

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
March 14, 2024 - 7:00 PM

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

Board Members Absent: BJ Galle

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

In-person Attendees: 0

Virtual Attendees:

Jamie made a motion to enter closed session at 6:31 pm. Laura seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Personnel performance and planning was discussed. Laura made a motion to leave closed session at 7:01 pm. Lauren seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

Jane and Brady Wedig presented a donation check to the Board. The Board is grateful for their donation.

IV. REPORTS

A. School Board

No report

B. Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Mr. Wiese prepared a written report. He would like to acknowledge the 3 musicians going to State Solo & Ensemble: Olivia Millin, John Holzer, and Emma Mason.

C. Student Services

Mrs. Brania prepared a written report. She stated that the Junior Class completed the ACT last Tuesday. This was the first time the students completed the test online. The students did a great job.

D. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report. She would like to announce that our Class of 2024 Valedictorian, Bailey Mester and Salutatorian, Brittany Meylor. Mrs. Bendorf would like to give a staff shout out to Samantha Gempler for her calmness, organization, passion, compassion, knowledge, and ability to multitask. She would also like to give a staff shout out to Amie Voigts for leadership in the classroom. Our Art classes completed high quality projects that were displayed during Cabaret.

E. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He wanted to thank Runde Plumbing and Heating for donating the labor cost of replacing the heater in the greenhouse. He stated that some of the cost would be covered by the Cheesemaker Association Grant. The FFA Auction and Banquet are scheduled soon. He would also like to thank Traci Austin for her years of service to the Sports Boosters. Mr. Buchs also updated the board on the damage to the roof. Tom is reaching out to companies for quotes. The insurance adjustor will be out to assess and investigate. Laura asked if there was any warranty on the roof. Mr. Buchs and Jamie stated that they will be asking more questions about what could have caused the damage. He also

gave the board an updated snapshot for possible referendum costs. He is also looking into the options of having full day 4K. He shared the pavilion budget. Stating that we have had \$21,000 of donations for the pavilion. We are about \$4,300 short of the total cost. He would like to thank BJ and Jamie for their help with the pavilion project.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Laura/Jamie motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of Students Enrollment in College Courses

Laura asked if there is a maximum number of classes a student can take. Mr. Buchs stated that a student cannot take more than 18 credits while in High School. If they choose to take more than 18 credits, they are responsible for payment of the credits above 18.

Vaughn/Pete motion and second to approve the list of students enrolling in college courses as presented. Carried 6-0

C. Approval of Early Graduation Request

There is a student requesting early graduation next school year. He is on the path to be completed by January 2025.

Laura/Lauren motion and second to approve the early graduation request. Carried 6-0

D. Approval of 2024 Summer School Coursebook

Brooke Wiese has compiled a list of Summer School options. This will include four weeks of Summer School and two jump start days of August 29-30th.

Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve the 2024 Summer School Coursebook. Carried 6-0

E. Approval of State FBLA Overnight Trip to Green Bay on April 7-9, 2024

We have 3-4 students who made it to State FBLA with advisor Mrs. Engelke.

Vaughn/Laura motion and second to approve the FBLA Trip to State FBLA in Green Bay on April 7-9, 2024. Carried 6-0

F. Approval of Purchasing a Tractor

The district would like to purchase a Kubota tractor. The tractor has a loader, forklifts, 3 pt hitch and weight box.

Pete/Vaughn motion and second to approve purchase of a 4020 Kubota Tractor for a price of \$33,249. Carried 6-0

G. Approval of School Audit Contract

Mr. Buchs stated that one firm is willing to bid on our audit services, Lauterbach and Amen. Their bid is a little higher than we have been paying. Mr. Buchs stated that he has heard good things with other districts that use their services. Vaughn asked what was our cost in the past. Mr. Buchs thought it was around \$16,000.

Lauren/Vaughn motion and second to approve the three-year audit bid from Lauterbach and Amen as presented. Carried 6-0

H. Discussion and Approval of School Perceptions Survey regarding Referendum

Mr. Buchs has gathered information on school surveys that could be used for referendum questions and communication. He would like to use School Perceptions to provide this service. If the district chooses to use School Perceptions, they will work with Mr. Buchs to create a survey that the Board would have time to browse and give feedback prior to sending the survey out. The company suggests keeping the questions vague to start with to get a beginning feeling of the community. Laura asked about the minimum cost for the service. Mr. Buchs stated that the cost is \$6,400-8,000 plus the printing. Lauren asked if we would need to pay again to resurvey the community if we decided to have a capital referendum in addition to the operating referendum? Mr. Buchs stated that we can ask what we want to but understands why the company suggests that.

Lauren/Jamie motion and second to approve School Perceptions Survey Contract as presented. Carried 6-0

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Health Insurance

Mr. Buchs shared copies of the renewal quote for next year's insurance. He reminded the board that the \$53,000 increase is not all a district cost, some of it would come from the deduction on paychecks. Tricor is doing a full market search to see if there are any other options. Pete asked if this quote is for exactly the same as it is right now. Mr. Buchs said that it is for the same coverage that we have currently. Tricor is looking to see if there is anything in our current policy that could be adjusted to ease the increase in price.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VI. ADJOURN

Pete/Jamie motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:32. Carried 6-0