

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
July 17, 2024 – 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/Athletic Director Brandon Wiese

In-person Attendees: 0

Virtual Attendees: 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Vaughn Mester called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

a. No comments

IV. REPORTS

A. Activities Director

Brandon Wiese prepared a report. He stated that he is double checking athletic schedules for the upcoming season. He also congratulated the athletes that made All-Star Teams.

B. Student Services

Denise Brania prepared a report. She stated that she has had parents call about the upcoming school year. She also stated that she has started taking classes to become a School Psychologist.

C. Principal

Dana Bendorf prepared a report. She stated that the last student in credit recovery completed the requirement today.

D. Superintendent

Beau Buchs prepared a report. He stated the roof was completed yesterday with a third snow rail. The maintenance staff are moving along great with summer jobs and cleaning. He gave an update on the budget. Act20 training is going well for our elementary teachers. He also stated that he is working on the question that would be asked for the possible referendum. He would like to have a special meeting to discuss the referendum question with the board. He would like to possibly meet the week of August 12th. He also shared documents he received from the Association for Equitable Funding.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

B. Personnel Transactions

a. Appointments:

1. Amie Voigts – MS Student Council
2. Amie Voights – MS Volleyball Coach
3. Matt Bockhop – Volunteer Baseball Coach
4. Jaylen Rufenacht – Asst. HS Boys' Basketball Coach
5. Sonya Junk – Paraprofessional

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the July 17, 2024 Personnel Transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

C. After School Program Fees for 2024-25

BJ asked if we knew why enrollment has been lower. Mr. Buchs stated that he feels it is a vital program and we do have families that consistently use it.

Kim/BJ motion and second to set the After School Program fees at \$5/day, \$10 for an early release day, with a \$15 registration fee. Carried 7-0

D. Annual Athletic Pass Fees for 2024-25

Mr. Buchs recommends leaving the athletic pass fee at \$75. Admission prices per game are set by the conferences. They are:

MS Game Adult - \$2

MS Game Student - \$1

HS Game Adult - \$5

HS Game Student - \$3.

As a reminder, Belmont Students get fee admission to home games.

Laura/Lauren motion and second to set the yearly athletic pass fee for the 2024-25 school year at \$75. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of the annual declaration and parent notice of the District's student academic standards that will be in effect for the 2024-2025 School Year pursuant to section 120.12(13) and section 118.30(1g)(a)1 of the state statutes

Pete/Vaughn motion and second to approve the annual declaration and parent notice of the district's student's academic standards for the 2024-25 School Year. Carried 7-0

F. Approval of Authorizing the Board's ability to borrow money for Operating the School District

Mr. Buchs stated that he does not anticipate the need to borrow money for operating expenses. If the need arises, he will communicate that with the board.

BJ/Laura motion and second to approve the ability of the district to borrow money for operating on the school district. Carried 7-0

G. Approval of Milk Bid for the 2024-2025 School Year

Our area only has one company that will give a milk bid, Prairie Farms. Lauren asked if a student brings in cold lunch are they able to purchase a milk. Mr. Wiese stated that students can pay for a single milk for \$0.25 or if available, get a milk from the share bin.

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the milk and dairy bid from Prairie Farms for the 2024-25 School Year. Carried 7-0

H. Approval of Bus Maintenance Bid for the 2024-2025 School Year

The district received one bid for bus maintenance. It has gone up slightly from last year due to supply price increases. The district has had to go to Shullsburg in the past for certain work when it cannot be done locally.

Pete/Vaughn motion and second to approve the Bus Maintenance Bid from TruckCo for the 2024-25 School Year. Carried 7-0

I. Approval of Title IX Policy #2264

He suggested that the board does not repeal our policy requiring two readings and make this the first reading of the policy. If he is told that the policy must be approved before August 1st or we will lose funding, he will let the board know. The board agreed that this would be the first reading.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Potential Referendum in November

Mr. Buchs prepared a presentation for the board. He is proposing that the district ask for \$550,000 for 4 years non-recurring. A resolution must be approved and filed by 8/27/24. He asks if the board has any suggestions or concerns of their own or of the community, to share them with him to possibly update the information. Kim stated that she would like to see some background information on the Mill Rate and other information that the community might not know exactly what those numbers entail. Mr. Buchs stated that it was a good suggestion and will look at possibly adding more information to the presentation.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Carried 7-0