

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
October 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Vaughn Mester, Jamie Heinrichs, Laura Bahr, BJ Galle,
Peter Bonin, Kim Schmelz, and Lauren Runde

Absent: None

Administration Present: District Administrator Beau Buchs
Principal Dana Bendorf
Dean of Students Jeff Crase
Director of Student Services Denise Brania

Virtual Attendees: 5

In Person Attendees: 6

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Public Comments
No Comments

IV. REPORTS

A. District Administrator

Mr. Buchs presented the board with a written report. Mr. Buchs stated that if the school pays Reinhart every 14 days, the school district will save 1% on the bill. The district is receiving quotes on the removal of the tree on the north end of the building near the Ag Shop windows. Lifetouch finished the sound system in the high school gym today. Certain staff members will be trained on the new sound system. The Hudl camera is in for the football field and will be installed. There has been a problem with paint peeling in the cafeteria. The school has ordered posters of students to hang over the walls to hopefully help with the peeling paint. The committee is also gathering ideas for new lockers in both locker rooms. The boy's lockers are in rougher shape, but they would like to replace both at the same time. Mr. Buchs would like to thank Trevor Kattre for planning, getting donations, and setting up volunteers for the work on the batting cages. We poured the concrete at the batting cage site on Saturday, October 9th. Thank you to Ben Barrett, Bruce Baker, Josh Penniston, Curt Yaun, Jamie Reuter, Tim Carey, Adam Christensen, Jeff Christensen, & Trevor Kattre for helping pour the cement. Thanks to Brandon Gill for providing form boards, Curt Yaun for sawing the cement, and to Ben Barrett for leveling the site and providing leadership for the project! Also, thank you to Allied Redi Mix, Ivey Construction, and Bard Materials for donating 10 yards of cement each! We also want to thank the Belmont Sports Boosters for their help in paying for part of the batting cage. Tom Thomas organized Fire Safety Day. The students and staff enjoyed the day. Skyward meetings have started for set up. We will continue to use PowerSchool for the remainder of the year. Mr. Buchs would like to thank the staff with all their help with covering other areas as the school is in need of substitutes. Congratulations to the 8th Grade Volleyball Team for finishing 2nd in the conference tournament and the JV Volleyball Team for winning the tournament in Monticello. Good luck to the Varsity Volleyball Team and Football Team with first round playoffs this week. We have been fairly static with COVID cases in the district. We are currently at 4 cases in our school district. Monday morning the district found out that there is a positive case in PreK. The district decided to send the PreK home for the 10 days to be proactive.

B. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf presented the board with a written report. She has started the evaluation process with teacher observations today. Teachers have submitted their SLOs and PPGs. We have had a few class field trips to pumpkin patches, FFA trips, and Trees For Tomorrow. She would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with Fire Safety. Parent teacher conferences were last week, if parents would like to set up a meeting or re-meet with a teacher, please reach out to the teacher. We have started to post Staff Features on social media. Mrs. Bendorf would also like to thank the staff for covering on days where substitutes were needed. Laura asked if we could ask for feedback on the one-day conferences as opposed to the two-day we have had in the past. Kim added that it was nice to see the Ag students at SWTC for AG Day.

C. Student Services

Mrs. Brania presented the board with a written report. She also presented the board with i-Ready data. Staff will meet this week to look at i-Ready data and create student groups. BJ would like to see an overall snapshot past i-ready data. Lauren asked if we were able to see how our district compares to other schools.

D. School Board Committees

No Comments

E. School Board

Kim updated that board on the CESA 3 board meeting. She stated that they gave updates on the WASB Conference. They also talked about the one hundred million dollars from the Governor's Proposed Budget. They talked about a book club that area superintendents are participating in. CESA is looking to hire a grant writer so they can provide more opportunities for services.

