

# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, April 10, 2023

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 (arrived 6:52), Marty Ploessl (via phone), Mike Reed, Janet Sieverding and Matt Wedeking; Also present were: Tom Meyer, Superintendent; Penny Medinger, Secretary to the Board of Education; Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder, Elementary Principal; Memphis Jess, BHS Student Representative
3. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Sieverding to approve the agenda. Carried unanimous.
4. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimous. The consent agenda contained:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular board meeting and the April 4, 2023 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 enrollments
    - i. Oliver McCutcheon, grade 8, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY23
    - ii. Tara Hickson, grade K, Maquoketa to Bellevue, FY24
  - d. Approve resignations:
    - i. Jim Cavanaugh, MS/HS custodian
    - ii. Barb Deppe, elementary paraprofessional
  - e. Approve hires:
    - i. Kevin Petesch, volunteer MS baseball & MS football coach
5. (6:37 PM) Visitors: FBLA students and advisor - Tony Sprank, Alex Caughron, Presly Kettmann, Tracy Weber
6. President Reed opened a public hearing in regard to the 2023-2024 school budget at 6:37 PM. No comments were heard. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Sieverding to close the public hearing at 6:39 PM. Carried unanimous.
7. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to adopt the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year as published in the Bellevue Herald Leader with a total tax asking of \$13.45926 and a 5% income surtax. (See attached.) Carried unanimous.
8. President Reed opened a public hearing in regard to the 2023-2024 school calendar at 6:41 PM. There were no comments. Motion by Wedeking, seconded by Ploessl to close the public hearing at 6:42 PM. Carried unanimous.
9. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Wedeking to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented with a start date of August 23, 2023 and 8 early dismissal days for professional development. Carried unanimous.
10. FBLA students Presly, Tony and Alex explained to the board about their national qualifying events and thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to attend FBLA nationals.
11. (6:52 PM) Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 general obligation school bonds, series 2023, and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Carried unanimous by roll call vote.
12. The Board was updated on the status of refinishing the HS gym floor, Vocational Ag room remodel, and outside athletic fields' maintenance.

13. The Board was briefed on extracurricular activities including band/vocal music contests, sharing baseball with Marquette, elementary family folk dance night and the new football classification system.
14. Enrollment numbers and class sections were discussed in regard to grades K and 5.
15. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to approve a 28E agreement with Marquette Catholic Schools for 4-year old preschool for FY24. Carried unanimous.
16. Board policy 410.1, "Substitute Teachers", was reviewed.
17. Motion by Sieverding, seconded by Bonifas to continue services with Iowa School Finance Information Services, Iowa Association of School Boards, and Consortium of State School Boards Association (COSSBA) for the 2023-2024 school year. Carried unanimous.
18. The Board discussed an article from the 9/19/2012 edition of Education Week by Alfie Kohn titled "Schooling Beyond Measure".
19. Information items:
  - a. Family week is July 23-July 30, 2023.
  - b. The Board was updated on extracurricular upcoming events and participation numbers.
  - c. District graduation rates and at-risk programming were explained.
  - d. The City of Bellevue has approached the District in regard to repairing the alley behind the 5<sup>th</sup> grade playground.
  - e. Mr. Meyer provided legislative updates.
20. (7:53 PM) Comments were heard from the superintendent, principals and school board members on school issues and events.
21. Motion by Bonifas, seconded by Wedeking to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Carried unanimous. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

  
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