

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 12, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order in the BCS Board Room at 5:30 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; MS/HS Principal Jeff Recker; Elementary Principal Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder; BHS Student Representative Leo Aschenbrenner.
3. Motion by Bonifas, second by Sieverding to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Visitors: Pete Bonifas and Brett Ernst
5. Motion by Sieverding, second by Ploessl to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve minutes of the regular School Board meeting of January 8, 2024.
  - b. Approve payment of all BCS' expenditures for supplies, equipment and services received (this excludes payroll; see attached).
  - c. Approve open enrollment requests:
    - i. Jack Messerich, 3-yr Preschool, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY24
    - ii. Henry Messerich, 4-yr Preschool, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY24
    - iii. Owen Hudrlik, Kindergarten, Andrew to Bellevue, FY25
    - iv. Charlee Regan, 1st grade, Andrew to Bellevue, FY25
    - v. Taylin Regan, 6th grade, Andrew to Bellevue, FY25
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Nicole Kremer: Elementary Associate
    - ii. Jill Ruggeberg: MS/HS Associate, retiring end of 23-24 school year
    - iii. Tami Purvis: MS/HS Associate, retiring end of 23-24 school year
  - e. Approve recommendations to hire:
    - i. Clint Michels: MS Boys Track
6. Grounds/Maintenance Director Ernst said the older section of the elementary roof needs to be repaired. Bonifas moved with a second by Sieverding to accept Jim Giese Roofing's quote of \$14,435 for material, crane rental and labor. Carried unanimous.  
  
Terracon Consultants completed radon testing in school buildings and all buildings passed. Radon testing is required every five years.
7. Athletic Director Pete Bonifas provided an update on high school girls' softball as participation numbers are too low to form a varsity team. Bonifas shared that Marquette has indicated their desire to continue with their Easton Valley softball agreement after initially asking Bellevue about sharing softball, which Bellevue indicated an interest in pursuing for this upcoming season. Bonifas then reached out to surrounding school districts on sharing softball. It was recently discovered that Maquoketa would not move up a class if softball was shared. An update will be provided to the Board when more information is known.  
[Pete Bonifas left the meeting at 6:00pm].
8. Meyer provided legislative updates on pending senate and house filings. The Board was reminded on the new budget process now requiring two public hearings. Comet Reading and Reflection included an article by Rural School Advocates of Iowa about school funding.
9. A brief discussion was had on weather related delays/closures. At this time, teachers have had the option to make up two days virtually when school was canceled. The Board appeared to be in

agreement to make up one school day on the Friday before Memorial Day but all agreed it was too early to make a decision as more weather related school cancelations could occur. The Board will continue discussion at the March meeting.

10. Motion by Sieverding, second by Kilburg to approve the Proposal for Audit Services by O'Connor. Brooks & Co, PC for Fiscal Years July 1, 2023 through July 30, 2026. Carried unanimously.

11. Information items:

- a. Due to poor gravel road conditions, buses had hard surface routes only for a short period of time.
- b. The 2024-2025 school calendar will continued to be tabled in case legislation passes a bill that would allow schools to start earlier in the week following the Iowa State Fair.
- c. The March agenda should contain a quote for new Chromebooks for grades 3, 6 and 9.
- d. A brief update was provided on 2024-2025 staffing.

12. At 6:30 PM President Reed opened the public hearing 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 a new elementary school for the Bellevue CSD.

As there was no one present to come before the Board, Bonifas moved, second by Ploessl to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously.

13. Ploessl moved, second by Sieverding act on 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 a new elementary school for the Bellevue CSD. Carried unanimously.

14. The Board reviewed the five bids for the construction of a new grade 3-5 elementary building.

Bonifas moved with a second by Sieverding to approve OPN Architects' recommendation to accept Tricon Construction Groups' total construction bid of \$11,822,000 made up of a base bid (\$11,685,000), alternate #1 motorized bleachers (\$47,000) and alternate #2 additional drive lane and parking (\$90,000). Carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Kilburg to adjourn at 6:57 PM. Carried unanimous. The Board will meet next regular board meeting is on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM.



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