

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2022

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 (thru zoom), 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;
3. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 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. Harper Bahl, grade 3, Andrew to Bellevue, FY23
    - ii. Hudson Bahl, grade 2, Andrew to Bellevue, FY23
    - iii. Jonathan Bahl, grade PK3, Andrew to Bellevue, FY23
    - iv. Rachel Brandenburg, grade 3, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY23
    - v. MacKenzie Millman, grade 3, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY23
    - vi. Indiana Jones, grade K, Easton Valley to Bellevue, FY23
    - vii. Knox Jones, grade PK4, Easton Valley to Bellevue, FY23
    - viii. Lydia Jones, grade 5, Easton Valley to Bellevue, FY23
    - ix. Emery McCutcheon, grade 9, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY23
    - x. Oliver McCutcheon, grade 8, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY23
    - xi. Sophia Gorton, grade 12, Bellevue to Dubuque, FY23
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Makenna Christensen, grade 5 teacher
    - ii. Jamie Deering, softball coach
  - e. There were no hires.
5. (6:34 PM) No visitors.
6. Mr. Meyer compared graduation and dropout rates for the District and State of Iowa over the last several years.
7. President Reed opened a public hearing in regard to the 2022-2023 school calendar at 6:39 PM. There were no comments. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to close the public hearing at 6:40 PM. Carried unanimous.
8. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to approve draft #10 of the 2022-2023 school calendar with a start date of August 23, 2022 and 8 early dismissal days for professional development. Carried unanimous.
9. Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Medinger reviewed proposed budgets for FY23. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Wedeking to file and publish the budget estimate for the 2022-2023 school year with a tax asking of \$10.53626 (a decrease of .33708 from last year) and a 4% income surtax. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
10. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to set the date for a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2022 during the regular school board meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in regard to the 2022-2023 school budget. Carried unanimous.

11. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Ploessl to set the last day of school as Friday, May 27, 2022 pending further cancelled days impacting the legal requirement of 1080 hours and excusing seniors from making up snow days after their graduation date of May 28, 2022. Carried unanimous.
12. Class sizes and space at district buildings for FY23 were discussed.
  - a. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to increase 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 3 sections in FY23 and create space for the additional classroom by moving the STEM room - just not sure to where at this time. Carried unanimous.
  - b. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Bonifas to approve OPN Architects to do a master plan for the entire district at a cost of \$36,800 plus reimbursable expenses.
  - c. Mr. Meyer shared the highlights of the community meeting between the city and the 2 schools in Bellevue.
  - d. Correspondence with the Department of Education and sharing arrangements were discussed.
13. 2022 summer projects were discussed. The Board asked for additional quotes and information for cameras on buses. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to approve purchasing Chromebooks for grades 3 and 6 with an estimated cost of \$30,000. Carried unanimous.
14. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Sieverding to approve starting a girls wrestling program in FY23. Carried unanimous.
15. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to approve student-teaching agreements with the University of Northern Iowa and Morningside College for FY23. Carried unanimous.
16. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve a 3-year contract with Timberline Billing Service for Medicaid billing. Carried unanimous.
17. The Board discussed an opinion article from the Maquoketa Sentinel-Press by Randy Evans on "Iowa school debate needs a lesson in civics".
18. Information items:
  - a. Student activities and academic highlights were shared.
  - b. Concerns with pending bills in the legislature were discussed.
  - c. State teacher retention payments were reviewed.
19. Comments were heard from the principals, superintendent and school board members on school issues and events.
20. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

  
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