

**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 February 15, 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 President Berkland called the meeting to order.

President Berkland asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Present for the meeting were Gary Berkland, Ryan Meyer, Joel Buseman (via zoom), Michelle Murphy, Kevin Ring, and Jim Swenson. Absent was Rick McDaniel. Also, present were Interim Superintendent Chris Bergman, student representatives Makayla O'Donnell Heifner and Will Hays, and Board Secretary McKenna Pentico. President Berkland determined a quorum was present.

The Board welcomed Ashley Spires and Tina Halverson from Central Rivers AEA to speak. Ashely and Tina provided the board with a presentation of the services we currently receive from the AEA and the services that are at stake with the current legislation. The Board thanked Ashely and Tina for coming to speak.

President Berkland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Meyer seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 6/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from January 18, 2023;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- Revision of Board Policy 502.7 Student Substance Use;
- Revision of Board Policy 508.2 Open Night;
- First Reading of New Board Policy: 501.17 Absence from School;
- Review Board Policy 502.1 Student Appearance;
- Review Board Policy 501.10 Truancy-Unexcused Absences;
- Agreement with Morningside University;
- Donations: Winter gear Kylee Lamb, Winter gear Tracy Tulp, Gloves Mary Ann Lohse, Coffee for staff Kelly Boyd & Family, Refreshments and paper products for staff First State Bank;
- Fundraisers;

- New SIAC Member: Raelynn Thilges;
- Employment Personnel Resignations and Recommendations:
  - Accept the resignation of Kaitlin Boelman as Football Cheer Sponsor.
  - Accept the resignation of Tiffany Landrum as English Language Secondary Teacher.
  - Accept the resignation of Derek Varner as 7-12 Physical Education Teacher, JH Football coach, and Varsity Girls Basketball coach.
  - Assign Dan Bock as volunteer Boys Basketball Coach.
  - Assign Joshua Faaborg as Varsity Head Football Coach.
  - Assign Paige Willey as a substitute teacher.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 6/0.

President Berkland administered the Oath of Office to student representatives Will Hays and Makayla O'Donnell Heifner.

#### Reports

Student Showcase: Top of Iowa Leadership Conference

Four students presented to the board about their time at the Top of Iowa Leadership Conference. They presented over what they learned and different types of leadership they practiced.

#### School Improvement: TLC Report

The board read over quotes and watched a video from TLC talking about their recent professional development day with Willow Sweeney.

#### Student Representatives Report

Makayla O'Donnell Heifner reported over the show choir and dance team and their recent accomplishments. Will Hays spoke to the board about speech and winter sports week.

#### Principals' Reports

Principal Jensen Reported on the upcoming pop's concert, wrestling, basketball, and track.

Principal Jensen, Callie Stein, and James Severson also reported on the future of the Alternative School and potential plans that they have.

Principal Young reported on global playday at the elementary and presented the board with a video of the activities. He also reported on the various services that the elementary receives from the AEA.

#### School Improvement Advisory Committee Report

President Berkland reported on the recent School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting, he highlighted important details that are being worked on.

#### Policy Committee Report

Director Murphy reported on the policies that the board was approving. Director Murphy also reported on the process and benefits of looking over policies from other school districts.

#### Interim Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent Bergman reported on the possibility of having all of Wright County complete the Iloveyouguys training. She also reported on other safety information, internship possibilities, and day on the hill.

#### Business Office Report

Business Manager Theresa Greenfield reported on the safety grant that has been submitted and approved. Ms. Greenfield also explained to the board the school budget guarantee resolution.

#### Subaward Agreement for Safety Grant

Director Swenson moved to accept the subaward agreement as presented, seconded by Buesman. Motion carried 6/0.

#### School Budget Guarantee Resolution

WHEREAS, the Code of Iowa Section 257.14 allows financial support to schools with declining enrollment so that the decline does not adversely affect school's educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District chooses to support its educational programs to the best of their ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

Board Member Meyer introduced the resolution above and moved its adoption. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Murphy and the roll being called, the following voted in favor thereof: Berkland, Buseman, Meyer, Murphy, Ring, and Swenson. And the following voted against the same: None. (McDaniel absent) Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Gary Berkland, President of the Board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District.

#### Proposed Property Tax Notice

Business Manager Theresa Greenfield explained the proposed property tax notice to the board, no action was taken.

#### Public Hearing #1

Director Meyer moved to have a public hearing on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Seconded by Swenson. Motion carried 6/0.

#### Legislative Advocacy: Day on the Hill

Director Berkland and Interim Superintendent Bergman explained what the legislators are working on, and provided the board with the information they know this far.

#### Board Comments

Director Murphy reported on the recent vendor fair in the high school gym. Director Ring asked about virtual snow days and the regulations around them. Director Berkland reported on a school in Iowa who passed an armed teachers' policy.

#### Adjourn

With no further business President Berkland asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Swenson, seconded by Meyer. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

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Gary Berkland, Board President

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Date

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McKenna Pentico, Board Secretary

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