

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS


Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021

An electronic meeting option was employed due to social distancing and large gatherings guidance by the Governor 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 (Zoom); Jeff Recker, High School Principal (Zoom); Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal (Zoom)
3. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Bonifas 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 December 14, 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 enrollment requests:
 - i. Jackson Capesius, grade 11, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY21
 - ii. James Carr, grade 11, Bellevue to Maquoketa, FY21
 - d. Approve resignations:
 - i. Donna Medinger, paraprofessional
 - e. There were no hires.
5. (6:34 PM) Visitors: Cris Kellogg, Tracy Till, Dave Wright (all Zoom)
6. Mr. Meyer updated the Board on the COVID-19 numbers within the District. The principals discussed what has worked, what hasn't and what has been learned during the Pandemic. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act expired 12/31/2020. The District will work with employees on leave in the future. The District will work with local health officials to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to employees when it becomes available.
7. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Bonifas to approve early retirement applications of Lisa Roth, Tim Toops, and Steve Schroeder. Carried unanimous.
8. A draft of the FY22 school calendar was presented to the Board.
9. There will be a public vote on a Revenue Purpose Statement for SAVE funds on March 2, 2021. This is not a new tax, it only gives the District authority to spend the funds received through the 1 cent sales tax after the legislature extended that tax to 2059. A list of possible summer projects was presented to the Board for review.
10. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve Dennis Schroeder, new Bellevue Chief of Police, as the District's level II investigator of allegations of abuse of students by employees for the rest of FY21. Carried unanimous.
11. The Comet Reading and Reflection was on an article by Teresa Preston called "Envisioning Good Schools" published in Kappan.
12. Information items:
 - a. Some additional in-town bus pick up locations are being considered.
 - b. BHS college credit courses and the success of students were reviewed.
 - c. IASB "Day on the Hill" will be held virtually this year.

- d. Mr. Meyer gave updates on activity spectator attendance and facility usage by outside groups.
- 13. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
- 14. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to go into closed session at 7:23 PM for a mid-year review of the superintendent per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Carried unanimous. The Board returned to open session at 8:00 PM
- 15. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM.


_____, Board President


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