

**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, March 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, and Board Secretary Thelma Martinez. President McDaniel determined that a quorum was present.

President McDaniel called for a public hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. There were no public comments. President McDaniel closed the hearing.

President McDaniel called for a public hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$1,800,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. There were no public comments. President McDaniel closed the hearing.

President McDaniel called for a public hearing on the Proposed Lease of Student Computers. There were no public comments. President McDaniel Closed the hearing.

Superintendent Frazier removed Action Item (9a) Building Repairs and Improvements from the agenda and replaced it with Consent Item (7h) Federal e-Rate Funding for Internet Connectivity. President McDaniel asked the board to approve the amended agenda. Moved by Swenson; seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 7/0.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from February 18, 2021;
- Financial Statements;
- Bills;
- School Board Policies:
  - Review of Board Policies 710.3 through 711.9, Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services
  - Second and Final Reading of Revised Policy 710.1, School Nutrition Program
  - Second and Final Reading of Revised Policy 710.2, Free or Reduced Price Meals Eligibility
- Request for Continued Participation in EMC Group Insurance
- Cooperative Student Teaching Agreement with UNI
- Purchase of Outdoor Sound System

- Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations
  - Appointed Cynthia (CKay) Jensen as High School Principal with an annual salary of \$104,000, single health and dental insurance, long-term disability insurance, \$100,000 term life insurance, and 230 days of service (not including 10 holidays and 20 days of vacation).
  - Appointed Margaret Dani Schon as technology and Talented and Gifted teacher assigned to grades K-12 at Step 1 (the entry step), Lane BA (\$40,000) according to the master agreement.
  - Appointed Candie Cueva as an English-language arts teacher assigned to the secondary school at Step 1 (the entry step), Lane BA (\$40,000) according to the master agreement.
  - Appointed Elizabeth Stange as English-language arts teacher assigned to the secondary school at Step 1 (the entry step), Lane BA (\$40,000) according to the master agreement.
  - Assigned Nikki Wyman as a para-educator in the secondary school working with special education with terms of employment at entry level in accordance with the master contract (beginning wage \$14.28 per hour) at 7.25 hours per day.
  - Appoint Heather Danburg as the school counselor assigned to the elementary school at Lane BA+30, Step 1, of the salary scale of the Master Agreement for a regular salary of \$44,236.

Moved by Berkland; seconded by Murphy. Motion carried 7/0.

#### Reports

School Improvement: Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) by Secondary School  
Mr. Jass reported to the board the activities implemented in the High School for the PBIS project and mentioning aligning those expectations with social emotional learning.

Superintendent Frazier mentioned the extension of free school meals until September 30. He, also mentioned the high rate (90%) of staff vaccinated.

Principal Fisher reported on the Jacobson grant awarded to Belmond Klemme to acquire the new sound system for the football and baseball stadiums. Mr. Fisher commented the speech competition, upcoming play and soccer practices.

Principal Young (by phone) mentioned parent-teacher conference attendance and the upcoming book fair.

#### Federal e-Rate Funding for Internet Connectivity

Business Manager Ms. Greenfield presented the agreement to upgrade the internet access service. Director McDaniel asked for a motion to authorize the application for e-Rate funding. Moved by Schlichting; seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.

#### Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$1,800,000 School Infrastructure Sales Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

Director Berkland introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Swenson 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 SUPPORTING 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 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 the 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 cost of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after a completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District’s Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has complied with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.4 by providing notice and holding a public hearing on the proposal to issue such Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of directors supports 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. Eligible electors of the school district have the right to file with the Board Secretary a petition pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.4(2)(b), on or before close of business on April 1, 2021, for an election on the proposed bond issuance. The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of those voting at the las preceding election of school officials under Iowa Code Section 277.1, whichever is greater.
3. In the event a petition containing the required number of valid signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before close of business on April 1, 2021, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider withdrawing the proposed Bond issuance, or directing that the question of the proposed Bond issuance be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the proposition to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School District in the Counties of Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, be authorized to issue approximately \$1,800,00 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; with any bond proceeds remaining after completion of

this project used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School district's Revenue Purpose Statement?

