

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER

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February 2025

***Mark your calendar - 25-26 PK Screening
March 13th & 14th***

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BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
December 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Vaughn Mester (arrived at 7:45), Jamie Heinrichs, Laura Bahr, BJ Galle,
Peter Bonin, Kim Schmelz, and Lauren Runde

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

In-person Attendees: 5

Virtual Attendees: 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Lauren Runde called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments

IV. REPORTS

A. FFA Presentation

Mr. Heisner and 3 FFA Officers gave an update on what the Belmont FFA Chapter has done so far this year. They also gave an update on upcoming events. There are 79 students in 8th-12th grade involved in FFA in Belmont.

B. School Report Card Presentation

Mrs. Brania presented the School Report Card. Our overall District Score is a 69.5 which is considered Meets Expectations. Our MS/HS scored a 62.7 Meets Expectation. Our Elementary School scored a 78.8 Exceeds Expectations. Jamie asked if the administration thought other districts would share what they are doing differently, what is working for them, or what they use for curriculum? Mr. Buchs stated that most school administrators are willing to share ideas and that a lot of networking happens during conference meetings. BJ asked if it was possible to administration could create more of the tables instead of the graphs to show more categories. Mrs. Bendorf said that she created the ones in the document, and they do take a lot of time and information because the percentages shift every year. She can work on putting more together if it is wanted. Laura asked how absenteeism fits in. Mrs. Bendorf stated that the State does not recognize medical notes, but Truancy Law does. She tries to educate parents on the importance of being present in school. She stated that the State flags any student who has missed 10% of the school year. We have 180 school days scheduled, if a student is gone 18 days or more, whether it be for medical reasons or not, the State flags the student as chronically absent.

C. School Board

No reports

D. Activities Director

Brandon Wiese prepared a report. He wanted to congratulate Mr. Lehnherr and Mrs. Edge on their successful concerts. He added that he is working on next year's sports schedules. He also stated that our B/P Wrestling team is Team of the Week in Wisconsin.

E. Student Services

Denise Brania prepared a report. She stated that six 4th and 5th graders went to SWTC to a Gifted and Talented Session of Math 24. They all did a great job. Mr. Wolch took a leadership group to a Leadership Bootcamp to CESA3.

F. Principal

Dana Bendorf prepared a report.

G. Superintendent

Beau Buchs prepared a report. He stated that the tax bill was pretty close to what was predicted. The district was able to levy a little more, so that amount did go up. There is a staff holiday party this Friday.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Jamie/Lauren motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 6-0

B. Personnel Transactions

a. Appointments:

1. Luke Fugate – Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach
2. Joe Williams– Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach

b. Resignations:

1. Justin Flogel – Custodian (effective May 10, 2025)

BJ/Kim motion and second to approve the personnel transactions as presented. Carried 6-0

C. Approval of District Policy Updates 0164, 0174.1, 2340, 3120.04, 3120.08, 3431, 5200, 5330, 5430, 5460, 5505, 5610, 5771, 6423, 7540.05, 7544, 8395, 8500, 8531, 8540, 8550, 8600, and 8660.

Lauren/Laura motion and second to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Carried 7-0

D. Approval of 2025-26 School Calendar.

Pete/BJ motion and second to approve the 2025-26 School Calendar as presented. Carried 6-0

E. Approval of 2025-26 High School Coursebook

Mr. Wolch presented the High School Coursebook.

Lauren/Jamie motion and second to approve the 2025-26 High School Coursebook as presented. Carried 7-0

F. Approval of Belmont Life Blocks Program.

Mr. Wolch stated that CESA has created a Social/Emotional Curriculum. CESA chose a few schools to pilot the program and asked Belmont to participate in 9 lessons. Teachers in students RTI homeroom will instruct the 20-minute lesson and give feedback to Mr. Wolch and CESA3.

Laura/Kim motion and second to approve the Belmont Life Blocks Program. Carried 7-0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Elementary Math Curriculum Update

Mrs. Bendorf would like to thank all of the teachers who were willing to take the time and complete the proper trainings to pilot possible math curriculum. Those teachers also facilitated observations of their peers. Lauren asked if CESA was trained in the curriculums we are looking

at. Mrs. Bendorf is not sure about CESA, but each of the companies have training opportunities if purchased.

