

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 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; Jeff Recker, High School Principal (Zoom); Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal (Zoom)
3. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Ploessl to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 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. Ethan Barsema, Gr K, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - ii. Blain Barsema, Gr 2, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - iii. Paige Barsema, Gr 4, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - iv. Chase Barsema, Gr 7, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - v. Anita Borrenpohl, Gr 6, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY22
    - vi. Olivia Lyons, Gr K, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY22
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Kylee Biedermann, assistant softball coach
  - e. There were no hires.
5. (6:34 PM) There were no visitors.
6. Mr. Meyer updated the Board on the COVID-19 numbers within the District. The District was notified that the Jackson County Department of Public Health will provide the COVID-19 vaccine to employees in District facilities within the next 2 weeks.
7. There was no Comet Curriculum presentation.
8. Penny Medinger presented the FY20 school district financial audit. A copy can be found on the District's website.
9. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve O'Connor & Brooks as auditors for the next 3 fiscal years. Carried unanimous.
10. There will be a public vote on a Revenue Purpose Statement for SAVE funds on March 2, 2021. This vote will not raise or lower taxes, 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. The District is also refinancing its current revenue bonds. There will be a special board meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm to award or reject proposals from purchasers who presented bids.
11. A list of potential capital improvements for facilities and equipment for summer 2021 was presented for discussion. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Wedeking to approve the purchase of 100 Chromebooks at an estimated price of \$27,000 now due to availability concerns before the next school year. Carried unanimous.

12. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to rescind board policies 409.8E1 (FFCRA: Emergency Paid Sick Leave) and 409.8E2 (FFCRS: Expanded Family and Medical Leave). Carried unanimous.
13. Mr. Meyer shared information on SF159, Student First Scholarship Program". Staffing, class sizes and finances for FY22 was discussed.
14. Make-up days for weather related school closings were discussed.
15. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to approve a student teaching agreement with Loras College for 3 years.
16. The Comet Reading and Reflection was on an article by Seth Godin called "Stop Stealing Dreams".
17. Information items:
  - a. Tournament games, spring sport seasons, prom and graduation were discussed in relation to COVID-19.
  - b. If the EICC public measure passes on March 2, it would be beneficial to BHS students.
  - c. The Board was informed about the Beyond the Blue selection process.
  - d. Graduation is Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
  - e. The FY22 school calendar will be discussed at the March and April board meetings.
  - f. Sharing staff positions with other school districts was discussed.
18. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
19. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM.



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