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 March 21, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District met for a regular meeting at the above date in the Belmond-Klemme High School Library at 7:00 P.M. Board Vice President Meyer called the meeting to order.

Vice President Meyer asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Ryan Meyer, Joel Buseman, Michelle Murphy, Kevin Ring, and Jim Swenson. Absent were Gary Berkland and Rick McDaniel. Also, present were Interim Superintendent Chris Bergman and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. Vice President Meyer determined a quorum was present.

Interim Superintendent Bergman requested to add a supplemental financial report to item 5(c) Bills. Vice President Meyer asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Buseman. Motion carried 5/0.

Vice President Meyer asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items:
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from February 15, 2024;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- Second and Final Reading of New Board Policy 501.17 Absence from School;
- Review Board Policy 503.3 Fines - Fees – Charges;
- Review Board Policy 903.5R1 Distribution of Materials Regulation;
- Revision of Board Policy 502.8 Search and Seizure;
- Revision of Board Policy 502.8R1 Search and Seizure Regulation;
- Donations: Office Supplies Brenda Stahl, Knitted Hats Presbyterian Friendship Women of Goldfield, $1,923.59 donation Belmond Band Boosters, $180 FFA Community Breakfast.
- Fundraisers;
- Contract with CODEHS;
- Request for Continued Participation in Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield Group Health Insurance;
- Renewal of 28E Agreement with Garner-Hayfield-Ventura for the North Iowa Therapeutic Instructional Consortium with Four Oaks;

- Cooperative Agreement with University of Northern Iowa;
- AEA Purchasing Agreement;
- Jacobson Elementary, Wide Area Network under eRate;
- Visual Edge IT Server Refresh Project;
- Renewal of Comm1 Service Agreement under eRate;
- Renewal of Service Agreement with Halvorson Trane for Rooftop HVAC Units;
- Employment Personnel Recommendations and Resignations:
  - Accept the resignation of Delores Yepez as 7-12 Paraeducator, effective March 29, 2024.
  - Accept the resignation of Leo Livingston as Secondary English Teacher.
  - Accept the resignation of Leigh Jass as Secondary History Teacher.
  - Assign Stephanie Castro as paraeducator in Jacobson Elementary.
  - Appoint Jennah Meyer as Junior High Softball Coach.
  - Appoint Debbie Jenison and Ene Duran to share Elementary Student Council Sponsor.

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

Reports

Student Showcase: Student Council
The elementary and high school student council members presented to the board over their activities throughout the year, meetings, and what they are working on moving forward.

School Improvement: EL Program
EL Teachers Claudia Gurrerro, Mirriam Castillo, and Tiffany Landrum presented to the board about the EL program this year. They explained to the board that there are currently 120 EL students with 87 in Jacobson Elementary and 33 in the Jr./Sr. High School. The teachers explained ELPA21, Summer school programs, and testing scores.

Student Representative Report
Student Representative Will Hays reported on band, choir, eSports, and the Blue Print. He explained to the board that the Blue Print is coming up on their 20th edition for the year.

Principals Report
Principal Yong reported on student council, reading across America week, and the upcoming talent show. He also reported on the SCRIPT computer literacy program that they have been working to plan for K-12.

Principal Jensen reported on NHS inductions, jazz band, track, soccer, and golf. She also reported that the high school has been interviewing for vacant positions for the next school year and have had good numbers for applications.

Policy Committee Report
Director Murphy reported on the policies that were approved in the consent items.

School Improvement Advisory Committee
Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on the upcoming meeting and the counselors throughout both schools have been working on bullying and harassment policies.

Interim Superintendent Report
Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on bargaining and initial conversations. She reported on hiring, transfers and following policy. Ms. Bergman also reported on the two versions of the calendar.

Technology Report
Technology Coordinator Trish Morris reported on currently having issues with servers in the school, therefore they will be replaced in June. Ms. Morris also reported on GoGuardian a computer program to help with online safety on school devices.

Business Office Report
Business Manager Theresa Greenfield reported on the audit report that has been received back and she reported that the SSA amount has not been set by the state legislature yet.

Audit Report
Director Swenson moved to approve the audit report as submitted, seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 5/0.

School Finance: School Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, Proposed for Publication
Director Swenson moved to publish and set date for the second public hearing for April 18th at 7 P.M., seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 5/0.

Advocacy to the State Legislature
Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on the SSA and AEA bill not being approved yet.

Determine Month for Outdoor Classroom Meeting
Interim Superintendent Bergman recommended having the May board meeting at the outdoor classroom, the board agreed.

2024-2025 School Year Calendar
Interim Superintendent Bergman explained the two different calendars and when the legislature decides a start date we will take action.

Adjourn
With no further business Vice President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Ring. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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Ryan Meyer, Vice President   Date

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McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary   Date