

Belle Plaine, Iowa
January 16, 2019 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Marie Stratford, Brad Cook,
Valerie Coffman, Rima Johnson, Mike Bachelder

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Todd Werner, Heather Coover

Board Secretary Absent: Stacey Kolars

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

Press Representative: None

The meeting was called to order by President Stratford at 6:45 p.m.

AGENDA

Motion Cook, second Bachelder to approve the agenda. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were considered. There was motion by Bachelder second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda items. All voted, "aye." Motion carried. The consent agenda items that were approved are listed below:

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting
2. Approval of bills, payroll, financial statements.
3. Personnel/Business Items:
 - a. Acceptance of Resignations
 1. Greg Walton
 2. Bob Yilek
 3. Denice Decker
 4. Jackie Henderson

PRINCIPAL REPORTS-Secondary Principal, Todd Werner and Elementary Principal, Heather Coover gave reports to the board on the following topics:

- PBIS Celebration that took all elementary students to the King Theatre. Thank you to the PTO, The BP School Foundation, the BP Booster Club and Mr. Mansfield for making this possible.
- All-day professional development
- Winter testing window opens Monday, January 21, 2019
- 1st semester ended December 21, 2018
- Professional Development-January 3, 2019

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Straight informed the board about the following items:

- Plans were finalized with the architects for the cafeteria remodel project at the high school.
- Executive Leaders meeting on January 17 and 18, 2019 in Ankeny.
- Summary of AEA superintendent's meetings.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Business Manager, Stacey Kolars reported quarterly financial updates to the board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Condolences were sent to retired teacher, Duronda Schlue and family after the passing of her husband, Larry Schlue.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:
No action was taken on this item.

2. Focus on Education: STEM Program-
STEM and Project Lead the Way instructor, Frank Jowitt was present at the meeting to demonstration developments in the current STEM program at the secondary level. Volunteer, Tim Werth and students were also present to demonstrate their 'bot project. The students received 1st place for their 'bot in a recent competition, will be attending a regional competition event in Marion.

3. Action/Discussion Summer School and Summer School Teacher-
Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve the offering of a summer school program pending finding a summer school instructor. This position will be advertised to the staff first, then outside of the school if an instructor can't be found. There was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

4. Action/Discussion on 2019-2020 Year Staffing-
Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve advertising for a full time art teacher for the 2019-2020 year. This person would teach art and other exploratory classes at the junior high. Superintendent Straight did not recommend advertising for a PE teacher as he feels the district can meet those needs with current staffing. In addition, Straight also recommended replacing the two positions at the elementary level that would be vacated by retiring teachers, Jackie Henderson and Denice Decker. There was motion by Bachelder, second by Cook to post a full time art teaching position at the secondary level, and two elementary teaching positions. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

5. Discussion of Noncertified Staff Handbook-
The board reviewed changes made to the current non-certified staff handbook. Brief discussion took place. No action was taken on this item.

6. Action/Discussion on Solar Opportunities and/or 2019-2020 PPEL/SAVE Priorities-
The board reviewed the PPEL and SAVE priorities as previously discussed at the December meeting. President Stratford also presented information received from the solar analysis that is currently being performed. The analysis is approximately 90% complete, and more information will be shared with the board after its completion. Superintendent Straight also presented the revised estimate from the architect regarding the storage building. Superintendent Straight stated that the new estimate for the storage building still came in too high at \$261,581.50, stating that he would like to see the cost come down to approximately \$200,000. Discussion took place regarding the storage building and permanent storage for the district's permanent records. Further discussion

took place regarding updates to certain classrooms. The board was in agreement that the PPEL/SAVE priorities would be discussed at a future meeting after another revised estimate from the architect for the storage building was received, and the district's solar analysis had been completed. No action was taken on this item.

7. Action/Discussion on Negotiations Team-

There was motion by Johnson, second by Bachelder to appoint Val Coffman, and Marie Stratford as the board's representatives for upcoming negotiations with the Teamster's/non-certified staff. In the same motion, the board appointed Brad Cook and Marie Stratford as the board's representatives for the upcoming negotiations with the Belle Plaine Education Association. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

8. Action/Discussion on Track Resurfacing-

Superintendent Straight recommended resurfacing the track this summer. Two bids have been received, and were presented to the board for their review. One bid was from Fisher Tracks in the amount of \$66,500. The second bid received was from ProTrack for \$65,800. Principal Werner and Activities Director, Greg Walton both recommended the board approve Fisher Track's bid in the amount of \$66,500. There was motion by Bachelder, second by Cook to approve Fisher Track's bid of \$66,500 to resurface the track. Coffman voted, "nay." Bachelder, Cook, Johnson and Stratford voted, "aye." Motion carried.

9. Action/Discussion on 2nd Reading of Board Policies 501.11 and 501.16-

Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve the second reading of board policies 501.11 through 501.16 with the proposed changes. There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

President

Board Secretary