

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Vaughn Mester, Lauren Runde, Laura Bahr, BJ Galle, and Peter Bonin

Absent: Kim Schmelz and Jamie Heinrichs

Administration Present: District Administrator Beau Buchs

Principal Dana Bendorf

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Brandon Wiese

Director of Student Services Denise Brania

In-person Attendees: 0

Virtual Attendees: 0

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were invited; no public comments were recorded.

III. REPORTS

A. School Board

Vaughn stated he would be attending an upcoming meeting for Southwest Wisconsin Technical College.

B. School Board Committees

Mr. Buchs stated that he would like to hold a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting prior to the next School Board meeting.

C. Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Mr. Wiese would like to recognize the Winter Sports Teams on their seasons. The Girls' Basketball team earned Conference Champs. The Wrestling Team made it to Team Sectionals. We have 8 wrestlers advancing on to individual sectionals this weekend. He would like to thank and acknowledge our activity leaders for all of the time and work they give to activities.

D. Student Services

Mrs. Brania stated that she is currently planning for the State and District Testing for the next school year. She also stated that she spent the last two days at CESA3 for meetings.

E. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf talked about the AWSA Conference she attended. She appreciated the networking with other schools. She was excited to hear Josh Varner message as the keynote speaker.

F. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs stated that he and Kim attended the State Convention in January. He attended a Standards Based Grading session. He is currently reading 'Share Your Popcorn' by Sam Glenn, who was a speaker at the convention. He stated that CESA reached out to see if schools are interested in sharing an in-service day to have a bigger name speaker where costs could be shared. Mr. Buchs also stated that the AEF has been important in lobbying the state on behalf of School Districts. They are looking into using some of the surplus budget, so schools will not need

referendums to operate. He also stated that he will have a budget amendment next month for a few items. He will try to get copies of the Auditor's Report to the board soon.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Lauren/Laura motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 5-0

B. Personnel Transactions:

a. Appointment

i. Elizabeth Aurit – Volunteer Asst. HS Track Coach

BJ/Laura motion and second to approve the personnel transaction listed on the February 19, 2025 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 5-0

C. Approval of 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Administrative Contract extensions for Brandon Wiese, Denise Brania, Dana Bendorf, & Beau Buchs.

BJ/Lauren motion and second to approve extending the Administrative Contracts for Brandon Wiese, Denise Brania, Dana Bendorf, and Beau Buchs for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Years. Carried 5-0

D. Approval of Lawn Care Bid for 2025

Mr. Buchs stated that we did receive multiple lawn care bids. Lane Eggers took care of our lawn care last year.

Pete/BJ motion and second to accept the bid from Lane Eggers as presented. Carried 5-0

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AGR Report:

Dana Bendorf & Denise Brania presented the AGR Report, outlining student performance and instructional strategies. Mrs. Bendorf stated that this report is mandatory to qualify for the AGR Grant. Mrs. Bendorf feels that with the new math curriculum in place, our math scores will hopefully continue to rise. Vaughn asked why the numbers were different for students assessed compared to student totals. Mrs. Bendorf stated that the difference could be students that left the district or students who are exempt from taking the assessment. Lauren asked if students were able to take the test at a higher grade level if the teacher feels the student is at a higher level. Mrs. Bendorf stated that the test was created to adjust the grade level of the assessment with every correct and incorrect answers.

B. Parking Lot Project Discussion:

Mr. Buchs gave updates regarding the upcoming parking lot project. He stated that BJ plotted out the parking lot. This plot was sent to Wyser Engineering to assess. They gave feedback on curbing and elevation. Bids are due March 12th, which is before the next School Board Meeting. He would like the Buildings and Grounds Committee to meet before then.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No additional public comments were made.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Carried 5-0