

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
February 20, 2023 - 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: 0

Virtual Attendees: 5

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**A. Public Comments**

No comments

**III. REPORTS**

**A. School Board**

Lauren reported about the State Education Convention. She thought it was great to be able to network with other school districts.

**B. School Board Committees**

Kim stated that our CESA 3 was recognized for having the most students involved K-12 in all of North America.

**C. Student Services**

Mrs. Brania prepared a written report. She added that she had the opportunity to take students to CESA3 for a leadership day and Math24.

**D. Principal**

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report. She added that our conference will be having a math competition.

**E. Superintendent**

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He would like to thank the Sports Booster Club for the padding on the backstop and bleachers by the baseball field. He also updated the board on the referendum session he attended at the State Education Convention. He also stated that Lafayette County Health Services will not be renewing their school contracts.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**B. Personnel Transactions**

Appointments:

1. Laura Wilberding – HS Spanish Teacher

Resignations:

1. Traci Austin - Custodian

Retirements:

1. Bob Crego – HS Math Teacher (effective at the end of his contract)

BJ/Laura motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the February 20, 2023 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

- C. Approval of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts being extended for Jeff Crase, Denise Brania, Dana Bendorf, & Beau Buchs  
Lauren/Vaughn motion and second to approve extending the Administrative Contracts for Jeff Crase, Denise Brania, Dana Bendorf, and Beau Buchs for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Years. Carried 7-0
- D. Approval of Purchasing a School Bus  
Mr. Buchs has been searching for good options to replace the bus that was totaled.  
Pete/Vaughn motion and second to approve the purchase of a 2023 Bluebird Bus as presented.  
Carried 7-0
- E. Approval of Lawn Care Bid for 2023  
Mr. Buchs received seven bids for lawn care.  
BJ/Jamie motion and second to approve the bid from Hodgson Lawn Care as presented. Carried 7-0
- F. Approval of Gymnastics Coop as Platteville-Belmont-Lancaster for the 2023-24 & 2024-25 School Years  
The gymnastics Coop can only be approved for one year at a time.  
Vaughn/Laura motion and second to approve the Girls Gymnastics Cooperative with Platteville for the 2023-2024 School Year. Carried 7-0

## V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. AGR Report – Dana Bendorf & Denise Brania  
Mrs. Bendorf stated that she is seeing a lot of improvement in students, which is usually hard to see in the winter months. Mr. Buchs stated that he commends our staff for all of their work they have been doing for the students. Pete asked if we were able to get a snapshot of the past three years of data to see any trends? Mrs. Brania stated that there isn't an easy way to gather the data. Laura asked if a person would have to add the data to the Educator program. Kim asked Mrs. Bendorf to walk through the strategy. Mrs. Bendorf stated that our main strategy is small classroom sizes. To keep our class sizes under 18 to maintain the grant.
- B. 2023-2024 School Budget Update  
Mr. Buchs gave a snapshot of what he knows about the budget. He gave an update on what Governor Evers proposes for the budget. Pete asked if Mr. Buchs was expecting a fund10 deficit this year. Mr. Buchs stated that Fund10 is the biggest wildcard. Jamie asked if we could get the percent of budget back on the financial paperwork. Kim stated that it would be great for people to reach out to our senator about the budget.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

## VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 7:56. Carried 7-0