

Belle Plaine, Iowa  
August 15, 2018

A meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present:	Marie Stratford, Brad Cook, Rima Johnson Val Coffman
Members Absent:	Mike Bachelder
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 Johnson, second Coffman 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 Coffman, 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 July 18, 2018 meeting.
2. Approval of bills, payroll, financial statements.
3. Personnel/Business Items:
  - a. Acceptance of the resignation of Cathy Miller 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:

- Online registration process is in progress
- Thank you to all of the custodians for their hard work over the summer. The buildings look great.
- New teachers will report on August 16 and returning veteran teachers will report on August 17. All associates will report on August 22.
- Longfellow Open House will be Tuesday, August 21, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Rollout for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and new 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. on the same evening.
- Chromebook orientation
- PTO ice cream social during open house
- School Administrators Conference in Des Moines, August 8-9
- TAG Commercial for Lewelling House. Check it out on the school website.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Straight reported to the board that he met with vendors regarding possible bus barn facility drawings, and informed the board of an all-staff meeting scheduled to take place on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Belle Plaine Historical Museum.

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Business manager, Stacey Kolars gave an update of the PPEL/SAVE funds with expenditures in the 2017-2018 school year, and encumbered amounts and balances for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Director Coffman wanted to extend a thank you to the Benton County Community Grant Foundation for the grants received for teachers, Leah Mast and Gina Miller. Board President Stratford wanted to extend a thank you to Kate West for her assistance with the district's application for the 2018-2019 DECAT Grant. The DECAT Grant was approved for the district.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:  
Superintendent Straight informed the board that next month the district will be hiring for food service positions as well as two coaching positions.  
No action was taken on this time.

2. Action/Discussion on Second Reading of Board Policies 501.10 and 501.9-  
Superintendent Straight provided updated versions of board policies 501.10 and 501.9 from the July board meeting where the board approved the first readings of each policies regarding Student Absences-Excused, and Truancy-Unexcused Absences. It was noted by President Stratford that language was inserted into policy 501.9 Student Absences-Excused that read, “Students will also be allowed unexcused personal days of absence from school not to exceed seven days per semester,” after the first reading of the policy.  
After discussion took place, there was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to approve board policies 501.10 and 501.9 with the changes as approved in the first reading. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.
  
3. Action/Discussion on First Reading of 501.10-R-  
Superintendent Straight informed the board that policy 501.10-R regarding Truancy-Unexcused Absences Regulation, sets consequences in policy for those students going beyond absences that are allowed by policy. Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve the first reading of this policy. There was motion by Coffman, second by Cook to approve the first reading as recommended by Superintendent Straight of policy 501.10-R Truancy-Unexcused Absences Regulation. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.
  
4. Approval of the Submission of Title I and Other Applications for 18-19-  
Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve the submission of Title I and other federal and State grant applications during the 2018-2019 school year. There was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to approve Superintendent Straight’s recommendation. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.
  
5. Approval of Transportation for Extra-Curricular Activities-  
There was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to approve transportation for extra-curricular activities for the 2018-2019 school year. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

6. Approval of Transportation Agreements with Other Districts for 18-19-  
Superintendent Straight recommended approving the transportation agreement with surrounding school districts. This is something the district approves every year. Superintendent Straight explained districts do not allow other school districts to come in and pick up kids, but we do allow them to drive through our district for the purpose of transportation special education students, or for them to get to their respective districts by taking a shorter route through ours. There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.
  
7. Action/Discussion on AP Data and Dual Credit Information-  
Principal Werner presented AP (Advanced Placement) class grade and assessment data, as well as dual credit course information and offerings at the secondary level. No action was taken on this item.

There was motion by Cook, second by Coffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Marie Stratford  
President

Stacey Kolars  
Board Secretary