

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2024

Regular Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Closed Session 6:15 PM

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

Administration Present: District Administrator Beau Buchs
Principal Dana Bendorf
Director of Student Services Denise Brania
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Brandon Wiese

In-person Attendees: 21

Virtual Attendees: 14

- I. The meeting was called order at 6:15 with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited. Pete motioned, Jamie seconded to enter closed session, motion carried 7-0. Personnel positions were discussed. At 7:10, Laura motioned, Jamie seconded to leave closed session. Motion carried 7-0.
- II. Communication and Public Comments
 - a. Public Comments

Nate Runde spoke to the board on Coach Hodgson's contract. Brandon Gill also spoke to the board on Coach Hodgson's contract. James Freeman also spoke to the board on Coach Hodgson's contract as an assistant coach and parent. Each speaker shared support for Coach Hodgson to continue coaching softball.
- III. Reports
 - a. School Perceptions Survey Presentation

Scott Girard presented to the board about the community survey. There were 277 total respondents to the survey. Mr. Buchs added that the presentation will be sent to the school board and sent out publicly via email and put on the school website.
 - b. Activities Director

Brandon Wiese prepared a report. He is currently finishing up scheduling events. He also congratulated the spring athletes on their conference awards.
 - c. Student Services

Denise Brania prepared a report. She reported that the district is looking to fill two paraprofessional positions and an ELL paraprofessional position.
 - d. Principal

Dana Bendorf prepared a report. She stated that all evaluations are complete. She also stated that summer school is running smoothly.
 - e. Superintendent

Beau Buchs prepared a report. He gave a building and grounds update. The custodial crew are doing a great job with summer jobs. He had a meeting with TC Networks. They discussed that the Chromebooks would last longer than expected before needing to be replaced.
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

b. Personnel Transactions

A. Appointments

1. Myleen Bass – School Librarian (10 day contract)
2. Alyssa Wedig – Part Time School Nurse
3. Jaylen Rufenacht – MS/HS English Language Arts Teacher
4. Makayna Lemanski – EC-3 Special Education Teacher
5. Wiese – Head Football
6. McKinley – Asst. Football
7. Westemeier – Asst. Football
8. Brania – Asst. Football
9. Heisner – Vol. Football
10. Burrows – Jr High Football
11. Schmelz – Jr High Football
12. Fritz – Vol Football
13. Christensen – Vol. Football
14. Bonin – Head Volleyball
15. J. Kattre – Asst Volleyball
16. M. Kendall – Asst Volleyball
17. Kletecka – Jr High Volleyball
18. Brandenburg – Asst Cross Country
19. Buchs – Head Boys Basketball
20. Parman – Vol Boys Basketball
21. Heisner – Asst Boys Basketball
22. Parman – 8th Grade Boys Basketball
23. Freeman – 7th Grade Boys Basketball
24. K. McGettigan – Head Girls Basketball
25. F. McGettigan – Asst Girls Basketball
26. Waterworth – 8th Grade Girls Basketball
27. M. Hodgson – 7th Grade Girls Basketball
28. Williams – Head Wrestling
29. Schaefer – Asst Wrestling
30. Taber – Jr High Wrestling
31. Kattre – Head Baseball
32. Werner – Asst Baseball
33. Gill – Asst Baseball
34. Wedig – Vol Baseball
35. Palzkill – Vol Baseball
36. Lancaster – Vol Baseball
37. Hodgson – Head Softball
38. Freeman – Asst Softball
39. Fiedler – Asst Softball
40. T. Aurit – Head Track

41. D. Aurit – Asst Track
42. E. Aurit – Vol Track
43. Brandenburg – Head Jr High Track
44. Burrows Asst Jr High Track
45. Lehnherr – Jazz
46. Lehnherr – Band
47. Lehnherr – Musical Pit
48. Edge – Choir
49. Thorsen – Head Forensics
50. Shellnut – Musical/Play
51. Ludlum – Musical/Play
52. McConnell Musical Accomp
53. Heisner – FFA
54. Engelke – FBLA
55. Kletecka – Yearbook
56. Wolch – HS Student Council
57. Cushman – After School Program
58. Klein – Special Olympics

B. Resignations

1. Haley Lindenburg – EC-3 Special Education Teacher
2. Makayna Lemanski - Paraprofessional

Laura/Kim motion and second to approve appointments 1-4 and resignations. Carried 7-0

Laura asked to vote for the Head Softball Coach separately. Kim asked to vote for the JH Football Coach separately. Lauren asked for the appointment list to be read aloud. 5-58 – Laura/BJ motion and second to approve the personnel transactions excluding Jeff Hodgson and Joe Schmelz. Carried 7-0

Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve Joe Schmelz for JH Football. Kim removed herself from the vote. Carried 6-0

Mr. Wiese read a resignation letter from Vaughn Mester for his volunteer softball coaching position.

