Belle Plaine, Iowa
July 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present:	Val Coffman, Scott Frank, Andy Neuhaus (via Zoom), Alicia Jacobi, Tylar Gallagher
Members Absent:	None
Administration Present:	Chad Straight
Superintendent Secretary Present:	Kristy Baburek
Board Secretary/Treasurer Absent:	Stacey Kolars
Visitors Present:	Interested Patrons
Press Representative:	None

The meeting was called to order by President Coffman at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Motion Jacobi, second Frank 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 Jacobi, second by Gallagher to approve the following consent items:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting, the June 16, 2026 Special Meeting, the July 16, 2026 Special meeting and the July 21, 2026 Special Meeting.
2. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and the Financial Statements
3. Personnel/Business Items:
    a. Acceptance of Resignation(s)-Matthew Mengler, JH Track Coach.

All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

REPORTS-Principals, Heather Coover and Kelly Scott presented their building reports for the Jr/Sr High School and the Longfellow Elementary to the board. Superintendent Straight also presented his report to the board.

OLD BUSINESS-There was brief discussion on the current PPEL/SAVE projects.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. <u>Approval of Employment of Personnel-</u>There was motion by Frank, second by Gallagher to approve the following personnel:
Crystal Stevenson-NHS Sponsor; Becky Herman, Close-up Sponsor; Michelle Oliver-Prom Sponsor; Emily Shinkle-HS Student Council; Heather Griffith-HS Associate.
All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

2. <u>Action/Discussion on Architect Drawings and Plans-</u>Representatives from OPN Architects were present to go over current drawings for the building projects. No action was taken on this item.

3. <u>Action/Discussion on Kirkwood Agreements-</u>There was motion by Jacobi, second by Gallagher to approve the agreements for the 2026-2027 school year. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

4. Action/Discussion on 2nd Reading of Board Policies 102,102 E1-E6, 102 R, 202.02, 203, 206.03, 208, 208R, 401.01, 406.05, 406.06, 407.05, 501.15, 502.07, 507.05, 607.02, 701.02, 701.03, 701.05, 704.02, 704.03, 705.01, 705.01R, 705.01R(2), 705.04, 705.05, 706.04, 707.01, 708, 710.01 E(1), 710.01 E(2), 710.01 R, 712, 802.02, 804.05
There was motion by Frank, second by Gallagher to approve the second reading of the board policies: 102,102 E1-E6, 102 R, 202.02, 203, 206.03, 208, 208R, 401.01, 406.05, 406.06, 407.05, 501.15, 502.07, 507.05, 607.02, 701.02, 701.03, 701.05, 704.02, 704.03, 705.01, 705.01R, 705.01R(2), 705.04, 705.05, 706.04, 707.01, 708, 710.01 E(1), 710.01 E(2), 710.01 R, 712, 802.02, 804.05. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

5. Action/Discussion on 1st Reading of Board Policies 201, 210.05, 210, 401.01, 409.02, 501.15, 502.03, 503.01, 503.11, 503.11R1, 503.11R2, 507.02, 507.02 E1, 507.02, E3, 603.01, 603.03, 603.06, 604.01, 604.03, 604.03 R1, 604.05, 605.04, 605.04 E1, 607.01, 713, 804.05. 804.05 E1, 901-There was motion by Gallagher, second by Frank to approve the first reading of board policies: 201, 210.05, 210, 401.01, 409.02, 501.15, 502.03, 503.01, 503.11, 503.11R1, 503.11R2, 507.02, 507.02 E1, 507.02, E3, 603.01, 603.03, 603.06, 604.01, 604.03, 604.03 R1, 604.05, 605.04, 605.04 E1, 607.01, 713, 804.05. 804.05 E1, 901. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

6. Action/Discussion on Student Handbooks and Coaching Handbooks-After review and discussion, there was motion by Frank, second by Jacobi to approve the student handbooks and coach's handbook with the discussed changes. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

7. Action/Discussion on 1st Reading of Policy 504.6-8th Grad Participation-This is a policy regarding the student activity program that would allow and eighth grade student to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or competitions at the high school instead of the eighth-grade level. The was lengthy discussion by the board. After discussion, there was motion by Frank to approve the 1st reading of Policy 504.6 allowing eighth grade participation in high school activities. The motion died for lack of second. After further discussion, there was motion by Jacobi, second by Gallagher to not allow eighth graders to participate in high school activities at this time, but to revisit this policy at the August meeting. There were four "ayes," with Frank voting, "nay." Motion carried.

8. Action/Discussion on Card Reader Software Selection for Activities-Superintendent Straight and Board President Coffman have been researching different software options for card readers at admissions for activities. After discussion, there was motion by Gallagher, second by Neuhaus to approve Square for the district's use going forward. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

9. Action/Discussion on Computers, Technology Purchases and Switches-There was motion by Frank, second by Gallagher to approve additional technology purchases for the STEM program. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

10. Action/Discussion on Milk Bids-There was motion by Gallagher, second by Neuhaus to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson for the 2026-2027 school year. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

11. Action/Discussion on Progress Monitoring Board Goals-This will be discussed at a later meeting. No action was taken on this item.

There was motion by Gallagher second by Frank to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Valerie Coffman, Board President

Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary/Treasurer/
Business Manager