

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order in the BCS Board Room at 6:30 PM by President Mike Reed.
2. Roll call was taken. Board Members present: Allysen Bonifas, Eric Kilburg, Marty Ploessl, Mike Reed and Janet Sieverding; Also present: Superintendent Tom Meyer; Board of Education Secretary Abbey Skrivseth and Elementary Principal Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder.
3. Motion by Sieverding, second by Bonifas to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Sieverding, second by Ploessl to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously. The consent agenda contained:
 - a. Approve minutes of the Regular School Board Annual and Organizational meetings on December 11, 2023.
 - b. Approve payment of the bills
 - c. Approve any open enrollment requests: none
 - d. Approve resignations:
 - i. Isabel Krabbenhoft: Color Guard
 - e. Approve recommendations to hire: none
5. Visitor: Matt Cook.
6. Comet Curriculum: Matt Cook discussed his new eighth grade exploratory class. This class introduces students to the shop building, teaches the basics of using a tape measure and other tools and students make a personalized rectangular cup/cell phone coaster.
7. Facilities discussion included the status of new elementary. Bids will be available to contractors on January 11, a pre-bid meeting will be onsite on January 29, bids will be due and opened on February 8, the Board will approve the winning bid on February 12 and then contracts will be accepted in March with work being able to begin shortly thereafter.
8. Motion by Bonifas, second by Sieverding to approve the bid documents (98%) being issued on January 11, 2024. Carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Ploessl, second by Sieverding to set a public hearing for February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the BCS Board Room as provided under Section 26.12 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of hearing or receiving any objections to the adoption of the proposed drawings, specifications and form of contract, and the proposed cost for the furnishing cost for the furnishing of all necessary labor, material, and equipment for the new Elementary School for the Bellevue Community School District. Carried unanimously.
10. Discussion was had on planning for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Motion by Bonifas, second by Ploessl to approve the Supplemental Amount for Drop-Out Prevention funds request of \$176,020 for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried unanimously.
12. Discussion was had on the 2024-2025 school year calendar.
13. Motion by Kilburg, second by Bonifas to appoint Mike Reed as the School Board representative to serve on the Jackson County Conference Board for the 2024 calendar year. Carried unanimously.
14. Curricular updates were provided by Meyer including discussion on books an district informational ad that will be published in the Bellevue Herald-Leader.

15. No comet reading and reflection was provided to discuss.
16. Information items:
 - a. The legislative session has begun.
 - b. Extracurricular activities include basketball and wrestling continuing. An update was provided that the offer was reciprocated to have Marquette softball join Bellevue CSD softball this season; however, the Board was informed that Marquette will instead share softball at Easton Valley the upcoming season.
 - c. EICC concurrent credit courses for the first semester included 130 online courses with 87% of students receiving a grade of A or B.
17. (7:34 PM) Comments were heard from the principal and superintendent on school updates.
18. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to go into closed session at 7:54 PM for a mid-year review of the Superintendent per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Carried unanimous by a roll call vote. The Board came out of closed session at 8:13 PM.
19. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

 , Board President

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