

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
October 16, 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
Assistant Principal/Activities Director Brandon Wiese

In-person Attendees: 10

Virtual Attendees: 1

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited. BJ motioned, Laura seconded to enter closed session at 6:31 pm. Motion passed 7-0. Personnel matters were discussed. BJ motioned, Laura seconded to leave closed session at 7:08 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

No comments

IV. REPORTS

A. 8th Grade Presentation on Trees for Tomorrow Trip

Mrs. Aurit and students talked to the board about their trip to Eagle River, WI for the Trees for Tomorrow Trip. They were grateful for the experience.

B. FFA Report – Mr. Heisner & FFA Officers

Mr. Heisner and the student officers gave an update on the FFA program and classroom activities.

C. School Board

No reports

D. Activities Director/Asst. Principal

Mr. Wiese prepared a written report. He thanked the Belmont Fire and EMS for taking the time to come into the school this coming Wednesday for Fire Prevention Day.

E. Student Services

Mr. Brania prepared a written report. She thanked The Board for allowing her to attend the WI DPI and WCASS Conference. She shared that our ELL department has been working hard to find ways to help the students.

F. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report. She would like to give a Shout Out to Makayna Lemanski, Mrs. Lindenberg and Mrs. Cutler.

G. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He would like to thank the group of people that helped with the tree planting outside, including Board of Education Members Pete and Laura. He would also like to thank The Hentrich Family for the picnic tables donations.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

B. Discussion & Possible Approval of Music Trip to Dorian Music Festival on January 7-8, 2024.

Mrs. Edge prepared a summary for the trip for The Board to look over.

Laura/Pete motion and second to approve the overnight music trip to Dorian Music Festival for January 7 and 8, 2024. Carried 7-0

C. Approval of Accepting Donation from the Wisconsin Swiss and Limburger Cheese Producers Association.

Kim/Laura motion and second to approve and accept the donation of \$10,000 to the Belmont FFA from the WI Swiss and Limburger Cheese Producers Association. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of 2023-2024 Budget

The district got the final property valuation numbers on October 13th. The budget is very conservative in numbers for each area. Mr. Buchs stated that it is always a guess on transfers in and out, but the district usually has more students entering than leaving. Mr. Buchs shared that we did have some factors that impacted the budget last year as well including the need to buy a school bus unexpectedly as one example. The district is projected to be over budget similarly to last year. Mr. Buchs stated that depending on costs and how the economy goes, we could be discussing an operating referendum within the next two years.

Vaugh/BJ motion and second to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of Students Enrollment in College Courses

Jamie/Pete motion and second to approve the list of students enrolled in college courses as presented. Carried 7-0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 7:43. Carried 7-0