Eric Thome, Emma Carlson, Valeria Torres, Ryann Sander, Irma Terry, Lydia Juarez, Alicia Winters, Kendra Watne, Carson Lane, Karen Christenson. Custodians- Mike Lette. Kitchen- Deb Abel, Val Dougherty, Carol Leshner. Nurse- Sara Hejlik, Lisa Kluss.

Moved by Berkland, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

Student Showcase: Industrial Technology and Vocational Education Students under the Direction of Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson brought samples of projects his students completed and explained the classes and learning opportunities through the Industrial Tech program. Next semester, Mr. Johnson will start reboot robotics. The Board thanked Mr. Johnson for his work and coming in to speak.

School Improvement: Current State of Learning

Justin Meyer presented FAST testing data for the fall and reported on improved scores throughout the school. Erin Slifer explained the learning targets and success criteria used by teachers. Amy Carlson reported on Bronco hour in the Elementary and the math and English skills they are working on. Board members thanked Justin, Erin, and Amy for coming to present.

Interim Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent Bergman sent invitations to individuals recommended to be part of the School Improvement Advisory Council. The bus inspection is complete and no major issues were uncovered. She reviewed data on the English Learners program, which includes 122 students through the district.

Principals' Reports

Principal Jensen reported on a visit to the John Hanson Career Center in Forest City. Ms. Jensen also reported on the upcoming end of fall sports season and eSports remaining undefeated.

Principal Young reported on the English Learner program in the Elementary, which includes 85 students. Young reviewed FAST testing which shows math scores are above the state average.

School Business Office Report

Business Manager Greenfield presented certified enrollment numbers and noted the question of the Voter-Approved PPEL Levy will be on the November 7th ballot.

Return to Learn Plan

Director Berkland moved to approve the Return to Learn plan that is in place, seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 5/0.

The Iowa Association of School Board's Annual Convention

Board members are to notify Secretary Pentico if they will be attending IASB convention.

Wrestling Program with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

Interim Superintendent Bergman stated that transportation arrangements have been made for wrestling and our cheerleaders have been invited to join CGD wrestling cheerleaders.

Advocacy to the State Legislature

Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on a press release from Rural School Advocates of Iowa.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Board members were reminded the next meeting will be Monday, November 13th.

Adjourn

With no further business President Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Schlichting, seconded by Swenson. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Michelle Murphy, Board President

Date

McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

Date