

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 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; Elementary Principal Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder; and BHS Student Representative Tate Giesemann.
3. Motion by Bonifas, second by Sieverding to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Sieverding, second by Bonifas to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
 - a. Approve minutes of the regular School Board Meeting on March 11, 2024, public hearing special meeting on April 2, 2024 and special meeting on April 4, 2024
 - i. Correction to March 11, 2024 Minutes: Approve resignation of Jennie Michels, MS Reading Teacher.
 - b. Approve payment of all BCS' expenditures for supplies, equipment and services received (this excludes payroll; see attached).
 - c. Approve open enrollment request:
 - i. Haisley Williams, 1st grade, Andrew to Bellevue, FY24
 - ii. Joselyn Elia Henry, 10th grade, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY25
 - d. Approve resignations:
 - i. Tom Meyer: Superintendent, dated 6/30/24
 - ii. Jenny Meyer: MSHS Special Education Teacher, end of FY23-24 school year
 - iii. Kim Jochum: EL Reading Teacher, retirement after FY23-24 school year
 - e. Approve recommendations to hire:
 - i. Shelley Martin: MSHS Custodian, start date of 4/1/24
 - ii. Michael Geneser: HS Spanish, 2024-2025 school year
 - iii. Lori Kueter: 2nd Grade Teacher, 2024-2025 school year
 - iv. Maddie Weber: MS Reading/Teacher, 2024-2025 school year
 - v. Jenny Ries: EL Sub Associate
5. Visitors: Amanda Canganelli, Evan Davies, Presly Kettmann, Anthony Sprank and Tracy Weber.
6. President Reed opened the public hearing for the proposed Bellevue School Budget for FY2025. No one was present from the public to speak, no written comments were received. Motion by Bonifas with a second by Kilburg to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Sieverding moved with a second by Ploessl to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution: the Board of Directors of Bellevue Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Roll call vote carried unanimously.
8. Bonifas moved with a second by Kilburg to adopt the proposed Bellevue School Budget for FY2024-2025. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Board reviewed and discussion was had over the completed FY2023 Financial Audit.
10. Comet Curriculum included Tracy Weber and three Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students. An update on their state and national qualifying projects and presentations was provided. Discussion was then had over travel costs for nationals in Orlando, FL.

Ploessl moved with a second by Kilburg for the district to provide \$5,000 to FBLA to providing funding for registration, travel and lodging for the three students and chaperone. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Grundmeyer Leadership Services has posted the Superintendent position and applications will be taken through April 28th. The Board discussed the interview team that will consists of a mix of community members, parents and staff. Skrivseth will reach out to community members, parents, and non-teaching staff on their willingness and ability to participate on the interview team. Teaching staff will be discussed and narrowed down later in the week.
12. A facilities update was provided including discussion on electricity for the new elementary building, removing the old fence next to the football field, the safety grant for the existing elementary and middle/high school buildings and the repair to the elementary roof.
13. Iowa Legislation and the financial impact of the district was discussed including many unknowns with the new TSS funding for first year and twelfth year teachers.
14. Bonifas moved with a second by Kilburg to set a public hearing for the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year at the next regular session meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm in the BCS Board Room. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Sieverding moved with a second by Ploessl to approve the one-year 2024 Farm Lease with Scott Hingtgen. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Sieverding moved with a second by Bonifas to approve 28E Agreement with Marquette Catholic School System for Preschool. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Ploessl moved with a second by Sieverding to approve and continue services with the Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS) and Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). Motion carried unanimously.
18. Bonifas moved with a second by Ploessl to approve and continue the Shared Personnel Agreement contract with Eastern Iowa Community College and Maquoketa CSD for services of a College and Career Counselor. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Comet Reading and Reflection included an article written by Michael Ward regarding education and a high school diploma.
20. Information items:
 - a. Family Week is July 28-August 4, 2024 and no school activities can take place.
 - b. Events updated was provided.
21. (8:15 PM) Comments and school updates were heard from the principal, superintendent and student representative.
22. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Kilburg to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Carried unanimous. The Board will meet next in regular session on Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM.



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