

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, August 8, 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, 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; Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal; Memphis Jess, BHS Student Representative
3. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Wedeking to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the July 11, 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 enrollments
    - i. Liam Huizenga, grade 5, Andrew to Bellevue, FY23
    - ii. Harrison Bausman, grade 3, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY23
    - iii. Maxwell Schmitz, grade 2, Dubuque to Bellevue, FY23
    - iv. Annabelle Glasgow, grade K, Bellevue to Dubuque, FY23
  - d. There were no resignations:
  - e. Approve hires:
    - i. Cheyanne Merrick, volunteer cheer coach
5. (6:36 PM) Visitors: Tony Amsler, Iowa House of Representatives candidate; Tracy Weber, Alivia Wagner, Callie Recker, Ryan Dunn, Alyssa Wagner – FBLA sponsor and students
6. Tony Amsler, candidate for the Iowa House of Representatives, District 66, introduced himself and informed the Board of his background.
7. Bellevue FBLA students shared their learning experiences and reflections from the national convention in Chicago in June 2022.
8. Registration went well overall. The District is currently up 27 students from last year.
9. FY22 ESSER III funds were used for tutoring, online classes, summer school, additional para/teacher salaries, PPE supplies, Challenge to Change and Life Connection services. FY23 ESSER III funds are planned to be used for tutoring, online classes if needed, additional para/teacher salaries, Challenge to Change and Life Connection services.
10. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve student and employee handbooks. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
11. Facilities updates:
  - a. Building safety updates are progressing. Cameras may not be installed before the start of school.
  - b. There will be a facilities core advisory committee meeting on August 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
  - c. Fundraising for a new football/track scoreboard is continuing.
  - d. Space issues at the elementary and high school are continuing. Will a new STEM/AG building at the high school help ease the crowding if 5<sup>th</sup> grade is moved to the middle school?

12. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Sieverding to start a soccer program at Bellevue CSD due to it becoming a River Valley Conference sport and offer to share the program with Marquette. Carried unanimous.
13. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Sieverding to approve a contract extension with Coke in exchange for Coke donating \$60,000 toward the new FB/Track scoreboard. Carried unanimous.
14. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Wedeking to approve referring the following FY23 legislative priorities to IASB:
  - a. Achievement gap from loss of in-person instruction
  - b. Mental Health support
  - c. Teacher Recruitment & Licensure
  - d. Bond Issues
15. Several board policies were reviewed in regard to recent legislation and updates to laws. Final approval will be at the September board meeting.
16. Preliminary figures indicate that the District's Unspent Authorized Budget will be down for FY22 as predicted.
17. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve Bellevue State Bank, Fidelity Bank, ISJIT, and UMB Bank as depositor banks for the 2022-2023 school year up to an amount of \$21,000,000. Carried unanimous.
18. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Ploessl to approve Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder as Bellevue CSD's homeless liaison for homeless children and youth. Carried unanimous.
19. Motion by Ploessl, seconded by Sieverding to approve an agreement to establish a consortium to jointly administer an instructional program located within the boundaries of the Central DeWitt CSD for special services for students as needed during the 2022-2023 school year. Carried unanimous.
20. Information items:
  - a. The professional learning schedule for staff next week was shared.
  - b. A suburban bus has been ordered from Till's Garage. The District will need to purchase another bus this year to keep the fleet updated.
  - c. The Department of Education's 2022 legislative summary was shared.
  - d. Tom Meyer shared information on the City of Bellevue's Dream Endowment
  - e. The IASB convention is November 16-17, 2022.
  - f. The new staff welcome reception is August 18, 2022.
  - g. This season is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Comet football. The first Comet football team along with all prior football players will be recognized at the game on August 26.
21. Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
22. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

  
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