

Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 7, 2013 6:30 PM
Bellevue Public Schools Welcome Center
2600 Arboretum Drive
Bellevue, NE 68005

A. Routine Business

A.1. Call to Order
Nina Wolford

A.2. Roll Call
Board Secretary

A.3. Absences
Nina Wolford
A motion will be necessary if a member of the elected Board is absent.

A.4. Open Meetings Law
Nina Wolford
The Bellevue Board of Education abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. A copy of the law is posted on the wall of our Board room.

A.5. Pledge of Allegiance
Nina Wolford

B. Consent Agenda
Nina Wolford

Approve by consent items in section B of the Agenda identified with an asterisk and receive the information and proposals in section D identified with an asterisk.

B.1. *Approval of Minutes
Judy Potter
The attached Minutes of the September 9, 2013, Board of Education meeting were sent to all members of the Board of Education for review.

B.2. *Treasurer's Report

Susan Brooks

Acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for September, 2013.

B.3. *Payment of Claims

Jeff Rippe

Approve the payment of claims totaling \$1,294,359.20.

B.4. *Release from Contract

Sharra Smith

Release (1) Joseph Blackstad from his contract effective September 25, 2013.

C. Action Items

C.1. 2014-2015 Poverty Plan

Bobbie Mitchell/Kim Bodensteiner

Each year Bellevue Public Schools develops a Poverty Plan which outlines what the District does to provide for students from poverty and/or diverse backgrounds. The plan addresses the areas of attendance, transportation, parental involvement, access to Early Childhood programs, after school programs, extended year programs, summer school, mentors for new teachers, professional development for working with students from poverty, coordination with the Elementary Learning Center, and access to social workers.

The District has implemented many measures to meet the needs of students in poverty and from diverse backgrounds. With the Board's approval, the proposed attached 2014-2015 Poverty Plan will be submitted to the Learning Community for approval.

C.2. 2014-2015 Limited English Proficiency Plan

Sue Fjelstad/Kim Bodensteiner

The Limited English Proficiency Plan provides specialized instruction that develops a student's ability to read, write, speak and understand English. The purpose of the program is to prepare students to participate fully in the curriculum of the school, while supporting the cultural heritage of each student.

The District develops a Limited English Proficiency Plan to include an explanation of how the school district is addressing the needs of the ELL students. The plan is submitted to the Learning Community for approval. The plan focuses on the identification of students with limited English proficiency, instructional approaches, assessment of students' progress toward mastering the English language, and the methods to assess the effectiveness of the Limited English Proficiency Plan.

The proposed 2014-2015 Limited English Proficiency Plan is attached.

C.3. Board Policy for Approval

Frank Harwood

The Board reviewed revised Board Policy 410.01, Certificated Employees-Annual Leave, at the September 9, 2013, Board meeting. The attached proposed Board policy is presented tonight for final approval.

D. Commendations

D.1. *Omaha North Annual Math Competition

Bellevue East competed in the Omaha North annual math competition on September 10. The following students competed in several parts from team challenges to individual math challenges: Tommy Casart, 10; Nathan Crawford, 12; Trevor Fellbaum, 10; Mary Francis Laporte, 11; George Timmins, 11; and Rebecca Zawistowski, 12. In the individual test, Trevor Fellbaum finished 4th among all sophomores.

D.2. *Plum Creek Literature Quiz Bowl

Bellevue East High School competed in the annual Plum Creek Literature Quiz Bowl in Seward, Nebraska, on Thursday, September 26. They took first place. The following students competed: Nathan Crawford, 12; Sydney Hanson, 11; Mary Francis Laporte, 11; Noah Madrigal, 11; and George Timmins, 11.

The quiz bowl consists solely of literature and English-related questions, and a total of 20 high school teams from across Eastern and Central Nebraska competed.

E. Information Items

E.1. High Ability Learning (HAL)

Julee Sauer

Tonight, District HAL staff will provide a report highlighting the scope and depth of K-12 high ability learning services in Bellevue Public Schools.

E.2. District Improvement: Student Achievement

Kim Bodensteiner

The administration annually updates the Board about student performance as measured by various indicators. Tonight's update will include results from NeSA, MAP, ACT and AP testing.

E.3. 2013-2014 Board Goals

Frank Harwood

Tonight the Board will be presented with the first draft of the 2013-2014 Board Goals. This is a continuation of the process that the Board has used for the last two years.

The first draft of the 2013-2014 Board Goals is attached.

E.4. Legislative Issues

Frank Harwood

There are several Legislative Hearings taking place this fall that will discuss issues that could have a significant impact on Bellevue Public Schools. Tonight the Board will receive information about these hearings and begin a discussion about the Board's thoughts on taking official positions on any of the topics.

E.5. Administrative Regulation for Review

Frank Harwood

Attached is Administrative Regulation 407.05, Salary Protection, provided for your review.

F. Learning Community

Nina Wolford

An oral report will be provided on the recent meetings of the Learning Community.

G. Public Comment Period

Michael and Kathleen Caldwell - Address specific policies regarding violence in Bellevue Public Schools

Libby Caldwell - Bully at school or Avery School

Joshua and Lindsay Hurst - Violence at Avery School

Roseann Slattery - Violence at Avery in the 4th Grade

H. Board of Education Member Reports on Meetings They Have Attended

I. Future Business

Nina Wolford

November 4, *Board of Education Meeting, Welcome Center, 6:30 p.m.*

J. Executive Session

Nina Wolford

Adjourn to executive session to consider matters relating to strategy sessions with respect to personnel and collective bargaining which are necessary to be considered in closed session for the protection of the public interest and for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual.