

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES - Draft
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Vaughn Mester, Jamie Heinrichs, Laura Bahr, BJ Galle,
Peter Bonin, Kim Schmelz, and Lauren Runde
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: 12

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. BJ Galle/Laura Bahr motioned and seconded to go into closed session. The school board reviewed Mr. Buchs's Superintendent evaluation and discussed goals. The school board discussed staff salary increases for 2023-24 and personnel transactions. Jamie Heinrichs/Kim Schmelz motioned/seconded to leave closed session at 7:23 pm.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Public Comments
No comments

IV. REPORTS

- A. School Board
No report

- B. School Board Committees
No report

- C. Student Services
Mrs. Brania prepared a written report. Forward testing is wrapping up.

- D. Principal
Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report.

- E. Superintendent
Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He stated that the district renewed our health insurance. There was a 6.5% increase. He also thanked Mr. Heisner and students for taking the initiative with students to learn about growing grass by the upgraded baseball field.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda
Jamie/Lauren motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 7-0
- B. Personnel Transactions
Appointments:
1. Mallery Sturtz – MS/HS Business Teacher
 2. Annie Buchs – 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher
 3. Corrin Waterworth – HS Math Teacher
 4. Brooke Wiese – Summer School Coordinator (part time contract due to maternity leave)
 5. Brandon Wiese – Assistant Principal/Activities Director
 6. Audra Brandenburg – Part-Time (.66) Spanish Teacher
- Pete asked to vote for numbers 1,3,4, and 6 separate from number 2 and 5.
BJ/Kim motion and second to approve the personnel transaction numbers 1, 3, 4, and 6 listed on the April 17, 2023, Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0
Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve number 2 listed on the April 17, 2023, Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 6-1
Roll Call: Kim Y, Lauren Y, Pete N, Jamie Y, Laura Y, BJ Y, Vaughn Y

Laura/Lauren motion and second to approve number 5 listed on the April 17, 2023, Personnel Sheet. Carried 6-1

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- C. Acceptance of \$10,000 Donation from Sue Gill Family for Handicap Pavilion at Football/Baseball Field
BJ/Pete motion and second to accept the \$10,000 donation from the Sue Gill Family to be used to build a handicap accessible pavilion at the football/baseball field. Carried 7-0
- D. Acceptance of \$10,000 Donation from Wilborn & Kittoe Families to the Music Department in honor of John and Helen Bradley
Laura/Lauren motion and second to accept the \$10,000 donation from the Wilborn/Kittoe Families to be used for the Music Department. Carried 7-0
- E. Approval of PK-5 Phonological Awareness Curriculum
Mrs. Bendorf stated that this is our first step in making progress in our ELA achievement. Lauren/BJ motion and second to approve the PK-5 Michael Heggerty Phonological Awareness Curriculum. Carried 7-0
- F. Approval of 2023-2024 Salary Schedule and Staff Increases
Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve the 2023-2024 Teacher's Salary Schedule and increases as presented. Carried 7-0
- G. Approval of Athletic Trainer Contract from Southwest Health
Lauren/Jamie motion and second to approve a three-year contract (2023-2026) for Athletic Trainer Services from Southwest Health as presented. Carried 7-0
- H. Approval of TC Networks Contract
Mr. Buchs will look into our current contract for dates. He believes that we may already have a contract for next year and would like to double check on this before taking action. This item is tabled until the next meeting.
- I. Approval of CESA #3 Contract for 2023-2024
Kim/Vaughn motion and second to approve the CESA 3 Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year. Carried 7-0
- J. Approval of SWEEP 1 66:03 Cooperative Agreement with Iowa- Grant School District for use of Aeration Equipment
Vaughn/BJ Motion and second to approve the SWEEP 1 66.03 Coop Agreement with Iowa Grant School District for use of the Aeration Equipment. Carried 7-0
- K. Approval of SWEEP 2 66:03 Cooperative Agreement with Iowa-Grant School District for use of Top Dresser
BJ/Vaughn motion and second to approve the SWEEP 2 66.03 Coop Agreement with Iowa Grant School District for use of the Top Dresser. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Buchs stated that the State Biennial Budget process is underway right now. The big three things that could help Belmont right now. The first would be that we are one of the districts that receive the base revenue per pupil. If that were increased as proposed, it would help our district's budget. Second, Governor Evers has proposed increases from \$10,000 per pupil up to a range of \$11,000-11,500. Third would be that Special Education reimbursement would also assist in supporting budgets. The unknowns about the budget would be unknown staffing changes that could still take place.

B. Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Buchs stated that we have made strides in a number of areas. He would like to focus on the short term as priorities right now. First, the BGT committee would like to start reviewing the building and grounds needs and start a plan of action. Second, he would like to survey our stakeholders on their satisfaction with what we are doing at school. This would not be done each year but possibly every other year.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VIII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Carried 7-0