

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021

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, Matt Wedeking; Also present were: Tom Meyer, Superintendent; Penny Medinger, Secretary to the Board of Education; Jeff Recker, Middle/High School Principal, Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal; Cheyanne Merrick, Student Representative
3. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the October 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. No open enrollment requests.
 - d. Approve resignations:
 - i. Allyssa Klawitter, assistant softball coach
 - e. Approve hires:
 - i. Chase Junk, assistant girls basketball coach
5. (6:37 PM) Visitors: Tim Roth, Transportation/Grounds Director; Tracy Weber, Work-Based Learning Director; Ryan Ring, Adrian Humphrey, Jackson Capesius – WBL students; Jamie Capesius, parent
6. Mrs. Weber and students (Ryan Ring, Adrian Humphrey, and Jackson Capesius) in the Work-Based Learning program shared their experiences working outside of school and gaining school credit.
7. The number of sections per grade for FY23 needs to be estimated along with space to place them. 82% of the District's budget goes to salaries and benefits. The District must be cautious about over-extending the staffing, but also meeting student needs. Student enrollment is the main driver of the District's available budget.
8. OPM architects are working on assessing the elementary building with a report expected in January. The Board gave their OK to DNR and BCS staff to look into plans and funding for an outdoor learning center with a pond for District and Community use. It will be located to the west of the football field.
9. The recommendation for applying to the School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth for increasing enrollment was tabled until December due to errors with the State application program.
10. The parent survey results were reviewed.
11. Information items:
 - a. The IA Association of School Boards convention is November 17-18, 2021.
 - b. The Rural School Advocates of Iowa shared information in regard to contacting legislators and why it is important.
 - c. Due to the frequency of changes, Board policy updates will be 2-3 times per year vs just during the summer.
 - d. Andrew is exploring whole grade sharing grades 7-8.
 - e. The District's COVID cases remain low.
 - f. The superintendent's mid-term review will be completed in January.

12. Comments were heard from the principals, superintendent and school board members on school issues and events.
13. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Mik Reed, Board President

Penny Medinger, Board Secretary