

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 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 (Zoom), Janet Sieverding, and Matt Wedeking (Zoom); Also present were: Tom Meyer, Superintendent; Penny Medinger, Secretary to the Board of Education; Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal (Zoom)
3. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the February 8, 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. Cameron Casel, Gr. 8, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - ii. Devyn Dunne, Gr. 6, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - iii. Liam Huizenga, Gr 4, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - iv. Jaxton Leach, Gr 7, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - v. Kaden Miller, Gr 8, Andrew to Bellevue, FY22
    - vi. Lilah Dierksen, Gr K, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY22
    - vii. Ariya Smith, Gr 9, Bellevue to Dubuque, FY22
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Rick Reeg, girls basketball coach
    - ii. Trisha Pickett, assistant softball coach
  - e. Approve hires:
    - i. Blair Bodkins – HS agriculture teacher, FFA advisor
    - ii. Craig Reuter – HS science teacher
5. (6:37 PM) Visitors: Cris Kellogg, Instructional Coach; Tracey Till, BEA Representative
6. Cris Kellogg exhibited "STEM" bins that she created for students to expand creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving. The Board discussed an article called "Are We Preparing Our Students to Be Chefs or Cooks?" by A.J. Juliani. Mr. Meyer reviewed the COVID-19 numbers and updated the Board on staff vaccines.
7. Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Medinger reviewed financial targets and the proposed budget for FY22. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to file and publish the budget estimate for the 2021-2022 school year with a tax asking of \$10.87322 (a decrease of .01084 from last year) and a 4% income surtax. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
8. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to set the date for a public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 during the regular school board meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in regard to the 2021-2022 school budget. Carried unanimous.
9. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve the budget guarantee resolution for the Bellevue CSD for FY22. Carried unanimous.

10. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Bonifas to set the tentative last day of school for students for the 2020-2021 school year as May 28, pending no further snow days, and excusing seniors from making up snow days after their graduation date of May 29, 2021. Carried unanimous
11. Mr. Meyer presented some options for the FY22 school calendar.
12. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve the list of summer facility projects for 2021 as discussed. Carried unanimous.
13. The Comet Reading and Reflection was discussed in agenda item #6.
14. Information items:
  - a. Mr. Meyer highlighted some student activities and academic achievements.
  - b. Mr. Meyer shared some legislative updates.
  - c. The Bellevue CSD is participating in a University of Iowa Business Department Class project to develop a "business plan" for the elementary school updates/additions.
  - d. Staffing for FY22 was discussed.
  - e. Mr. Meyer discussed work-based learning options for seniors in FY22.
15. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
16. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

  
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