

Belle Plaine, Iowa  
January 17, 2018

A meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

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

Members Absent: Rima Johnson

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Todd Werner, Heather Coover

Board Secretary Present: 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 Cook second by Coffman 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 20, 2017 Meeting
2. Approval of bills, payroll, financial statements.
3. Personnel/Business Items:
  - a. Acceptance of Resignations: There were no resignations

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

- Longfellow PBS Celebration-Thank you to PTO and Mr. Mansfield for the movie at the King Theater
- Professional Development all day-January 3
- Winter testing window opens Tuesday, January 16
- Preparing for Iowa Assessments
- A panel of recent grads spoke to current seniors on December 22 about transition to college and career.
- Emma Johnson-KCRG student of the month

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Straight informed the board about the following items:

- Baseball field update: options are still being looked at for completing the front of the sitting area. They may need to use a pulley system to secure the net to the backstop. The plan is to start on the dugouts and finish the fence once the weather is good enough.
- The architect did get back with me about setting up a meeting with staff to discuss the high school cafeteria/library project. I have contacted the facilities committee board members about attending the meeting. We will also have some leadership team members there if they can make it. I may have an update on that at the board meeting. The meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Congratulations to Holly Vido and Jim Vido upon the birth of their baby girl, Annalee Elizabeth Vido.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:  
There was motion by Cook, second by Bachelder to approve the employment of April Kressley as head volleyball coach. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

2. Action/Discussion of PPEL Plan and Projects-

Discussion took place regarding the PPEL and SAVE plan and projects that were listed for the board to review. No action was taken on this item.

3. Action/Discussion on Negotiations Team Members-

Superintendent Straight informed the board the district needs a couple of board members to serve on the negotiations team. There was motion by Bachelder, second by Coffman to appoint Brad Cook as a negotiations team member for the districts for negotiations with the BPEA, and Val Coffman as a negotiations team member for the district for negotiations with the Teamsters Union. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

4. Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation Per Iowa Code 21.5(1)-

Superintendent Straight requested the board go into closed session for his evaluation process per Iowa Code 21.5(1):

*"To evaluation the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."*

The board entered into closed session at 7:20 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:42 p.m.

There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Marie Stratford  
President

Stacey Kolars  
Board Secretary