

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
November 21, 2022 - 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: 7

Virtual Attendees: 9

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

No Comments

B. Football Team – Members of the Football team along with Coach Wiese were at the meeting. The School Board would like to Congratulate them on earning 2nd Place in the WIAA 8-Player Football Tournament

IV. REPORTS

A. School Board

No comments

B. State Report Card

Mrs. Brania shared the State Report Cards with the Board. Pete asked what economically disadvantage meant. Mrs. Brania stated that these are the students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. The Report Card will be available on our district website soon. BJ asked if we have a plan to set goals to achieve higher levels. Mr. Buchs stated that we have created School Improvement Teams that are creating goals. BJ would like to see the goals listed on the website. Laura asked if the school has thought about interviewing past graduates.

C. Student Services

Mrs. Brania prepared a written report.

D. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report. She would like to thank everyone who made the Veteran's Day program a success.

E. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He would like to congratulate our students who are involved in extracurriculars. He would also like to thank our staff for covering where needed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

C. Personnel Transactions

a. Appointments:

- i. Mike Bardley – Part Time Custodian
- ii. Lydra Moody – Part Time Custodian
- iii. TJ Anderson – Assistant HS Boys' Basketball
- iv. Josh Taber – MS Wrestling Coach
- v. Paul Taber – Volunteer MS Wrestling Coach

b. Resignations:

- i. Amy Shelnutt – Head Musical Director
- ii. Ashlyn Austin – Paraprofessional

BJ/Kim motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the November 21, 2022 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

- D. Approval of Policy Updates: 0100,0161,1213,1421,2260.02,2414,2460.02, 2522,2700.01,3220.04,3121,3213,3425,5113,5340, 7440.01,8146, &8510.
Lauren/Laura motion and second to approve the updates to policy as outlined on the agenda under Action Item D. Carried 7-0
- E. Acceptance of Snow Removal Bid
Vaughn/BJ motion and second to accept the bid from Lee McCarville for snow removal for the 2022-2023 school year. Carried 7-0
- F. Acceptance of Audit Bid for 2023, 2024, & 2025
Kim asked when the audit is usually done. Mr. Buchs stated that it has been typically done in August.
Kim/Lauren motion and second to accept the Audit Bid from Hawkins Ash for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Carried 7-0
- G. Approval of Purchasing Cleartouch Panels for Title I & Special Education Classrooms
Pete asked how many smartboards are still in use. Mr. Buchs stated that we still need to switch out 5 smartboards.
Vaughn/BJ motion and second to approve the purchase of Cleartouch Panels for Title I and Special Education Classrooms at a cost of \$13,171. Carried 7-0
- H. Discussion & Approval of Purchasing Bleachers for Baseball Field
Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve the purchase of two 20' sections of bleachers at a total cost of \$12,095. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Possibility of a Therapy Dog
Mrs. Brania shared some information regarding the possibility of a therapy dog. Laura asked if the school would have to have a special insurance policy for the dog. Mr. Buchs stated that he would assume that there would be some type of insurance difference and will look into it. BJ asked if there would be any nonmonetary costs to having a dog, for example: time and duties. Mrs. Brania stated that she has personally had a dog in her classroom, and it was successful.
- B. School Board Member Election 2023
Mr. Buchs stated that there are three School Board Members up for re-election. If anyone in the community would like to run for the board, they need to turn in paperwork between December 1st and January 3rd.
- C. 2023-2024 School Calendar
Mr. Buchs shared a proposed calendar for next school year.
- D. Staff Christmas Party from 4-7 pm on December 21st.
Mr. Buchs stated that the Staff/Board Christmas Party will be held on December 21st at the Belmont Convention Center from 4-7 pm.
- E. New District Website – Preview
Mr. Buchs presented a preview of the new school website. It should be live within the next few weeks. He wanted to thank Sanette for all her work on the new website.
- F. Long-Term Budget Forecasting
Mr. Buchs shared the long-term budget forecasting information regarding enrollment projections. Projections show a potential for growth up to 440 students by 2027-2028 based on the data provided with the Baird forecasting tool.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Carried 7-0