

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
01/23/2025 07:00 PM
Belmond-Klemme High School Library
411 Tenth Avenue Northeast
Belmond, Iowa 50421

Voting Members

Gary Berkland, Board President
Ryan Meyer, Board Vice President
Joel Buseman, Board Member
Rick McDaniel, Board Member
Michelle Murphy, Board Member
Kevin Ring, Board Member
Jim Swenson, Board Member

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum

The Board of Directors for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District met for a regular board meeting at the above date in the Belmond-Klemme High School Library at 7:00 P.M. Board President Gary Berkland called the meeting to order.

President Berkland asked for the roll to be called. The board secretary called the roll. Board President Berkland determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public Hearing: on Track Project

No communication.

3. Welcome Visitors / Communication

No communication

4. Approve / Amend Agenda

Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Jim Swenson

Motion seconded by: Rick McDaniel

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

5. Consent Items

Motion made by: Michelle Murphy

Motion seconded by: Ryan Meyer

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2024

b. Financial Statements

c. Bills

d. Grants, Gifts, and Bequests

- \$100 donation, Dale Timmerman
- \$1,573.35 for SPED program, Knights of Columbus
- \$100 for Nurses fund, United Church of Rowan Woman
- \$500 for FFA, Iowa Select
- T-Shirts, Dirk and Lee Van Der Linden
- \$50 for art department, Terri and James Avery
- \$50 for music department, Terri and James Avery
- Winter hats, Sharon Barkema

e. Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations

- Assign Taylor Farris as a para-educator in the Jr/Sr High Building.
- Assign Donna Jaacks as a para-educator in the Jr/Sr High Building.
- Assign Kenedie Gabrielson as a part time para-educator in Jacobson Elementary.
- Accept the resignation of Wendy Meints as 7-12 grade FCS teacher at the completion of the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Reports

a. Student Representatives Report

Will Simonson reported on winter sports festivities, eSports competitions, Triton Jazz Band competition, speech contest, and the beginning of a new semester.

b. Financial Health Analysis

Superintendent Peter reviewed key financial indicators of the district's financial health.

c. Principals' Reports

Principal Offerman reported on the elementary ESSA work, including reviewing EL data and ongoing improvement efforts. Principal Offerman also reported on the Elementary A-Z reading challenge.

Principal Jensen reported on the Jr./Sr. High School ESSA progress. She also reported on the basketball season, winter sports festivities, 34 students taking NIACC dual credit classes, and work-based learning. The high school is reviewing cell phone expectations in the classroom.

d. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Peter reported on the upcoming Day on the Hill. This is an opportunity to connect with Iowa Legislatures and stress areas of high importance for districts.

7. Action Items

8. Discussion Items

a. Track Project

Michael Murphy reviewed the 8-lane track project and alternate options. Bids are due February 13th and will be presented at the February board meeting.

b. Simbli

Board Secretary McKenna Parshall presented over the new board meeting software, Simbli.

c. Advocacy to the State Legislature

Superintendent Peter asked the board if they have any items they would like her to bring to Day on the Hill. President Berkland asked her to advocate for preschool funding.

d. Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

President Berkland commented on the board giving staff freedom to do their work. Director McDaniel commented on how good the NIACC classes are for high school students.

9. Adjourn

Board President Gary Berkland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Motion made by: Jim Swenson

Motion seconded by: Rick McDaniel

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

10. Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation

The board entered closed session at 8:26 P.M. under *Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)* To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 8:46 P.M.

Motion made by: Jim Swenson

Motion seconded by: Ryan Meyer

Voting:

Gary Berkland - Yes
Ryan Meyer - Yes
Joel Buseman - Yes
Rick McDaniel - Yes
Michelle Murphy - Yes
Kevin Ring - Yes
Jim Swenson - Yes

Gary Berkland, Board President

McKenna Parshall, Board Secretary