

Belle Plaine, Iowa
August 16, 2017

A meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Marie Stratford, Mike Bachelder, Brad Cook,
Rima Johnson, Jon Garling

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 Johnson, second Cook to approve the agenda with the exception of removing Business Item number six and adding a report from President Stratford regarding an education meeting she attended in Vinton. 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 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 July 19, 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:

- Registration is progressing
- Thank you to all of the custodians for their hard work over the course of the summer.
- New teachers will report on August 18, with returning teachers to report to work on August 21st. Open House will be Monday, August 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 at Longfellow. 1:1 Rollout for 5th Grade and 6th Grade students will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that same evening
- SAI Conference in Des Moines, August 2nd and August 3rd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Straight informed the board that he wished to thank Mr. Werner, Mrs. Coover and Grant Wood AEA for presenting their walk-through process and Google forms at the 2017 School Administrator's Conference. They did an excellent job and represented the school district and community very well. Superintendent Straight stated the full room of administrators was excited about what they presented.

The SAI Conference is always a good learning experience and networking opportunity. Mr. Welsh and Stew Timm have torn out the dugouts and some fencing at the City field. The sod should be laid in August.

President Stratford reported to the board on an education meeting she attended in Vinton.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kathy Kauffman moved from her BA lane teacher salary position to BA+12 salary position on the master salary schedule by acquiring additional graduate level credits.

Rima Johnson wished to thank an anonymous donor for the very generous donation that was given to the Belle Plaine School Foundation.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel:

There was motion by Johnson, second by Garling to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation to approve Cathy Miller's transfer request from her current two hour position to the open four hour position in food service from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

2. Discussion/Action on AP Data and Dual Credit Classes-
Principal Werner and Superintendent Straight presented information to the board regarding the district's current Advanced Placement course data and current dual credit course offerings. Discussion took place regarding student scores versus national averages, students' GPA alignments with AP course grades, comprehensive tests and final exams, students' study skills and college preparation. The Belle Plaine Community School District currently offers five in-house dual credit courses: Composition I and II, Principles of Horticulture, Fundamentals of Web Programming and Introduction to Business Applications. No action was taken on this item.

3. Approval of the Submission of Title I and Other Applications for 2017-2018-
Superintendent Straight recommended the board give the administration the ability to complete the Title I report and other State reports required by the Department of Education and others. There was motion by Johnson, second by Cook to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

4. Approval of Transportation for Extra-Curricular Activities-
There was motion by Cook, second by Bachelder to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation to approve transportation for extra-curricular activities. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

5. Approval of the Sale of Adult Activity Tickets for the 2017-2018 Year-
There was motion by Garling, second by Cook to approve the sale of adult activity tickets for the 2017-2018 school year. There will be no change in price from last year. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

6. Approval of Fundraisers for the 2017-2018 Year-
This item was removed from the agenda

7. Approval of Transportation Agreements with Other Districts for 2017-2018 -
There was motion by Johnson, second by Bachelder to approve the Inter-District transportation agreement in the Grant Wood AEA for the 2017-2018 year. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

8. Action/Discussion of PPEL and SAVE Plan-
Superintendent Straight presented the district's PPEL budget that included actual expenses and possible future projects. After discussion took place, the board was in agreement that the following projects be a priority to the district in the upcoming school year: LED lighting to save on utility expenses paid out of the General Fund, new chillers (HVAC units) for improved air conditioning at the high school, and improvement of the facilities; specifically, the high school cafeteria area and high school library. Discussion also took place regarding the current need for a bus barn and additional storage, as well as plans for the old Lincoln Junior High building. No action was taken on this item.
9. Action/Discussion on Fence and Trees around Longfellow Parking Area -
Superintendent Straight informed the board that the Longfellow Elementary's neighbors to the south have requested that the school consider making repairs to the fence on the property line and possibly replacing some of the trees that were planted when the property was sold. Superintendent Straight stated that he agreed that part of the fence should be replaced, and there are a couple of trees that are not in good health. Mary Pech was present at the meeting as a representative of her mother to ask if the gate on the fence could be kept locked through school hours. Superintendent Straight stated he was in agreement to keeping the gate locked throughout the summer, but not during school hours, or while school was in session. After further discussion, there was motion by Cook, second by Garling to authorize the purchase of trees to replace the dead/dying trees and replace the portion of the fence in back of the property that needed repair. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.
10. Action/Discussion on update to 401 and 403 Board Policies-
Superintendent Straight recommended the board approve changes to these policies in order to meet State guidelines. These guidelines were revealed during the district's desk audit. The two policies involve equal opportunity and non-discrimination as well as grievance procedures. There was motion by Johnson, second by Cook to approve the first reading of Board Policy 403 regarding grievance procedure regulations. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.
11. Action/Discussion on Bid Requests for Cameras and System Upgrades-
Superintendent Straight informed the board that he had two companies come to Longfellow Elementary and look at our current camera system and give the district quotes for adding cameras and improving access to the current system. One bid was received. After discussion took place, there was motion by Bachelder, second by Johnson to approve a bid from Walsh Door and Security in the amount of \$25,618.45 which included \$850 for an additional camera. Cameras will be added to the parking areas in both front and back, as well as the preschool areas. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

12. Action/Discussion on Truck Bids for Transportation Director and Selling of Vehicles-

Transportation Director, Brock Haigh received bids for a truck to use as a vehicle for him to haul tools and make trip to fix different issues in both the Belle Plaine and HLV Districts. The current vehicles being used need to be sold. One is a van and the other is an older Suburban. The quotes received for a new truck were as follows:

John Grieder Motors-2017 Chevrolet 2500 HD Silverado-\$29,700

John Grieder Motors-2017 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado-\$28,200

Thys Chevrolet, Toledo-2017 Chevrolet 3500 HD Silverado-\$30,609.81

Thys Motor Co., Belle Plaine-2017 Ram 2500 Tradesman-\$31,000.00

Thys Motor Co., Belle Plaine-2017 Ram 3500Tradesman-\$33,474

Witham Ford-2017 F250 - \$28,591

After discussion took place, there was motion by Cook, second by Garling to accept the bid from John Grieder Motors for the 2017 2500 Chevrolet Silverado for \$29,700 and to sell the old van and Suburban. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

There was motion by Garling, second by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Marie Stratford
President

Stacey Kolars
Board Secretary