Jeff Hodgson – Jamie/Kim motion and second to approve Jeff Hodgson for Head Softball Coach. Carried 4-3

Roll Call Vote: Lauren -Y, Kim -Y, Pete -N, BJ- N, Jamie -Y, Laura - N, Vaughn -Y

c. Approval of Hudl Contract

Brandon has talked to the Sports Boosters, and they are willing to help with the cost of Hudl. With the increase in viewers watching from home, the profit from spectators has gone down over the years. The district is also looking at being able to stream more outdoor activities. There is a possibility of asking for sponsorships.

Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve the Hudl contract as presented. Carried 7-0

d. Approval of 2024-2025 Registration Fees

Mr. Buchs stated that the current fees are \$20 and \$60 for several years. With increasing costs, he recommends that the district increase the fees. He would like the

fees to increase to \$40 for K-8 and \$80 for 9-12. There is the option for families to fill out a fee waiver for assistance if needed.

Laura/Pete motion and second to approve the registration fees be \$40 for K-8 and \$80 for 9-12 as presented. Carried 7-0

e. Approval of 2024-2025 Lunch Prices

PK-6 Lunch - \$3.15

7-12 Lunch - \$3.35

Adult Lunch – 4.25

PK-6 Breakfast - \$1.25

7-12 Breakfast – 1.35

Adult Breakfast – 1.80

Vaughn/BJ motion and second to set breakfast and lunch prices as presented.

Carried 7-0

f. Approval of Accepting a donation of two picnic tables from Owen and Mary Demo

The Demo family have generously donated two orange picnic tables for the playground area at a value of \$2,673.65.

Laura/Pete motion and second to approve the donation from Owen and Mary Demo.

Carried 7-0

g. Approval of School Board Policy 6611 and Opioid Antagonist Policy

BJ/Vaughn motion and second to approve Policies 6611 and WI Act 194 Opioid Antagonist Policy. Carried 7-0

V. Discussion Items

a. AGR Report

Mrs. Bendorf presented the report to the board. This report is an annual requirement. The district has seen student growth in all areas. She feels that our phonics and phonological awareness curriculum has helped make those gains. She thanked the board for their support of the phonics programs and the staff that took the time to trial the programs.

b. Update on Summer School

Last week was the first week of Summer School and it went well. There are a variety of courses for the students along with credit recovery going on as well. Attendance is very similar to last year's attendance overall. Attendance in the summer helps with State Funding and hopefully helps prevent student's from having summer slide with their learning.

c. Budget Forecast Update

Mr. Buchs has adjusted the budget forecast model with some updated figures. He shared the updated budget at the meeting. Mr. Buchs kept the budget conservative. The forecasted budget is always changing. Mr. Buchs updated the long-term planning piece, with the example of possibly trading a bus or van. Kim asked about the possible referendum money listed in the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Buchs stated that if the referendum passes, the money will be available for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Buchs stated that the district will have two revenue limit worksheets and budget proposals prepared, one with the referendum and one without. Mr. Buchs also shared

that should the State provide more funding in their next biennial budget; the district does not have to levy to the full amount of any potential referendum if not needed to operate the school district. Mr. Buchs stated that we aim to be responsible with our spending and hope that we can continue to offer necessary programs for our students.

d. Discussion Regarding Survey Results

The survey results have been configured. Mr. Buchs stated that he would email the results to the board soon. Data shows that a \$450,000 referendum had very strong support and the \$600,000 referendum had support as well. Kim stated that the survey was helpful.

VI. Public Comments

Laura asked if it was possible to discuss and vote on Vaughn Mester's coaching position at the next meeting. Nate Runde asked what would happen if there were multiple volunteer coaches on the school board. Would voting be limited for all that were coaches? Vaughn stated that WSB suggests that a voting board member should not also be a coach. Chip thanked the board members that voted in favor of Coach Hodgson and asked the members that voted against to attend a game to see what the team is going to do this next season. Jamie Reuter thanked Vaughn for all his years with the program. Robyn Reuter stated that there were past players of Coach Hodgson in attendance with kids now playing for him and that says something. She stated that the wall is filled with awards every year.

VII. Adjourn

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 8:14. Carried 7-0