F. 8th Grade Presentation on Trees for Tomorrow Trip

Mrs. Aurit and 8th grade students gave a presentation of the Trees for Tomorrow Trip. The class made thank you cards for the board members.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Pete/Jamie motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 7-0

B. Personnel Transactions

The Personnel Transactions are as follows:

Appointments:

1. MJ Dachelet – Yearbook Advisor
2. Dian Fure – Cook
3. Will Schaefer – Assistant Wrestling Coach
4. Devin Malott – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Resignations:

1. Diane Fure – Janitor
2. Kaleen McGettigan – Assistant Softball Coach
3. Devin Malott – Assistant Wrestling Coach

Retirements:

1. Debbie Miller – Cook

BJ/Lauren motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the October 18, 2021 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

C. Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Buchs stated that he has been to trainings to help him understand the budgeting process and learning about the sources of revenue that the district receives. We will not be receiving the increase per pupil amount. We could potentially receive an increase per pupil if the Governor's Budget is approved. Denise was able to obtain transfer of service funds for special ed. On the revenue side, the district grew less than 2% which is less than the state average of about 5% and this will affect the mill rate. We are currently a little over budget, but this is a projection and some potential revenues are unclear.

Vaughn/BJ motion and second to approve the 2021-22 Budget as presented. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of Contract for Patching & Sealcoating the front parking lot from Midwest Sealcoat, LLC at a cost of \$15,600.

Mr. Buchs stated that the front parking lot needs to be fixed. There are 22 4x6 foot areas that need to be fixed. Midwest Sealcoat would fix the holes now and sealcoat in the Spring.

BJ/Pete motion and second to approve Midwest Sealcoat, LLC to patch and sealcoat the front parking lot at a cost of \$15,600. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of Math Curriculum Manipulatives for K-6 Math Expressions at a cost of \$5676.62

Mr. Buchs followed up from last month asking for manipulatives to teach the new curriculum to fidelity. Laura asked if the company was forthcoming before the purchase of the curriculum that the manipulatives would not be included. Since the purchase happened before Mr. Buchs and Mrs. Bendorf were in the district, they are unsure.

Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve the purchase of manipulative kits for Math Expressions for grades K-6 at a cost of \$5676.62. Carried 7-0

F. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy Updates in Sections 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, and 9000.

Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve the policy updates as presented in Sections 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, and 9000. Carried 7-0

G. Approval of Students Enrollment in College Courses

Students who need to be approved are: Ciersten Gavin, Claire Dachelet, Mattie Place, Kathryn Cutler, Ashlee Meylor, Hailey Jentz, Abigail Reuter, and Kaelei Henkels.

Vaughn/BJ motion and second to approve students taking dual credit courses as presented. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. District Report Card

Mr. Buchs stated that administration have a draft of the report card and that the report card will be presented next month. Laura asked if there was a certain date that the report card had to be posted. Mr. Buchs stated that once the report card is made public, it will be posted.

B. School Calendar for 2021-22 School Year

Mr. Buchs surveyed the students in 8-11 grade, staff, and parents. He created two calendar options for staff to vote on. He will bring a calendar to next month's meeting to be voted on. Kim asked if there were some in-service days removed? Beau stated that he worked the in-service around parent teacher conferences with the idea of having a floating day during the summer.

C. Review Report on Board/Staff Interviews

Mr. Buchs stated that the administration team read through the summary reports. They will use the information to help make decisions. He stated that we could revisit the summaries next month after the board members have more time to read through each summary.

D. Update on Bus Garage & Parking Lot Project

November 1st is the target date to start building the garage. The parking lot is coming along with the first coat completed.

E. Strategic Planning and Meeting with Village Board

Mr. Buchs talked to Brad Bockhop on a joint meeting. Mr. Bockhop will talk with the village board to look at dates for a meeting. They are looking at setting up a meeting in November or December. Upper90 will be here on Friday, November 5th to present what they could offer.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Lauren motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Carried 7-0

Minutes taken by Samantha Gempler