

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
September 20, 2021 - 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
Dean of Students Jeff Crase
Director of Student Services Denise Brania

Virtual Attendees: 3

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Public Comments
No Comments

IV. REPORTS

A. District Administrator

Mr. Buchs presented the board with a written report. He updated the board on ESSER III, adding that the State has sent the ESSERIII Stimulus Funds to the Federal Government for approval. Once the funds are approved, we should get access to it once the Federal Government releases them. He also updated the board on SIS and Website, Hudl, Benches, Curriculum, WASDA Fall Conference, Joint State Conference, Bus, and extra duties.

B. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf presented the board with a written report. She updated the board on the Belmont Braves Bendorf Briefing, Mentor Program, Meeting, Trainings, Observations, and a reflection of the past few weeks.

C. Student Services

Mrs. Brania presented the board with a written report. She added that the staff will have trainings on Nonviolent Crisis Intervention through CESA 3.

D. School Board Committees

No report

E. School Board

No report

F. Other Organizations

No report

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Laura asked why the baseball account is -\$3,500. Mr. Buchs stated that he will check on the account. Pete/Laura motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 7-0

B. Personnel Transactions

The Personnel Transactions are as follows:

Appointments:

1. Annamarie Bousley – Paraprofessional
2. Andrew Weber – Paraprofessional
3. Ashlyn Austin – Asst. Cross Country Coach
4. Jannie Dehaan – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
5. Becca Hoyer – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
6. Becca Hoyer – Asst. HS Track Coach
7. Ryne Wiegel - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

8. Sam Hohlfelder – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
9. Louie Lawinger – Volunteer HS Boys Basketball
10. Mallery Sturtz – FBLA Advisor
11. Andrew Weber – Asst. JH Track Coach.

BJ/Lauren motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the September 20, 2021 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

- C. Approval of Donation to the Scholarship Fund for \$1000 in memory of Leo Bockhop.
Mr. Buchs stated that the school received a card with a donation from the Leo Bockhop family. Pete asked if the donation was going into the scholarship Fund or into a scholarship. Mr. Buch stated that the \$1000 would go into the scholarship fund.
Lauren/Pete motion and second to accept \$1,000 as a donation to the Scholarship Fund from Leo Bockhop's family in memory of Leo Bockhop. Carried 7-0
- D. Approval of \$1040 from Kathy Riechers & \$1040 from Kim Heinrichs to purchase a new bench for near the front entrance.
Vaughn/Kim motion and second to accept \$1,040 from Kathy Riechers to purchase a new bench for outside the main entrance. Carried 7-0
BJ/Lauren motion and second to accept \$1,040 from Kim Heinrichs to purchase a new bench for outside the main entrance. Carried 7-0
- E. Approval of Contract with Oregon Mental Health
Mr. Buchs stated that this is a continued partnership with Oregon Mental Health that needs to be approved yearly. Mrs. Brania stated that the new therapist is bilingual and will be a great asset to the students. Mr. Crase stated that this service is offered once a week and that the staff have already made referrals.
Vaughn/Jamie motion and second to approve the contract with Oregon Mental Health Student Counseling Services for the 2021-22 School Year. Carried 7-0
- F. Approval of Overnight Field Trip to Dorian Vocal Festival January 9-10, 2022.
Mr. Buchs stated that Mrs. Edge sent a letter asking for approval of the overnight field trip.
Pete/Lauren motion and second to approve the overnight field trip to Dorian Vocal Festival on January 9th-10th, 2022. Carried 7-0
- G. Discussion and possible approval of completing Batting Cage Project
Mr. Buchs stated that Mr. Kattre has talked to 3 concrete companies, and they are willing to donate 10 yds. Ben Barrett has also stated that he is willing to help facilitate with volunteers to help with the pouring. Mr. Buchs is recommending that if the board willing to approve the project, he would ask for up to \$5,000 to go toward the project to pay for the remaining concrete, rebar, and anything else needed to complete the project. He stated that the project could come in less than the \$5,000. Mr. Buchs stated that the post holes are already poured. BJ asked if the school had all the poles and net. Mr. Buchs stated that we do. Jamie stated that he wishes that the project would have been approved before any work has been done, but since it is started, we should finish it correctly. BJ asked for clarification of the \$11,000. Stating up to \$5,000 for the concrete and up to \$6,000 for the turf. Mr. Buchs stated that we do not have written quotes for either, but the board could motion to approve up to those amounts and if the quotes come in higher, the board can revisit. Mr. Buchs stated that the district could use some of the referendum funds to pay for the project. Jamie stated that more than just our high school baseball team could use the nets.
BJ/Vaughn motion and second to provide up to \$11,000 for the concrete work and turf for the batting cage project. Anything above that would have to be revisited. Carried 7-0
- H. Discussion and possible approval of Sound System for Football/Baseball Field
Mr. Buchs stated that there are a few speakers that are hanging by wires or tape. He was able to get a couple quotes. He stated that the sound system could be used for more than athletic events. He stated that we would be able to use ESSER III funds. BJ asked if the system would be ok in the heat and cold. Mr. Buchs stated that the company felt that the system would be fine in the building but could possibly be taken inside during the colder months. Lauren asked if any of the companies offer a warranty, and would it be honored if we do the installation ourselves. Mr. Buchs stated that he would have to look into that to be 100% certain. Jamie stated that it might be nice to have Lifeline so if there are any problems, they can look at it. BJ stated that a sound system is needed out there, but since the Building and Grounds committee will be talking about the whole baseball/football area at their next meeting, he feels the board should table the discussion. The board decided to table the item until after the Building and Grounds committee meeting.
- I. Discussion and possible approval of Front Parking Lot Repair
Mr. Buchs stated that he is waiting for clarification of what the quote covers for the front parking lot.

