

Belle Plaine, Iowa  
June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

The regular board meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Val Coffman, Rima Johnson, Andy Neuhaus with Alicia Jacobi and Tylar Gallagher arriving late.

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Ryan Devereux, Heather Coover

Board Secretary Present: Stacey Kolars

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

Press Representative: None

The meeting was called to order by President Coffman at 6:30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

Motion Neuhaus, second Johnson to approve the agenda. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The consent agenda items were considered. There was motion by Jacobi, second by Johnson 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 May 8, 2025 special board meeting, and the May 14, 2025 regular meeting.
2. Approval of bills, payroll and financial statements
3. Personnel/Business Items:
  - a. Acceptance of Resignations-Derek Beal, JH Football Coach.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**-Secondary Principal, Ryan Devereux and Elementary Principal, Heather Coover gave their respective reports to the board.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Straight gave his report to the board.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Action/Discussion on PPEL/SAVE Projects-**

Discussion took on current projects and summer projects.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Approval of the Employment of Personnel**-There was motion by Johnson, second by Neuhaus to approve Kristy Rassmussen as secondary associate, Chance Baburek as Win With Wellness sponsor, Jessica Stamp as JH Weightlifting sponsor, Todd Bohlen as volunteer JH FB Coach, Kim Goslowski as JH Track coach, Jay McMillon as Asst. FB Coach, Max Flack as Transportation Director, Callie Mumby as Wrestling Cheer Sponsor, Holly Vido as TLC Instructional Coach, Holly Gates as TLC PK-3/Sped/Art/PE/Title I Lead, Clara Kienitz as TLC 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Sped/Art/PE Lead, Holly Gates as TLC Mentor Teacher, Beth Parrott as TLC Mentor Teacher, Gina Miller as TLC Technology Integrationist, Beth Parrott as TLC Data Lead, Katie Stull as TLC

Advisor/PD Lead, Susan Mattmiller as TLC Lang Arts/Social Studies/ Spanish/ Sped Lead, Lindsey Maston as TLC Math/Science/STEM/Sped Lead, John Daniels as TLC Voc Programs/PE/Art Lead, Deb Maxwell as TLC Mentor Teacher, Julie Mantz as TLC Mentor Teacher, Andy Dahlquist as TLC Mentor Teacher, Lew Ginder as TLC Data Lead, and Julie Mantz as TLC Data Lead. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

2. Action/Discussion on Handbooks-The board reviewed the Jr/Sr HS handbook, the elementary handbook and the preschool handbook. There was motion by Neuhaus, second by Gallagher to approve the 2025-2026 handbooks with the changes as discussed. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

3. Discussion of Possible Bond and Project-Discussion took place on the current scope of the proposed bond project. A June 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting has been scheduled to set the public hearing proposing the SAVE bond on July 9<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken on this item.

4. Action/Discussion on Elementary Playground- Bids were considered from Boland Recreation regarding playground equipment and rubber mulch for the elementary playground. After review and discussion, there was motion by Neuhaus, second by Jacobi to approve the purchases of rubber mulch after checking with the preschool standards and blue mulch costing as well as edging costing, and to get new quotes for the Ten Spin, Swings and Barrel Ride equipment pieces. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

5. Action/Discussion on Resolution to Participate in the Storm Protection Fund an Iowa Code Chapter 25E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool- Superintendent Straight presented information to the board regarding insurance coverage changes that have left schools with little coverage for wind and hail damage. He recommended the board approve a 28E agreement between participating schools to build a fund to support this coverage. The cost to the district should decrease over time as the fund gets built. After discussion the following resolution was read and adopted: June 11, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Belle Plaine Community School District in the County of Benton, State of Iowa, met in open session, in the Belle Plaine Community School District Board Room, at 6:30 o’clock P.M. on the above date. There were present the following Board Members:

Alicia Jacobi, Rima Johnson, Val Coffman, Tylar Gallagher, Andy Neuhaus

Absent: None

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Director Jacobi introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Neuhaus seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Neuhaus, Jacobi, Johnson, Gallagher, Coffman

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STORM PROTECTION FUND, AN IOWA CODE CHAPTER 28E ENTITY AND CHAPTER 670 RISK POOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received the renewal information for wind and hail property insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the deductible under the wind and hail coverage under the policy is a percentage of the value insured; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Protection Fund provides a means to manage and contain deductible costs associated with wind and hail insurance coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the District to Join the Storm Protection Fund, and to pay all Contributions as required by the Storm Protection Fund.

Passed and approved this 11th day of June, 2025.

6. Action/Discussion on First Reading of Board Policies

102-102E6;104E2-104E3;302.01;302.02;401.01;401.05;401.06;402.02;501.08;502.01;503.09;503.09R;506.01,600,603.01,603.04,605.01,700,708,710.01E1,701.02E2,740.01R1,804.02,804.0901-

Board policies were presented and reviewed by the board. After discussion, there was motion by Johnson, second by Gallagher to approve board policies

102-102E6;104E2,104E3;302.01;302.02;401.01;401.05;401.06;402.02;501.08;502.01;503.09;503.09R;506.01,600,603.01,603.04,605.01,700,708,710.01E1,701.02E2,740.01R1,804.02,804.06, 901. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

7. Discussion of Board Goals-

The board discussed the district's goals and progress on these goals throughout the current school year.

There was motion by Gallagher, second by Neuhaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Valerie Coffman, Board President

Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary