

**BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
November 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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

Administration Present: District Administrator Beau Buchs
Principal Dana Bendorf
Director of Student Services Denise Brania
Assistant Principal/Activities Director Brandon Wiese

In-person Attendees: 5

Virtual Attendees: 3

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

No comments

IV. REPORTS

A. State Report Card Presentation from Administration

B. School Board

No report

C. Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Mr. Wiese prepared a written report.

D. Student Services

Mrs. Brania prepared a written report.

E. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report. Mrs. Bendorf would like to give Mrs. Morrissey and Mrs. Engelke for all they are doing for the students. She would also like to thank Collin Austin and Austin Cushman for speaking at the Veteran's Day Program.

F. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He gave an update on building needs. He stated that the ice machine in the Athletic Trainers room has stopped working. We are looking at replacing that machine with the one in the kitchen and ordering a new one for the kitchen. The school is also looking into replacing the scoreboards with help from Mound City Bank. We are waiting on an estimate for the upper parking lot. He also stated that he was impressed with the cast and crew of Annie.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

B. Personnel Transactions

Appointments:

Mia Hodgson – 7th Grade Girls Basketball

Lauren/Vaughn motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the November 20, 2023, Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

C. Approval of Policy Updates: 0142.1, 0143.1, 0144.3, 1260, 1421, 1630.01, 3121, 4121, 2340, 2451, 2521, 3139, 5113, 5200, 5215, 5517, 5530, 6151, 7440.01, 8146, 8310, 8420, 8500, 8531, & 9211.

BJ/Laura motion and second to approve the updates to policy as outlined on the agenda under Action Item C. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of Donation from the Belmont Sportsmen's Club

The Belmont Sportsmen's Club would like to donate \$500 to help with the costs associated with the Trees for Tomorrow Field Trip. The Board of Education appreciates this donation and will use it to help cover costs of upcoming Trees for Tomorrow Field Trips.

Kim/BJ motion and second to accept the donation of \$500 from the Belmont Sportsmen's Club. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of Snow Removal Bid

Lee McCarville submitted a bid of \$140.00 per hour. Mr. Buchs reminded him that he would need to plow during the weekends and non-school days as well.

Pete/Lauren motion and second to accept the bid from Lee McCarville for snow removal for the 2023-2024 school year. Carried 7-0

F. Discussion & Approval of 2024 Senior Class Trip.

Mr. McKinley, Mrs. Kletecka, and two students presented the trip to the board. The board was given the draft itinerary for the trip. The trip dates would minimize other conflicts for student schedules in March.

Laura/BJ motion and second to approve the Senior Class Trip as presented. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Potential 2025 Spanish Trip

Audra Brandenburg, the Spanish Teacher, came to present ideas on a possible trip for Spanish students. They are looking at a Costa Rica trip.

B. First Reading of Policy: 0164V1, 5350, 5505, 6236, 6610, 7250.01, 7440.02, 7540.08, 8121, 8700, & 8913.

C. Potential Board Retreat to Discuss Long-Term Planning

Beau and Kim would like to discuss the possibility of holding a planning meeting sometime this winter. One thing to discuss is the possibility of needing an operating referendum in the future as well as other building projects that could be done. They are looking at January 24th as a date to meet.

D. School Board Member Election 2024

Laura and Lauren are up for reelection. Anyone who would like to run for the board needs to turn in paperwork between December 1st and January 3rd.

E. 2024-2025 School Calendar

Mr. Buchs shared a possible calendar for the next school year. He would like to approve next year's calendar at the December Board of Education Meeting. There were a few adjustments needed.

F. Staff Christmas Party from 4-7 pm on December 21st.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Carried 7-0