

Belle Plaine, Iowa
November 14, 2017

A meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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: None

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 6:46 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 Bachelder 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 October 18, 2017 regular meeting and the October 25, 2017 special meeting.
2. Approval of bills, payroll, financial statements.
3. Personnel/Business Items:
 - a. Acceptance of Resignations: Katie Stull from her position as volleyball coach, and Annie Lown from her food service position.

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences-good attendance at both locations-96% at Longfellow and 87% at the junior/senior high school
- Thank you to the local businesses on Main Street who supported the annual Halloween Parade.
- Professional Development
- Elementary field trip to Cedar Falls to see “Dr. Kaboom” and Gallagher-Bluedorn
- Financial Literacy Assembly at the secondary level-10/18/17
- Community Leaf Raking-juniors and seniors-10/26/17
- Red Ribbon Week

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Straight informed the board about the following items:

- Possible legislative topics that could not be good for public education such as vouchers, changes to IPERS, lack of clean extension of the One Cent Sales Tax, and general lack of funding.
- Transportation equity for schools. Contact your legislator.
- LED lighting is scheduled to be installed 11/27 and 12/09.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:

There was motion by Cook, second by Bachelder to approve Superintendent Straight’s recommendation to accept Kristin Balvin’s transfer request from her two hour food service position to the open three hour position vacated by Anna Lown, the employment of Stew Timm as Assistant Girls’ Basketball coach-full position, and volunteer cheerleading coaches, Josey Peterson and Shannon Murray. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

2. Focus on Education: Student Presenting on World Food Prize-
Senior, Hope Brecht was present at the meeting to give a presentation to the board regarding her acceptance into the World Food Institute and her experience at the World Food Prize event. Ms. Brecht has also applied to the Borlaug internship where research would be performed in a third-world country on understanding hunger and possible solutions to famine.

3. Focus on Education: Elementary Science-
Teachers, Angel Brecht and Kellie Krause presented to the board on their trial experiences with VAST kits. VAST stands for Van Allen Science Teaching Center. These kits aid students in learning by utilizing investigation practices where students document their findings, and make their own textbooks from their research. VAST kits also provide hands-on learning for students that connect with the Makerspace and STEAM activities that were implemented beginning with this school year. This first round of VAST kits involve student learning about water, climate and weather.

4. Approval of Submission of Request(s) to School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Allowable Growth for Increasing Enrollment and Open Enrolled Out-
There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation to approve an amount of \$9,335 of the modified allowable growth for increasing enrollment and an amount of \$38,886 for students who are open enrolled out in the 17-18 school year, for a total requested amount of \$48,221. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

5. Discussion of Elementary Assessment Data-
Elementary Principal, Heather Coover was present at the meeting to present information to the board regarding elementary assessment data by grade in the areas of Math and Reading. Many grades showed improvement and some grades showed proficiency above the benchmark.

6. Discussion of MAP Testing Data-
Secondary Principal, Todd Werner presented information to the board regarding MAP testing data, and growth grade reports. MAP Testing is a baseline assessment that is done twice a year at the secondary level.

7. Second Reading of Board Policy 606.1 Class Size-Class Grouping -
There was motion by Bachelder, second by Cook to approve the second reading of the Board Policy 606.1 Class Size-Class Grouping with the addition of the Iowa Code References and the addition of the heading. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

8. Approval of Out-of-State Trip-
There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation of approve the out-of-state field trip to Chicago for the Surviving Single class. The trip will take place March 21-March 23, 2017. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

9. Approval of Resolution of Intent for Instructional Support Levy -
Superintendent Straight informed the board that the district's instructional support levy expires in 2019. Superintendent Straight stated the board would need to approve this resolution and timeline to start the process of the board approving this levy for the next five years. The current levy generated \$252,956 in fiscal year 2017 with most of the revenue generated through income surtax dollars. This levy is critical to continuing to support quality education in the school district. After a brief discussion, there was motion by Bachelder, second by Cook to approve the following resolution of intent:

RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Director BACHELDER introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director COOK; after due consideration by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution, and the results of the roll call vote were:

Aye: Coffman, Bachelder, Cook, Stratford

Nay: NONE

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and desirable to provide additional funding for the Belle Plaine Community School District pursuant to the Instructional Support Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider continued participation in an Instructional Support Program, the District must hold a public hearing on the question of participation, setting forth its proposal following publication of the notice of the time and place of such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to set forth in a Resolution its proposal specifying the method and amount to be used to fund the Instructional Support Program, the purposes within the general fund for which the Instructional Support funds will be used, set a date of public hearing, and direct the Board Secretary to publish notice of the time and place of hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Belle Plaine Community School District, in the Counties of Tama, Benton, Poweshiek, and Iowa, State of Iowa, as follows:

Section 1: A public hearing on the question of the Belle Plaine Community School District's participation in the Instructional Support Program is hereby set for **December 20, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.** in the Board room of Longfellow Elementary, 707-7th Street, Belle Plaine, Iowa, and the Secretary of The Board is hereby authorized to give notice of the time and place of the public hearing by publishing said notice in the Star Press Union not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the public hearing.

Section 2: At the public hearing, the Board will announce the date, no longer than 30 days after the hearing, on which it will take action to adopt a resolution to participate in the Instructional Support Program. At the public hearing the following proposition, as may be modified as a result of discussion and input, shall be considered for inclusion in the resolution to participate in the program to wit:

The Board of Directors of the Belle Plaine Community School District in the Counties of Tama, Benton, Poweshiek, and Iowa, State of Iowa, does hereby resolve to participate in the Instructional Support Program for a period of five (5) years, to levy annually, as determined by the Board, an instructional support property tax which will be levied annually upon the taxable property within the District, commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually for each budget year, the percent of income surtax (not to exceed twenty percent (20%)) to be determined annually by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the District on December 31, 2019, and each year thereafter.

The funds thus collected, when combined with Instructional Support State Aid shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the regular program district cost, including the budget adjustment pursuant to Iowa Code section 257.14 for any budget year. Instructional Support Program funds may be used for any general fund purpose.

Section 3: All resolutions or orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and Approved NOVEMBER 14, 2017.

Signed: Marie Stratford, Board President

Attest: Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary

There was motion by Cook, second by Bachelder to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Marie Stratford
President

Stacey Kolars
Board Secretary