B. First Reading of Policy 5610.03

Mr. Buchs stated that this is a new policy that is in addition to the policy about suspension and expulsion. It talks about alternatives to expulsion and reentry plans.

C. Parking Lot Project and Bidding Process

Mr. Buchs stated that he gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee a draft of a possible bid. His timeline goal is to have half the cost on this year's budget and to start the project June 9th. The goal is to publish the bid in the paper in January. The school will be looking at the pitch on the parking lot to make sure water is flowing where it should be.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Buchs wanted to say that Madison Abundant Life Christian Schools are in our thoughts. We are continuously monitoring our School Safety Plan to make sure our building is secure.

VII. ADJOURN

BJ/Pete motion and second to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Carried 7-0

Belmont Sports Boosters Minutes
Wednesday, December 4th, 2024
6:30 pm - HS Library

Those in attendance: Brandon Gill, Tom Leitzinger, Allison Leitzinger, Kaleen McGettigan, Brandon Wiese, Beau Buchs

1. Call to Order (meeting called by Brandon Gill @ 6:32pm)
2. Secretary Report
 - a. November Minutes - approved (motioned by Allison Leitzinger, seconded by Brandon Wiese)
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. November Report - approved (motioned by Brandon Gill , seconded by Kaleen McGettigan)
4. Funding Request
 - a. Basketball Shoot Away Machine - approved (motioned by Allison Leitzinger, seconded by Brandon Gill)
 - b. Discussion on weight room equipment - no action
 - c. Discussion on MS football helmets - no action
5. Correspondence
 - a. None
 - b. PO Box - New Booster Add
6. Old Business
 - a. Fundraising Committees - Updates
 - b. Winter Sports Concessions - Updates
 - Notes: Discussion on starting youth concessions season, seeking more assistance with games from workers, and electronic sign up for parents/athletes by ticket table.
 - c. Promotional - Hall of Fame Details
 - Notes: Discussion on all HOF recipients returning details and all is on schedule for January 24th/25th weekend.
 - d. Facebook Page
 - Notes: Discussion on keeping advertisement and posts going
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion on Scholarship Requirement
 - Notes: Discussion on new rubric special to sports experience questions. Details were also discussed on involving number of hours worked at concessions from athletes (minimum/maximum hours to consider in future).

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- Motion on scholarship to move to 2 sport athletes, work a minimum of 3 concessions, and up to \$3,000 to be used to award 2025 scholarships - approved (motioned by Allison Leitzinger seconded by Brandon Gill).

9. Announcements

- a. The next Belmont Sports Booster meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the HS Library.

10. Adjournment - approved (motioned by Allison Leitzinger seconded by Brandon Wiese).



Belmont FFA

Alumni and Supporters

January 6, 2025

To Whom This May Concern,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. On behalf of the Belmont FFA Alumni and Supporters, we are excited to announce our upcoming fundraising auction, which will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at noon in the Belmont School Elementary Gym.

The auction is a significant fundraiser for the Belmont FFA Alumni and Supporters to finance scholarships, send FFA members on trips and judging events, operate the FFA Greenhouse, and meet other needs of the Belmont FFA Chapter. We are reaching out to businesses and individuals like you because you believe that FFA, agricultural education, and leadership is important to our youth.

Our 2024 auction was a great success! To ensure the success of this event, we are seeking charitable donations to be included in this year's event. Your support can play a crucial role in helping us achieve our fundraising goals and make a difference in the Belmont FFA program.

We are kindly requesting a donation for our auction and any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. Items such as gift certificates, merchandise, services, or a gift basket would be a wonderful addition to our auction lineup. If you would like to donate, please contact the FFA Alumni and Supporters by email at Belmontffaalumni@gmail.org or 608-558-5799. All donations made by February 20th will be listed in a newspaper publication!

Thank you for considering our request. Your support will make a lasting impact, and we look forward to your generosity.

Belmont FFA Alumni and Supporters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN Number is 93-3297510.

