

Belle Plaine, Iowa
December 20, 2017

A meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 20, 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, Rima Johnson

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 6:45 p.m.

AGENDA

Motion Cook, second Johnson 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 Johnson second by Cook 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 November 15, 2017 Meeting
2. Approval of bills, payroll, financial statements.
3. Personnel/Business Items:
 - a. Acceptance of Resignations: There were no resignations
 - b. Approval of Fundraisers: There were no fundraisers
 - c. Old Business-There was no old business.

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

- November 16 and November 30 Longfellow hosted music concerts
- A special “Thank you” to the Athena Club for sponsoring a 4th and 5th grade art field trip, as well as paying for the WOW art program from the U of I to come to Longfellow for our students
- December 22nd movie at the King Theater for the entire Longfellow student body- a special “Thank you” to the PTO
- End of the 2nd quarter/1st semester is Friday, December 22
- Preparation for assessments at Longfellow and Jr/Sr high school levels
- Professional Development
- Curriculum Meeting with GWAEA

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Straight informed the board about the following items:

- There is a legislative meeting in Brooklyn again this year on January 25. If interested in attending, please contact Stacey.
- BGM is planning to transport parents to the capitol to talk with legislators about public school district needs and funding. They said that they will likely have room if parents from other district would be interested in attending.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:
There was motion by Bachelder, second by Cook to hire Russell Jacobi for foodservice shuttle at \$9.12/hour. This position is approximately two hours per day. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.
2. Public Hearing on Instructional Support Levy-
A public hearing was held regarding the district’s wish to continue the Instructional Support Levy that is set to expire in 2019. There were no comments or questions from the public.

3. Action/Discussion on Board Approval of Instructional Support Levy-
The following RESOLUTION of PARTICIPATION was introduced:

RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

Director **Cook** introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director **Bachelder**; 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 Johnson, Cook, Bachelder, Stratford, Coffman
DIRECTORS

Nay NONE
DIRECTORS

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and desirable to continue to provide additional funding for the Belle Plaine Community School District generated by participation in an Instructional Support Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to duly published notice, the District held a public hearing on the question of participation in such a program; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to take action to adopt a Resolution to continue to participate in an Instructional Support Program;

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:

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. 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 December 20, 2017.

4. Recommendations from SIAC Meeting-

Superintendent Straight informed the board that he had met with the members of the SIAC committee prior to the board meeting. The following are topics that were discussed:

- The district's technology plan-much has been accomplished on this plan
- Financial literacy focus for students beginning at the junior high level
- Principals presented assessment data
- CTE Report was presented by teacher, Steve Eskildsen

5. Report on IASB Convention-

Superintendent Straight and Board Director Bachelder informed the board of the different sessions they attended while at the Annual IASB Convention in November.

6. Approval of Modified Allowable Growth Request for the 2018-2019 School Year for At-Risk/Drop-Out Prevention-

Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve the modified allowable growth request for At-Risk/Drop-out prevention in the amount of \$58,881 for the 2018-2019 school year. There was motion by Cook, second by Bachelder to approve this recommendation by Superintendent Straight. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

7. Discussion of School Report Card and Website -
Superintendent Straight presented information regarding Iowa School Report Card for the Longfellow Elementary and the Belle Plaine Junior/Senior High School. The information is available at www.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard. Superintendent Straight stated he is happy with both scores and commended the staff for all of their hard work.

8. Action/Discussion on Vehicle Bids-
The district advertised for bids for the sale of a 2002 Dodge Caravan, and a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban. The district received one bid of \$63.00 for the Dodge Caravan. Superintendent Straight recommended the board reject this bid, stating that the van could be donated to either the fire department, or the ambulance for training purposes; the district could receive additional bids for the Suburban. Cook asked if the Suburban could be advertised at a set price. Straight stated he would consult the school attorney about this, but usually bids have to be taken. After brief discussion, there was motion by Johnson, second by Cook to reject the bid for the Dodge Caravan in the amount of \$63.00, and donate the vehicle locally. Efforts will still be made to sell the 2001 Chevrolet Suburban. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

9. Action/Discussion on Board Workshop and Review –
On December 13, 2017 the board met for a work session directed by Harry Hielgenthal of the Iowa Association of School Boards. Further discussion took place regarding each board member's view of the most valuable traits of an effective school board. President Stratford asked each member to rate the board individually on a scale of 1 to 10. After the discussion, the board was in agreement that the work session was a positive experience.

There was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

An exempt session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) was held regarding upcoming negotiations strategies.

Marie Stratford
President

Stacey Kolars
Board Secretary