

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, November 9, 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 (Zoom), Marty Ploessl, Mike Reed, Janet Sieverding, and Matt Wedeking; Also present were: Tom Meyer, Superintendent; Penny Medinger, Secretary to the Board of Education; Jeff Recker, High School Principal (Zoom), Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal (Zoom)
3. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular board meeting and the November 2, 2020 work session.
  - b. Approve payment of all BCS's expenditures for supplies, equipment, and services received (this excludes payroll). (See attached.)
  - c. There were no open enrollment requests.
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Kelsey Ernst, JH volleyball coach
    - ii. Judy Michels, JH volleyball coach
    - iii. Trisha Pickett, assistant volleyball coach
    - iv. Tracey Till, assistant volleyball coach
    - v. Paula Reed, elementary paraprofessional effective 3/1/2021
    - vi. Scott Jess, JH girls basketball coach
  - e. Approve hires:
    - i. Dave Wright, JH girls basketball coach
    - ii. Matt Wedeking, assistant girls basketball coach
    - iii. Tim Roth, assistant boys basketball coach
    - iv. Andy Griebel, substitute bus driver
5. (6:34 PM) Visitors: Tracey Till, BEA Representative (Zoom)
6. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Sieverding to set regular board meetings on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 for the next year. Carried unanimous
7. Discussion took place on refinancing just over 2.1 million in bonds to potentially save the District over \$327,000 in interest.
8. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve an engagement letter with Piper Sandler as Placement Agent for refinancing of bonds. Carried unanimous.
9. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve and engagement letter with Ahlers & Cooney as bond counsel for refinancing of bonds. Carried unanimous.
10. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to approve a resolution fixing a date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$2,500,000 school infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
11. Mr. Meyer updated the Board on the absentee rate and COVID-19 numbers. Facility use by outside groups was discussed and consensus was to wait at least until after Thanksgiving.

12. Mr. Meyer reviewed the staff and parent surveys given in October regarding the current class situations during COVID and online learning during snow days. 92% of the parents are satisfied on how the year is progressing. (See attached.)
13. The Board discussed a SAVE Revenue Purpose Statement that needs to be in place due to the extension of the 1 cent sales tax legislation before 1/1/2031 when the old one expires.
14. Current enrollment numbers were reviewed and future enrollment projected to get a 5-year budget projection. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Bonifas to offer an early retirement plan this year but limit it to no more than 5 employees. Carried unanimous.
15. The following actions were taken in regard to enrollment and applying for modified supplemental amounts from the School Budget Review Committee:
  - a. The District does not qualify to request MSA for increasing enrollment in fall 2020.
  - b. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$27,520 for MSA for open enrolled out students not included in the district's previous year's certified enrollment count. Carried unanimous.
  - c. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,558.70 for MSA for providing an English language learner program for students who have exceeded five years of weighted funding in Fall 2020. Carried unanimous.
16. The Comet Reading and Reflection was on an excerpt from a book teachers are reading entitled "Why Innovation in Education is Critical".
17. Information items:
  - a. Winter sports rules in the COVID climate were discussed.
  - b. The free meals have been extended for the rest of the school year.
  - c. IASB convention will be held virtually on November 18-19, 2020.
  - d. Midterm superintendent evaluation will be held in January.
18. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
19. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

  
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