

BELFRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

10 November, 2020 –7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Belfry School District was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chair Mary Lee Krenning.

Board members present were Linda Gasser, Jolene Nose, Willis Herden, and Duane Hergenrider. Superintendent Jason Olson and District Clerk Beth Pulse were present. Rebecca Nash, Whitney Herden and Ethan LeBrun were present in the public section.

**Approval of October 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting Minutes.**

*The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.*

**MOTION: Linda Gasser**

**SECOND: Jolene Nose**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Approval of November Claims/Warrants**

There was discussion about the property fees for the county, drop zone for restroom odor control, and the new rinse-sprayer for the kitchen.

*The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve warrant 30376 through warrant 30411 for a total of \$33,366.15 for November, 2020.*

**MOTION: Willis Herden**

**SECOND: Linda Gasser**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Review Expenditure Actual to Budget Report**

There was discussion about Vo-Ag supplies and food expenses.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Delegates to Address Board**

None.

**Administrative Report**

The Veterans Day program is at 10:30 tomorrow in the Gym and a turkey dinner will follow in the lunch room. We did not promote the event as much as usual due to Covid attendance restrictions. Students wrote essays and will share them during the program. Mr. Olson said he has been working on accreditation reports and our accreditation should be fine, this year. The audit was last week. Linda came in to do the exit interview and Sharon had some suggestions to use for next year. Parent teacher conferences went well. We had a smaller turnout but the turnout for the elementary was good. We've had some close calls with Covid but we haven't had any teachers test positive, yet.

**Custodial/Maintenance Report**

Jerry was not present but Mr. Olson relayed that Jerry said everything is going well. He had a leak in Kasey’s room but was able to get it fixed.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hire High School Girls Basketball Coach/Driver**

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There have been no applicants. Mr. Olson said that he has talked to Mary Herden and she was going to look into possible options. The season starts December 7<sup>th</sup> so we have a little time. No action was taken.

**Renew Fingerprint Co-op with Bridger**

*The Belfry Board of Trustees move to renew the fingerprint multidistrict agreement with Bridger and Fromberg.*

**MOTION: Willis Herden**

**SECOND: Jolene Nose**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Staff Christmas Dinner/Bonus**

Mary Lee said she felt that teachers have gone above and beyond this year and that she would say “yes” to a bonus. There was discussion that Covid restrictions would keep us from being able to have a staff dinner somewhere.

*The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve a Christmas bonus of \$250.00 and forgo a staff dinner for the 2020-2021 school year.*

**MOTION: Jolene Nose  
Hergenrider opposing**

**SECOND: Linda Gasser**

**VOTE: 4-1 with Duane**

**Request for Internet Switches for High School**

There was a short discussion about the need for this.

*The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve purchasing switches, access points and module per estimate number 1030 from Rimrock Computers.*

**MOTION: Duane Hergenrider**

**SECOND: Willis Herden**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Student Request for Cell Phone Policy Change**

Whitney Herden presented the Board with a request from high school students to be able to use their cell phones at lunch time. Currently, they are only allowed to use them before and after school. There was discussion about concerns of cyberbullying. Linda asked if the students would report any abuse of the policies. Whitney said they would. Duane expressed concerns about the students not talking or relating to each other at lunch. Jolene said she did not think they should be used in the lunch room, while the kids are eating. There was discussion that they would only use their phones when they are out of the elementary building; either outside or in the high school before class starts. Jason said he felt the current students are mature enough to handle it and that the teachers are willing to give it a try.

***The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve allowing the High School Students to use their phones at lunch time, outside of the elementary building.***

***MOTION: Willis Herden  
Hergenrider opposing.***

***SECOND: Jolene Nose***

***VOTE: 4-1 with Duane***

**Approve Vacation Pay Out for Past Employee Per Auditor**

Beth explained that Ed Christman never formally resigned so the auditor suggested paying this out since he hasn't worked, regularly, in a while.

***The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve paying Ed Christman his balance of vacation and 25% of his sick pay for a total gross of \$2099.67.***

***MOTION: Willis Herden***

***SECOND: Jolene Nose***

***VOTE: 5-0***

The next regular meeting will be held on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Willis Herden

SECOND: Jolene Nose

VOTE: 5-0

Beth Pulse, District Clerk

Mary Lee Krenning, Board Chair