

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 21, 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: 7

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. School Board

Kim gave a CESA update. She stated that CESA encourages districts to reach out if they have staffing or other needs.

B. Activities Director

Brandon Wiese prepared a report. He shared that the Sports Boosters have helped with cost and support.

C. Student Services

Denise Brania prepared a report. She stated that our staff are enthusiastic about the start of the year. She is working on scheduling.

D. Principal

Dana Bendorf prepared a report. She stated that we are finished with the ACT 20 training.

E. Superintendent

Beau Buchs prepared a report. He stated that the ACT20 trainer gave positive feedback about our staff during the training. He wanted to remind everyone about the Open House and referendum presentation tomorrow night. He updated the board with the predicted Estimated Assessed Valuation of the School District as a whole numbers. Mr. Buchs shared that the Property Values are predicted to go up 10.2% from last year.

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

- a. Appointments:
 - 1. Raine Voigts – 5th Grade Teacher
 - 2. Claira Droessler – ELL Paraprofessional
- b. Resignations:
 - i. Sydney Cushman – After School Program Coordinator
 - ii. Mia Hodgson – MS Girls Basketball

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

C. Approval of 2024-2025 Contract with Oregon Mental Health

Pete asked who the district contact was for the program. Mr. Wiese stated that our school counselors, Matt Wolch and Meghan Solberg are the contacts.

BJ/Pete motion and second to approve the contract with Oregon Mental Health Student Counseling Services for the 2024-2025 School Year. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of 2024-2025 Academic and Career Plan

Lauren asked if the senior project would start this year? Mr. Wiese stated that students will be completing projects this year. Mrs. Bendorf stated that some students have completed their projects already.

Lauren/Kim motion and second to approve the District Academic and Career Plan for 2024-2025. Carried 7-0

E. Approval of Policy 2264 – Title IX

Mr. Buchs stated that the policy has been polarizing to people who view this issue differently. Mr. Buchs shared that federal funding could be held if the policy is not put in place but has also gotten legal advice that this will not happen immediately. Mr. Buchs shared that different courts have ruled differently on this policy and it may be wise to wait until it gets sorted out with a more definite ruling. Pete asked if there were any schools in our area challenging it? Mr. Buchs stated that there is a group in Wisconsin challenging the policy change. He stated that the WIAA is currently following the birth gender for participants. Jamie asked if we are at risk of being sued if we do not pass the policy. Mr. Buchs shared that this could be challenged from both sides of the issue. BJ asked if we could table this until we know more about the requirement. Jamie agreed with tabling the action on the policy. BJ stated that we would be able to call a special meeting if we feel we need to make a motion. No action taken at this time.

F. Approval of Donation of a Trailer from Gregg and LuAnn Johnson

Laura/Vaughn motion and second to approve the donation of a trailer by Gregg and LuAnn Johnson. Carried 7-0

G. Approval of Donation of \$1000 to Music Department and \$5000 to Athletic Department from Pat and Janet Keyes

BJ/Lauren motion and second to approve the donation of \$6000 to the School District from Pat and Janet Keyes. Carried 7-0

H. Approval of Donation of \$2000 to Music Department from Jerry Miller in memory of Joan Miller.

Jamie/Pete motion and second to approve the donation of \$2000 to the Music Department from Jerry Miller. Carried 7-0

I. Approval of FFA Convention Overnight Trip October 21-25, 2024

Kim/Vaughn motion and second to approve the FFA to take an overnight trip to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention on October 21-25, 2024. Carried 7-0

J. Approval of Trees for Tomorrow Overnight Trip September 29 – October 2, 2024

Pete/Laura motion and second to approve the 8th grade class to take an overnight trip to Trees for Tomorrow on September 29 – October 2, 2024. Carried 7-0

K. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Buchs stated that the official budget comes in October, he highlighted some of the main points. He stated that there are two possible budgets, one with a referendum and one without a referendum.

Vaughn/BJ motion and second to approve Budget as presented for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025 Wisconsin State Education Convention

The convention is held in Milwaukee on January 22-24, 2025. Mr. Buchs is wondering if any board members would like to attend. He stated that there is a lot of value in attending.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 7:31pm. Carried 7-0