Sincerely,

Belmont FFA Alumni and Supporters

Adding Absence Requests in Skyward Family Access

If your student is staying home from school, you can create an absence request in Skyward Family Access the morning of the absence. If you know your student will not be in school on a future date (ex. family vacation), you can create an absence request for a future date as well. Below are the steps in creating an absence request. You can also view a tutorial at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyASUI9wNsU>

1. Sign into Skyward Family Access using your assigned username and password.
You will see the Family Access tile screen, where you can view tiles for all your students.
2. Select the Attendance tile
You can select a tile under a specific child's name or under the View All Students heading. If you wish to view a different child's information, you can do so by selecting that child's name at the top left of the screen.
3. Select the Absence Requests tab near the top of the screen on the left.
4. Under the Year-to-Date Absence Request heading, click Add Absence Request near the right of the screen.
5. The Add Absence Request Screen will appear. Complete the appropriate fields.
 - a. Verify the Start Date or enter the correct date if necessary.
 - b. Verify the End Date or enter the correct date if necessary.
 - c. Uncheck the box for All Day if appropriate
If you left the box checked, skip to sub-step f
If you unchecked the box, the Start Time and End Time fields display. Continue to sub-step d.
 - d. Enter the Start Time or click the Clock icon to enter the time.
 - e. Enter the End Time or click the Clock icon to enter the time.
 - f. Enter an Attendance Reason or click the Down Arrow icon to choose the reason.
The only reason that is available to select is Parent Request. Select Parent Request.
 - g. Enter a Comment
For example, if you wish to indicate that this request is due to vacation, you could enter Family Vacation.
6. Click Save near the top left of the screen to save your work.
You will return to the Absence Request tab of the Student Attendance Screen. You can make modifications to the absence request using the Edit option if necessary. If the absence request is no longer needed, you can click Delete. Both options are located to the left of each absence request you enter.

Once the attendance request has been processed administratively, the Edit and Delete options are no longer displayed. You may also see a comment from the school in the School Comment column.

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Gempler at gemplers@belmont.k12.wi.us

The 2024 Holiday Trail of Lights at Bond Park was a great success this year!

The Belmont Tourism Commission is sending a sincere "THANK YOU" to all businesses, families and organizations that put up a unique display this year. There are so many fine little details within each display, and it is always so exciting to see what the new holiday lights will have to offer.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were there to see the children and parents. Santa handed out goody bags to all the children that were generously donated by the Belmont Lions Club. Visitors enjoyed the Belmont High School Choir singing Christmas carols while the Pleasant View 4H served hot chocolate, cookies and yummy bars.

Despite the wind, rain, and freezing temperatures, the Holiday Trail welcomed a lot of visitors from all over, including Colorado, Texas and Tennessee.

What a great town we live in!

Belmont Tourism Commission



The Belmont Community School District recently hosted its 4th annual school-wide spelling bee, part of the nationally accredited Scripps Spelling Bee program. This year's competition began with classroom bees for students in grades 3 through 8. Two representatives from each grade advanced to compete in the school-wide bee, held on January 8.

The participants were as follows:

- **3rd Grade:** Asher Parker and Sloan Heinrichs
- **4th Grade:** Saige Masbruch and Liam Edge
- **5th Grade:** June Temperly and Felicity Nunn
- **6th Grade:** Maisey Heidorf and Zea Nunn
- **7th Grade:** Anna Mae Engelke and Braun Barrett
- **8th Grade:** Shannon Pishion and Zoe Wedig

All the students performed exceptionally well, showcasing their spelling skills through 26 challenging rounds. In the end, **Zea Nunn**, a 6th grader, emerged as the winner, with **Shannon Pishion** from 8th grade as the runner-up. Zea will now advance to the regional spelling bee, to be held at CESA in February.

Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and impressive performances! Best of luck to Zea at the next level!

Belmont Blood Drive

Where: Belmont Inn and Suites

*(103 West Moundview Avenue,
Belmont, WI 53510)*

When: Monday, February 24th,
2025

Time: 12:30 pm–5:30 pm

***Walk-ins are acceptable**

*** 16-year-olds need a signed
permission slip by a parent or
guardian and two forms of
Identification to donate**

WINTER HIKE

AT
BELMONT MOUND
STATE PARK

2-5 P.M.

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

18650 Cty G
north of Belmont, WI

FREE EVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hike to the bonfire
at the top of the mound
for cocoa & marshmallows!



BROUGHT TO YOU BY
FRIENDS
OF THE
BELMONT MOUND
STATE PARK


 Friends of BMSP

February 2025 Lunch Menu

Substitutes available daily include ham or turkey sandwich, Uncrustable, salad or peanut butter sandwich.

