

Belmont Community School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
July 18, 2022
Regular Session 7:00 PM

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

Administration Present: District Administrator Beau Buchs
Principal Dana Bendorf
Director of Student Services Denise Brania

Virtual Attendees: 3

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

III. REPORTS

A. School Board

Kim invited the board to the CESA3 meeting.

B. Student Services – Mrs. Brania prepared a written report. She presented a written report explaining i-Ready data on reading and math. Laura asked if there are still goals set for i-ready scores. Mrs. Brania stated that the goals are set at the district level and look at the Forward test more. Laura also asked if we were able to compare our scores to other districts? Mrs. Brania stated that i-ready scores are not posted for other districts to see. Pete asked if we would be able to follow the scores of one grade level to see if those students are improving over the course of a few years. Mrs. Brania stated that it would be possible.

C. Principal – Mrs. Bendorf prepared a written report.

D. Superintendent- Mr. Buchs prepared a written report. Highlights of the County Fair from Mr. Hodgson. Belmont students had great achievements at the fair. He also gave a budget update. He would also like to thank the custodians for keeping on track with summer cleaning.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Pete stated that Tanya's name is spelled wrong on last month's minutes.

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

B. Personnel Transactions

a. Appointments:

- i. Ashlyn Austin – Assistant Play Director
- ii. Robert Brania – HS Football Assistant Coach
- iii. Jake Amenda – HS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach
- iv. Jeff Christensen – MS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach
- v. Joe Schmelz – MS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach
- vi. Jackie Kattre – Assistant HS Volleyball Coach
- vii. Hope Grimm – Assistant HS Volleyball Coach
- viii. Buffy Riechers – 8th Grade Volleyball
- ix. Ryne Wiegel – 7th Grade Volleyball
- x. Nancy Poller – Parttime Dishwasher (2 days per week)

b. Resignations

i. Pilar Arroyo – Paraprofessional

Jamie/Vaughn Motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the July 18, 2022 Personnel transaction Sheet. Carried 7-0

C. Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2022-23

Lunch Fees:

PK-6 - \$3.15 (up from \$3.05)

7-12 - \$3.35 (up from \$3.25)

Adult - \$4.15 (up from \$4.05)

Breakfast Fees:

PK-6 - \$1.25 (up from \$1.15)

7-12 - \$1.35 (up from \$1.25)

Adult - \$1.50 (up from \$1.25)

BJ/Laura Motion and second to set breakfast and lunch prices as presented. Carried 7-0

D. Student Fees for 2022-23

Mr. Buchs would like to keep the student registrations fees the same. They are set at \$20 for K-8th grade and \$60 for 9-12th grade.

Vaughn/Lauren Motion and second to set registration fees at \$20 for K-8th and \$60 for 9-12th students for the 2022-23 school year. Carried 7-0

E. After School Program Fees for 2022-23

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

F. Annual Athletic Pass Fees for 2022-23

Vaughn/BJ motion and second to set the yearly athletic pass fee for the 2022-23 school year at \$75. Carried 7-0

G. Approval of the annual declaration and parent notice of the District's student academic standards that will be in effect for the 2022-23 School Year pursuant to section 120.12(13) and section 118.30(1g)(a)1 of the state statutes

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the annual declaration and parent notice of the District's student's academic standards for the 2022-23 school year. Carried 7-0

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

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

I. Approval of Milk Bid for the 2022-2023 School Year

Mr. Buchs stated that the district was able to get one bid. This is the only real option that our corner of the state has.

Laura/Lauren motion and second to approve the milk and dairy bid from Prairie Farms for the 2022-23 school year. Carried 7-0

J. Approval of Bread Bid for the 2022-2023 School Year

Bimbo is the only bid the district was able to receive.

Lauren/Pete motion and second to approve the bread bid from Bimbo. Carried 7-0

K. Approval of Fuel Bid for the 2022-2023 School Year

Mr. Buchs was not able to receive a fuel bid in time for the meeting. This topic will be tabled until the August meeting.

L. Approval of Bus Maintenance Bid for the 2022-2023 School Year

Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee discussed the bids during their meeting. We have two bids, one from Shoey's and one from TruckCo.

Pete/BJ motion and second to accept the bus maintenance bid from TruckCo for the 2022-23 school year. Carried 7-0

M. Discussion and Possible Approval of purchasing a Ford Transit Van

Mr. Buchs is talking to a couple dealerships about ordering a van. This will be tabled and talked about at the August meeting.

N. Approval of Repair of the Library Door Hardware

The library door needs to be repaired. To fix the lock, it will be around \$5,000. Tom Thomas and Mr. Buchs are looking into a company in Dubuque. This item will be tabled until August.

O. Approval of Purchasing Siding for the Garage

Mr. Buchs stated that our garage needs to be resided. This quote is just under \$5,000. The district is hoping that some our students will be able to help. Jamie is willing to help install and teach students.

Vaughn/Kim motion and second to approve purchasing new siding for the School Garage at a cost of \$4,599.35. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Daycare Possibilities

Mr. Buchs went to Southwestern and toured their daycare facilities. Mr. Buchs also was able to get a few contact numbers for information. Laura asked who pays the personnel that run the daycare. Southwestern funds the daycare through Fund 80, their community fund, and charge families competitively. Our committee is meeting August 1st and will have an update at the August meeting. Our biggest challenge is location. If you are on school grounds, you do not need a license, but follow all guidelines. If a school runs a daycare off school grounds, it will need to be licensed. Mrs. Brania stated that it would be a great way to have any high school student interested in childcare, to gain experience. It also would be helpful for Child Find, to get young children support sooner.

B. Potential FEMA Grant

Mr. Buchs stated that Darlington District has received the FEMA Grant. Jordan Buss with JBAD Solutions LLC is willing to write the grant for our district. He does charge a retainer of \$10,500 upfront and charges a percentage of the dollars as a fee. Jordan estimates that our district would have potential to get around \$2 million if we would apply for and receive the competitive grant. The grant could be used to build a space for any use if it can also serve as a tornado shelter. Jordan is willing to come to a meeting to discuss the process.

C. Facilities Study

Upper90 Energy is hoping to make the August Board meeting to present their capabilities and what they can do for our district. Jim Wede of Performance Services would like to give the district a free facilities study. They also services for future facilities. BJ stated that the district should have a better understanding of projects that we would like to complete and look for a company that specializes in those projects. Mr. Buchs stated that he thought they could give us an idea on possible locations for a daycare.

D. Potential of establishing a Fund 46

Mr. Buchs stated that Fund 46 is a long-term capital improvement account. Money put in this fund must stay in the fund for five years before you are able to use the money. The district would have to create a plan to be approved by the state. Mr. Buchs stated that if the district would have put the budget surplus into this fund at the end of the FY21, we would have received more state aid and would have had funds put away for capitol projects. If we end up with a budget surplus in the future, the funds could be transferred into fund 46 rather than allowing our state aid to be reduced.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Carried 7-0