

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
June 19, 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
Incoming Assistant Principal/Activities Director Brandon Wiese

In-person Attendees: 0

Virtual Attendees: 7

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

No comments

IV. REPORTS

A. School Board

No report

B. School Board Committees

No report

C. Student Services

Mrs. Brania prepared a written report.

D. Principal

Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report.

E. Superintendent

Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. He stated that the district purchased new washer and dryers. He also stated that the Shopping News contacted the district about a job fair and wondering if we wanted to list any open positions. He provided them with a typed list of job openings.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

B. Personnel Transactions

Appointments:

1. Chelsea Schock – Paraprofessional
2. Paul Burrows – MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
3. Jackie Kattre – 5th Grade Classroom Teacher
4. Beau Buchs – Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
5. Eric Heisner – JV Boys' Basketball Coach
6. Paul Burrows – MS Football Asst. Coach
7. Joe Schmelz – MS Football Head Coach

Resignations:

1. Mitch Austin – 5th Grade Teacher and MS Football
2. Joe Schmelz – MS Football Asst. Coach (moving to Head MS Coach)
3. Mallary Sturtz – Business Teacher and FBLA Advisor

4. AnnaMarie Bousley – Paraprofessional

Jamie asked if Eric would be in addition to Travis Parman. Mr. Buchs stated that Travis would like to be the Varsity Assistant and Eric would be the JV Assistant. Jamie also asked if a parent complete/issue would happen with boys' basketball that they would share the issue with the board. Brandon and Beau both said that they would be open to notifying the board if needed. Brandon would like to keep the chain consistent. Dana said that the administration team would let the board know if anything needs to be shared with the board. BJ asked what happens when someone resigns with a signed contract. The district has had a few teachers back out of the contract and the school is left with starting the hiring process again. Mr. Buchs stated that the contract listed on the personnel transaction sheet has not been signed. Denise looked up the process in the handbook and updated the board. Pete said that it might be worth looking into what other schools do.

Kim stated that she would like to abstain from appointment #7.

BJ asked if appointment #4 could be voted separately.

BJ/Pete motion and second to approve personnel transactions appointments 1-3, 5-6 and resignations listed on the June 19th, 2023 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

Kim/Lauren motion and second to approve the personnel transaction appointment 4 listed on the June 19th, 2023 Personnel Transaction Sheet. 6-1

Kim-Y, Lauren-Y, Pete-Y, BJ-N, Jamie-Y, Laura-Y, and Vaughn-Y

Jamie/Laura motion and second to approve personnel transactions appointment 7 listed on the June 19th, 2023. Carried 6-0

C. Approval of School Board Policy 8800 & 8802

Jamie/Vaughn motion and second to approve the board policies 8800 and 8802 as presented. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of School Elevator Repairs

BJ/Pete motion and second to approve the Elevator Repairs from Schindler Elevator Corporation at a cost of \$14,800. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of Kitchen Purchases to upgrade equipment

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the kitchen equipment purchases from Kessinich's at a cost of \$31,382.41. Carried 7-0

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AGR Report

Mrs. Bendorf and Mrs. Brania presented the report. There has been huge growth in kindergarten who was using a Pilot program. Laura asked Mrs. Bendorf to explain what the goal is. As a district, we look at the students moving from tier 3 upward. BJ asked if we could follow the classes all the way through to see what the progress over time is. Pete said that looking at the report he can see that our teachers and students are making great progress from Fall to Spring.

B. Update of Summer School

Mr. Buchs stated that we have had students working hard in credit recovery. We also have a big group of students who are attending other summer school classes. A group of students were able to go to the Belmont Mound State Park and the Heinrich's property. Mr. Buchs would like to thank the Summer School Staff.

C. Budget Update

Mr. Buchs stated that we are still waiting for the approval of the State Budget from the Government. He is working on this year's budget, and we are over in some of the areas. There are many factors that need to be adjusted. The draft is a work in progress. He is hopeful that the Joint Finance committee and Legislature will approve the increases the district needs. He is hoping to have a more accurate draft budget next month. Pete asked if there was anything that we have done for years that could be looked at and revamped

budget-wise. Pete asked if we could look at the ‘in lieu of’ piece of insurance. The district has three sets of couples on staff that are more than likely receiving health insurance and the in lieu of benefit. Pete is wondering if the district should look into the amount of the in lieu of insurance the school is paying for spouses in the district. Mrs. Bendorf stated that it would be hard to segregate spouses from other staff members who choose not to take the insurance. Pete would like to look at the dollar amount given to the staff that take the in lieu of benefit. Jamie stated that we need to study the data to see if we are saving money. BJ stated that he would like to see if other districts are one or one or if they use a multiplier on the value. Vaughn remembers that when the district first looked into the in lieu of benefit, they found that the way it is set up was the best at the time. BJ stated that since it has been ten years, maybe this is something the district should look into again.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 7:49pm. Carried 7-0