The board decided to table this until all information is gathered.

- J. Discussion and possible approval of Skyward Student Information System for 2022-23 School Year
Mr. Buchs stated that he feels that we do not receive good support from PowerSchool. Lauren asked if they would send people to train our staff. Mr. Buchs stated that Skyward does offer training as part of the entire package within the proposed cost, it might be over Zoom because of COVID. Kim stated that she feels it would be a good use of our funds. BJ asked if this program is what the administration team would like to see in the school. Mr. Buchs and Mrs. Bendorf both agreed that it would be an improvement.
Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve the purchase of Skyward Student Information System as presented for the 2022-23 School Year. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. First Reading of Board Policy Updates in Sections 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, & 9000
Mr. Buchs stated that the Policy Committee met on September 13th and looked over the updates.
- b. Superintendent Evaluation Procedures; Expectation Survey
Mr. Buchs stated that the survey was talked about during a CESA 3 meeting. Kim asked if Mr. Buchs feels that he is able to reach out to Dr. Anderson with questions. He stated that he is able to reach out to Dr. Anderson, CESA3, as well as other District Administrators in our area.
- c. Update on the Start of the 2021-22 School Year
Mr. Buchs stated that the administration has been asked about communication as some feel like we have not communicated enough regarding covid cases. He stated that there is a balance to hold with privacy and need to know. Mr. Buchs stated that as of right now, we have 2 positive cases and 10 in quarantine with close contact. Mr. Buchs stated that we are struggling to have students keep masks on during bus rides. Mr. Buchs also stated that some teachers are having students wear masks if they are working on group activities in close proximity to one another. Jamie asked if there were students out that we are not sure why they are out. Mr. Buchs stated that we know the reason why the majority of students are out. Laura asked how the school is differentiating in the classrooms from common colds/allergies or COVID. Mr. Buchs stated that we have students with doctor's note stating preexisting conditions like allergies. Laura also asked how close contacts are decided. Mr. Buchs stated that the administration team looks at seating charts and go by the 6 feet for 15 or more minutes of close contact. Mr. Buchs stated that he will continue to send weekly updates on COVID standings in the school.
- d. Update on Construction Projects
Mr. Buchs stated that the electric has been trenched in for the bus garage. He has talked to Mr. Steffes on a timeline. Mr. Steffes stated that it goes to the state for approval on October 15th and should be approved a couple weeks after that. Cafeteria project has been wrapped up, the sound and lighting are improved.
- e. Use of Remaining Referendum Money
Mr. Buchs presented a list of items that have been approved but not completed. We have projection of \$200,000 left in the referendum fund after all approved projects are paid for in full.
- f. Strategic Planning & possible work with School Perceptions or with Upper 90 Energy
The Annual Meeting is next month. Mr. Buchs is wondering when the board would like to schedule the next Strategic Planning Meeting. School Perception Group could help as a survey tool. Upper 90 Energy is a group that is willing to do a free meeting. Vaughn stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to have a workshop. Mr. Buchs is going to try to set a date for a workshop with Upper 90 Energy and see if it will work for board members.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Carried 7-0

Minutes taken by Samantha Gempler