

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 12, 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, MS/HS 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 Sieverding to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular board meeting and March 29, 2021 special 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. Samantha Leefleur, gr 5, Andrew to Bellevue, FY21
    - ii. Caraline Childers, gr K, Bellevue to Dubuque, FY22
  - d. There were no resignations.
  - e. Approve hires:
    - i. Victoria Schuler, elementary music teacher
    - ii. Jake Schaefer, assistant baseball coach
    - iii. Carli LaCoursiere, assistant softball coach
    - iv. Scott Jess, head girls basketball coach
5. (6:37 PM) Visitors: Tracey Till, BEA Representative
6. President Reed opened a public hearing in regard to the 2021-2022 school budget at 6:38 PM. No comments on the budget were made. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Bonifas to close the public hearing at 6:39 PM. Carried unanimous.
7. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to adopt the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year as published in the Bellevue Herald Leader with a total tax asking of \$10.87322 and a 4% income surtax. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
8. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Ploessl to approve a resolution appointing paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent and authorizing the execution of same. Carried unanimous.
9. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to approve the form of tax exemption certificate and place on file in relation to the bond refinancing. Carried unanimous.
10. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Bonifas to approve a resolution authorizing and providing for the terms of issuance and securing the payment of \$2,172,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Service and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds and providing for a method of payment of said bonds. Carried unanimous
11. Mr. Meyer reported graduation and dropout data for the District.

12. The FY22 school calendar was reviewed. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to set the date for a public hearing on Monday, May 10, 2021 during the regular school board meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in regard to the 2021-2022 school calendar. Carried unanimous.
13. The Board was updated on COVID-19 data and protocols. The District is following CDC and Iowa Department of Health guidelines.
14. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to enter into a 28E agreement with the Eastern Iowa Community College District for a career counselor utilizing operational funding sources through the State of Iowa. Carried unanimous.
15. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Ploessl to approve an administration regulation to board policy 704.2 (Debt Management). Carried unanimous.
16. An update on current facilities projects was given. Long term facility planning was also discussed.
17. Academic and athletic staffing and offerings was discussed along with sharing of classes.
18. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to continue services with Iowa School Finance Information Services, Iowa Association of School Boards, and National School Boards Association for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried unanimous.
19. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to approve a student teaching and field experience agreement with the UNI for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried unanimous.
20. The Board discussed the need for students to learning critical thinking skills and what should be essential learning targets.
21. Information items:
  - a. Family Week (no school activities allowed) is July 25-August 1, 2021.
  - b. Updates on graduation, prom and spring athletics were presented.
  - c. Nothing new to report on the State legislature.
22. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
23. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

  
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