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

Rick McDaniel, President of the Board of Directors.

Attest: Thelma Martinez, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

#### Selection and Purchase of Student Computers for Next Year

Director Barkema introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Meyer 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, Berkland, Meyer, Schlichting, and Swenson.

NAYS: None

Where upon the President Declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows”

WHEREAS, computers have become ubiquitous in our modern world and computer skills have become largely essential to the modern workplace; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School district wishes to provide students with a modern curriculum designed to prepare them for the world they will enter upon graduation; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Board of Directors voted on Thursday, May 18, 2017 to make Belmond-Klemme a one-to-one school by provide a computing device to every student in grades 5 through 12; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme faculty has committed itself to effectively using technology in teaching by adopting the following goal: “ We will integrate relevant technologies to support optimal learning”; and,

WHEREAS, our computer network was designed and engineered to accommodate Apple computers, and any change to another computer platform would be at substantial additional cost to the District at this time; and,

WHEREAS, the mobile computing devices provided to our students served the District well during the current and on-going pandemic and allowed Belmond-Klemme to distinguish itself as one of only six districts out of 327 in the State of Iowa to engage all student in continuous required learning while school buildings were closed in the Spring of 2020 and during school interruptions caused by the pandemic during the 2020-2021 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the federal funding known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, The Omnibus COVID Relief Deal, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 all designated money toward “providing technology for online learning to all students.”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the board of Directors of the Belmond-Klemme Community School district on this date that Belmond-Klemme will continue as one-to-one computer learning district, in accordance with the following:

1. The Board of Directors approves the acquisition of 430 Apple MacBook Air laptops for all 7-12 students along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services;
2. The Board of directors approves the acquisition of 160 Apple iPad tablets for all 4-6 students along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services;

3. The board of Directors approves the acquisition of 65 Apple TV connections for all k-12 classrooms along with all supporting equipment, hardware, and services (collectively, with the laptops and tablets, the “computer equipment”);
4. The Board of Directors further approves the acquisition of the computer equipment via the Apple Inc. education Price Quote as negotiated with Apple Inc.;
5. Pursuant to the Apple Inc. Education Price Quote, the total owed for the computer equipment (inclusive of 430 laptop computers at \$779 per computer, 160 iPad tablets at \$294 per tablet, and 65 Apple TV connectors at \$149 per connector) shall be \$446,643.00;
6. The Board authorizes the complete payment of \$446,643.00 due to Apple Inc. upon submission of this order;
7. This purchase to be paid from federal COVID-19 stimulus funds designated to support online learning; and
8. This Resolution notwithstanding Board Policy 705.1, as the Apple Operating System is a proprietary system offering unparalleled safety and security not available from any other vendor in the industry.

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

Rick McDaniel, President of the Board of Directors.

Attest: Thelma Martinez, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

School Finance: Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Director Schlichting moved to adopt the budget as presented; seconded by Barkema. Motion carried 7/0.

Plans for Federal Cares Funding

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board move to approve the following positions:

- A mathematics interventionist teacher
- An additional counselor serving grades 5-8 as a junior high counselor, and
- A junior-senior high dean of students working with at-risk students and remediation of struggling learners; the position to include 25 percent administrative duties with and annual stipend of \$10,000 for the administrative hours beyond the teacher contract.

Moved by Swenson; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 7/0.

Legislative Update and Advocacy to the State Legislature

Board discussed the Legislative Updates

Instructional Support Program Levy

Superintendent Frazier recommended the board an action timeline for renewing the ISL. Board will discuss it in April and May and will take action on June or July.

Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Board decided to have as an action item for next regular board meeting the sharing of the Transportation Director, and scheduled a special meeting with Architect Wineinger on Thursday March 25, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

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 Berkland. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Closed Session: Labor Strategy

Board went into closed session at 8:40 P.M. under Iowa Code Chapter 20.17.[3], a public body such as school board can meet in closed session for negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers or employee organizations, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitration. Board emerged from closed session at 9:00 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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