

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020

An electronic meeting option was employed due to social distancing and large gatherings guidance due to the COVID-19 virus. The public had the options to attend via Zoom or phone.

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, Marty Ploessl, Mike Reed, Janet Sieverding, and Matt Wedeking; Also present were: Tom Meyer, Superintendent; Penny Medinger, Secretary to the Board of Education; Attending through Zoom: Jeff Recker, High School Principal, Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal
3. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Sieverding to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular board meeting.
 - b. Approve payment of all BCS's expenditures for supplies, equipment, and services received (this excludes payroll). (See attached.)
 - c. Approve open enrollments:
 - i. Owen Brokus, grade K, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY21
 - ii. Abel Kueter, grade K, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY21
 - iii. Arrianna Kula, grade 12, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY21
 - iv. Kendra Kula, grade 9, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY21
 - v. Laila Kula, grade 10, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY21
 - vi. Matthew Kula, grade 8, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY21
 - d. There were no resignations.
 - e. The superintendent was given permission to hire paraprofessionals and substitute teachers for coverage and assistance in classrooms and beyond as needed due to COVID-19.
5. (6:33 PM) There were no visitors.
6. Registration went well. Enrollment shows a slight decline at this point. The State recommendations and the District's Return to Learn Plan were reviewed. The Board toured classrooms to view the social distancing set ups. It was decided to require face masks for all whenever social distancing cannot be maintained (buses, hallways, etc.). Masks will also be required for spectators at home volleyball games. Sharing classes for students that only spend minimal time in the District will be suspended to reduce COVID-19 exposure, except for band if band is held outside.
7. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve Board Policies related to COVID-19. (See attached). Carried unanimous.
8. Summer projects in addition to regular cleaning and COVID-19 changes included new ceilings/lights in HS, competition gym resurfaced, security camera upgrade, and elementary playground woodchips and resurfacing.
9. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to approve student and employee handbooks for 2020-2021. (See attached.) Carried unanimous
10. Mr. Meyer gave a brief financial update noting that FY20 ending balance should be positive by about \$300,000. However, a decrease in enrollment could be a concern.
11. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Ploessl to approve the following legislative priorities for IASB for FY21:
 - a. #3 Preschool funding

- b. #7 Mental Health support
 - c. #8 Special Education funding
 - d. #18 School Funding
12. Monetary donations were given to the school by the Bellevue Alumni Association (around \$900) for the Student Enrichment fund and the Bellevue State Bank (\$3,000) for COVID-19 resources.
13. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve Bellevue State Bank, Fidelity Bank, ISJIT, and UMB Bank as depositor bands for the 2020-2021 school year up to an amount of \$21,000,000. Carried unanimous.
14. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to approve parameters in which the Board (District) will contribute memorials for staff and board members. (See attached.) Carried unanimous
15. Information items:
- a. The Governor's decision to mandate in person classes was debated.
 - b. The District's FY20 nonpublic transportation reimbursement by the state was short by over \$14,000.
 - c. This year's IASB convention will be virtual on November 18-19.
 - d. The new teachers' social event with the Board will not be held this year.
16. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
17. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.


_____, Board President


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