Veggie bar, 1% white or FF chocolate milk served daily. Menus Subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Corn Fruit Milk	4 Tomato Soup Crackers Grilled Cheese Fruit Milk	5 Corn Dogs Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Fruit Milk	6 Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk	7 Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Doritos Fruit Milk
10 French Bread Pizza Marinara Side Salad Fruit Milk	11 BBQ on a WG Bun Or Turkey Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/gravy Corn Fruit Milk	13 Cheesy Broccoli Soup Or Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Ham Sandwich Fruit Milk	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> Hot Dog, Brat or Cheddarwurst Chips Fruit Milk
17 NO SCHOOL 	18 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Garlic Knot Fruit Milk	19 Chicken Marinara or Alfredo WG Rotini Corn Fruit Milk	20 Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Chips Beans Fruit Milk	21 Pizza Dippers Marinara Sauce Side Salad Fruit Milk
24 Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit Milk	25 Goulash Garlic Breadstick Corn Fruit Milk	26 Chicken Fajita Wrap Coleslaw Chips Fruit Milk	27 Corn Dogs Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Patty on a WG Bun Chips Fruit Milk

February 2025 Breakfast Menu

Juice, varied fruits, 1% white or FF Chocolate milk served daily.

Menus subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Muffin Tops OR Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal & WG Snack	4 WG Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal & WG Snack	5 WG Donut OR Cereal WG Snack	6 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal & WG Snack	7 WG Soft Pretzel OR Cereal & WG Snack
10 Muffin Tops OR Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal & WG Snack	11 WG Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal & WG Snack	12 WG Donut OR Cereal WG Snack	13 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal & WG Snack	14 WG Mini Pancakes Or Cereal & WG Snack
17 	18 WG Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal & WG Snack	19 WG Donut OR Cereal WG Snack	20 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal & WG Snack	21 WG Soft Pretzel OR Cereal & WG Snack
24 Muffin Tops OR Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal & WG Snack	25 WG Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal & WG Snack	26 WG Donut OR Cereal WG Snack	27 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal & WG Snack	28 WG Mini Pancakes Or Cereal & WG Snack



SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

**BRGA's mission is to help
as many as we can in
the event of a crisis.**

**Saturday, February 8, 2025
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Belmont Convention Center
Belmont, Wisconsin**

**Silent Auction is 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Live Auction Starts at 7:00 pm
Bar from 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Serving Food
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Donation Per Plate
Meal Proceeds Benefit Pleasant View 4H
Pulled Beef or Pulled Pork
Cowboy Potatoes, Vegetable,
Cabbage Salad & Desserts
**MEAL SERVED BY
PLEASANT VIEW 4H****



PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING REGISTRATION

Belmont will be hosting two Pre-Kindergarten Screening days on March 13th and 14th, 2025. The kids will get a chance to spend a half day in the classroom with their teacher, just like they will in September!

***Please note: Plan on dropping your child off and picking them up at the end of their session.**

Who should attend?

- Students who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2025.
- Students who will be eligible to attend 5 year old kindergarten in the fall of 2025 who did not attend 4 year old kindergarten this year.

When and Where?

- The Pre-Kindergarten Screening Days will take place on March 13th and 14th.
- March 13th will run from 8:30am-11:30am
- March 14th will run from 8:30am-11:30am

*You will only need to sign up for one of the two dates.

What do I need to do?

- If you would like your child to attend, please email or call Sanette Schmidt at schmidt@belmont.k12.wi.us or (608) 762-5131 ext. 1101 to make an appointment.
~First come/first pick for date.
- Once you have registered, you will receive a packet of information in the mail with more information.

Cornish Pasty Sale

Belmont Music Department



Homemade

Cornish Pasty

**fundraiser
for Belmont Band & Choir**

The pasties will be made Saturday, March 1, 2024. They are made with freshly ground hamburger, hashbrowns, (onions) and spices. They are ready for you to bake and can be picked up at the school or delivered in town between Noon-1:00 pm.

\$6.00 per pasty-payable to Belmont Music Boosters

Name: _____

Address/Phone #: _____

_____ Total No. of pasty (____w/onions ____w/out onions)

Pick-Up_____ Deliver_____

Paid:_____ Amount Due:_____

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED