

Belle Plaine, Iowa
September 27, 2017

A special meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 27, 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, Val Coffman

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Todd Werner, Heather Coover

Superintendent Secretary Present: Kristy Baburek

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

There were no items for the Consent Agenda. No action was taken.

REPORTS

There were no reports presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Action Regarding Employment of Personnel-
There were no personnel being hired. No action was taken on this item.

2. Action/Discussion on Class Sizes-
Discussion took place regarding the district's current board policy 606.1 regarding Class Size-Class Grouping. The current board policy stipulates it is within the sole discretion of the board to determine the size of classes and to determine whether class grouping will take place, and that it may review the class sizes annually. The current policy also states that it is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board on class size based upon the financial condition of the school district, the qualifications of and number of licensed employees, and other factors deemed relevant to the board. Further discussion took place regarding whether number ranges for class sizes should be placed in the policy according to grade levels.
After discussion, there was motion by Cook, second by Johnson to determine that the superintendent would come to the board in the future for discussion regarding class sizes when class sizes in grades K-3 are at 22-23 students, and grades 4-6 are at 28 students. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

3. Action/Discussion on Out of State Trips-
Superintendent Straight informed the board that the FFA would like to take a trip to Indianapolis and recommended they approve this out-of-state trip. There was motion by Bachelder, second by Rima to approve Superintendent Straight's recommendation. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

President Stratford suggested a future workshop take place with Harry Heigenthal from the Iowa Association of School Boards possibly on December 13, 2017.

There was motion by Johnson, second by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Marie Stratford
President

Kris Baburek
Superintendent Secretary