

MEETING MINUTES**Attendees****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 5:34 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 School Year 25-26 Calendar

No comment.

3. Welcome Visitors / Communication**4. Approve / Amend Agenda**

Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Michelle Murphy

Motion seconded by: Kevin Ring

Voting: Unanimously Approved

5. Consent Items

Motion made by: Jim Swenson

Motion seconded by: Rick McDaniel

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- a. Minutes
- b. Financial Statements
- c. Bills
- d. Grants, Gifts, and Bequests
- e. Approval of Ed Klamforth Service Agreement
- f. Transportation Director Stipend
- g. Cooperative Student Teaching Agreements with Morningside University
- h. Cooperative Food Service Purchasing Agreement through the I.E. Consortium
- i. Renewal of Service Agreement with Halvorson Trane for Rooftop HVAC Units
- j. Employment: Personnel Resignations and Recommendations

- Resignation of McKenna Parshall as Board Secretary.
- Resignation of Brienne Pralle as para educator at Jacobson Elementary.
- Assign Yessica Garcia Martinez as a special education para, assigned to Jacobson Elementary.
- Assign Silvia Contreras as part-time cook, assigned to Jacobson Elementary.
- Assign Stephanie Castro as a part-time special education para, assigned to Jacobson Elementary.
- Assign Faith DeBeer as a special education para educator, assigned to Jacobson Elementary.

6. Reports

Dario Gamino spoke to the board about the Youth Wrestling Club. Officer Gamino reported that there were around 60 students in grades K-6 that participated in the program. Officer Gamino was optimistic that the program will be a good feeder program for middle school to high school wrestling. He also expressed a need for a space for students to practice.

a. Principals' Reports

Principal Offerman reported on talent show auditions, ISASP Testing, and Read Across America.

Principal Jensen reported on FFA, speech, jazz band, student council, spring sports, one-act plays, and National Honor Society inductions.

b. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Peter reported on the safety conference she attended.

7. Action Items**a. Track Project**

Director McDaniel moved to start a track project this year, seconded by Ring. President Berkland called for a Roll call vote. The voting followed as:

Yes: Berkland, Meyer, Buseman, McDaniel, Murphy, Ring.

No: Swenson.

Motion passed with a vote of 6/1.

Director Murphy moved to accept the bid for the 8-lane track, second by Buseman. President Berkland called for a Roll call vote. The voting followed as:

Yes: Buseman, Murphy

No: Berkland, Meyer, McDaniel, Ring, Swenson.

Motion failed with a vote of 2/5.

Director Swenson moved to accept the bid for the 6-lane track, seconded by Meyer. President Berkland called for a Roll call vote. The voting followed as:

Yes: Berkland, Meyer, McDaniel, Ring, Swenson

No: Buseman, Murphy

Motion passed with a vote of 5/2.

b. School Finance: School Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, Proposed for Publication

Approval of publication of school budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion made by: Rick McDaniel

Motion seconded by: Jim Swenson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Set hearing April 24th at 7:00 P.M.

Motion made by: Michelle Murphy

Motion seconded by: Jim Swenson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

c. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Approval of the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar.

Motion made by: Ryan Meyer

Motion seconded by: Kevin Ring

Voting: Unanimously Approved

d. Appoint Board Secretary

Appoint Theresa Greenfield as Board Secretary.

Motion made by: Ryan Meyer

Motion seconded by: Jim Swenson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

e. Administer Oath of Office to New Board Secretary

President Berkland administered the Oath of Office to New Board Secretary Theresa Greenfield.

8. Discussion Items

a. Negative Balances on Lunch Accounts

The Board discussed negative lunch account balances in the district.

b. Legislative Updates and Advocacy

Superintendent Peter provided the board with legislative updates.

c. Board Comments and Future Agenda Planning

Superintendent Peter reminded board members that the April board meeting is a week later. Director Meyer reminded the board to possibly speak about space for youth wrestling and eSports.

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 6:49 P.M.

Motion made by: Jim Swenson

Motion seconded by: Rick McDaniel

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Gary Berkland, Board President

McKenna Parshall, Board Secretary