

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
December 19, 2022 - 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  
Director of Student Services Denise Brania  
Dean of Students Jeff Crase

In-person Attendees: 5

Virtual Attendees: 7

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

\*Contemplated closed session per sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., to discuss personnel and staffing needs.

**II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Public Comments  
No comments

**III. REPORTS**

- A. School Board  
No reports
- B. State Report Card  
Mrs. Brania presented on the School Report Card and our district goals. Kim asked if the district would report on the steps they plan to take to meet goals. BJ asked if the staff has buy-in to the goals. The administration feels that staff are involved and have access to the information.
- C. Student Services  
Mrs. Brania prepared a written report for the meeting.
- D. Principal  
Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report for the meeting.
- E. Superintendent  
Mr. Buchs prepared a written report for the meeting. Mr. Buchs gave a budget update.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda  
Pete asked about the garage doors listed on the bills. Mr. Buchs stated that they are for the baseball field.  
Pete/Vaughn motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 7-0
- B. Personnel Transactions  
Appointments:  
1. Frank McGettigan – Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach  
2. Eric Heisner – Agriculture/Technology Teacher, FFA Advisor  
3. Dana Bendorf – Athletic Director  
4. Kimberly Even – Paraprofessional  
5. Brenda Riechers – Paraprofessional  
Resignations:  
Jeff Hodgson – Agriculture Teacher, FFA Advisor, and Athletic Director  
Laura/Pete motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the December 19, 2022 Personal Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0
- C. Approval of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan  
Mr. Buchs stated that this is a requirement by the State every 6 months. He feels what our plan is still working.

Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as presented. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of 2023-24 School Calendar

BJ/Lauren motion and second to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as presented. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of 2023-24 High School Coursebook

Mr. Buchs stated that there could be changes to the Ag/Technology courses. They could be updated as we hire a new staff member. Mr. Wiese talked about the Course List and that our district would like to add a quarter credit of Leadership and a quarter credit of Test Prep during the Junior year. Kim asked who would be teaching these courses? Mr. Wiese stated that it would depend on course loads.

Lauren/Vaughn motion and second to approve the 2023-2024 High School Coursebook as presented. Carried 7-0

F. Approval of Senior Class Trip

Students in the Senior Class presented their plans for a Senior Class Trip.

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the Senior Class Trip to Nashville, TN as presented 7-0

G. Discussion & Possible Approval of Spanish Club Trip

Jamie/BJ motion and second to approve the Spanish Club Trip to Mexico as presented. Carried 7-0

H. Approval of Cross-Country Coop with Shullsburg

BJ/Laura motion and second to approve the Cross-Country Coop with Shullsburg for the 2023-24 and 2024-2025 School Years. Carried 7-0

## V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. First Reading of Wellness Policy 8510

B. Possibility of Board & Staff Meetings

Mr. Buchs stated that he felt that they served a purpose in the past. He is wondering if the board would like to continue to do them. Jamie stated that he feels that it is worth while to meet with the staff to keep communication open. Vaughn would like to know if staff would like to meet. Mr. Buchs will see if the staff would like to meet with the Board of Education and bring the results to the next meeting.

C. Childcare Survey Results

Mr. Buchs presented the survey results. There are indications that we need childcare options in town. He is unsure if the district should take this on or if a private business should. After meeting with the daycare in town, he is worried about the labor shortage. If the school does pursue this, we would need a facility. Jamie is wondering if we should meet with the village or companies in the village to see what their thoughts are.

D. School Improvement Plan

Our staff has worked to develop school improvement goals. Our goals are based on assessments that have more request data points for us to track progress regularly instead of the once-a-year School Report Card.

E. Strategic Plan Discussion

Our SIP goals hit most of the Strategic Plan Goals. However, we do want to continue discussions on long-term facility upgrades and repairs.

F. Safety Drill/Administrative Lockdown Drill

On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the school held an Administrative Lockdown. Mr. Wiese presented the reasoning to the need of the drills. He stated that this was a refresher for staff and students on communication.

G. Wrestling Coop with Platteville

The school has been informed that Platteville is unsure of whether they would like to continue the Coop as it stands with Belmont being the host school. Platteville would like to continue the Coop but become the host school. Platteville is planning on making their decision in January.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

## VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 8:13pm. Carried 7-0