

Belle Plaine, Iowa
February 19, 2026 Board Workshop

A workshop of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at Longfellow Elementary, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Val Coffman, Andy Neuhaus, Alicia Jacobi, Scott Frank, Tylar Gallagher

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Heather Coover, Kelly Scott

Board Secretary/Treasurer Present: Stacey Kolars

Visitors Present: Lou Gvist, Katherine Solan-Iowa School Board Association

Press Representative: None

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

AGENDA

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

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations

BOARD WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Review of Board Goals-A listing of the board’s previous year’s goals and priorities were reviewed. Discussion took place regarding what goals/priorities had been achieved and what areas the board would like to focus on and move forward with in the next years.

2. Strategic Planning Discussion about Future Goals- Representatives from the Iowa Association of School Boards, Lou Gvist and Katherine Solan were present to lead the board in discussions and activities that focused on developing a team setting for aligning district goals. The board set up a time frame to draft an initial “road map” for building new district priorities and goals that includes formalizing a document with new concepts and clarification of the workshop discussions before giving this document over to the principals for their contributions with staff feedback. The time frame included having the principals share back information in late spring/early summer.

There was motion by Gallagher, second by Neuhaus to adjourn the workshop at 8:17 p.m. All voted, “aye.” Motion carried.

Valerie Coffman, Board President

Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary/Treasurer/
Business Manager