

Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 9, 2015 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. 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.4. Pledge of Allegiance
Nina Wolford

A.5. Special Recognition - Bellevue East and Bellevue West Marching Bands
Frank Harwood

B. Consent Agenda
Nina Wolford

Administrative Recommendation: Approve by consent items in section B and C of the Agenda identified with an asterisk and receive the information and proposals in sections D and E identified with an asterisk.

B.1. *Approval of Minutes
Board Secretary

The attached Minutes of the October 5, Board of Education meeting, the October 14, Board of Education Work Session, and the October 19, Board of Education Work Session were sent to all members of the Board of Education for review.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the October 5, Board of Education meeting, the October 14, Board of Education Work Session, and the October 19, Board of Education Work Session.

B.2. *Treasurer's Report

Susan Brooks

Administrative Recommendation: Acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for October, 2015.

B.3. *Payment of Claims

Jeff Rippe

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the payment of claims totaling \$1,087,021.99.

C. Action Items

C.1. Bellevue Board of Education District Goals Approval (201.01)

Frank Harwood

For the last four years Bellevue Public Schools has developed and adopted District Goals.

Last year, three goal areas: Achievement, Buildings and Budgets and Community Engagement were adopted. This process is similar to the AdvancEd school improvement process used for district accreditation. The District Goals are also used to write building and department goals throughout the district. Tonight the administration will present for approval the 2015-16 District Goals.

Administrative Recommendation: The administration recommends the approval of the 2015-16 Bellevue Board of Education District Goals as presented.

C.2. Bond Counsel (903.04P)

Jeff Rippe

For work being done by the Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, information about possible alternative financing options is needed. For this reason, BPS needs to select Bond Counsel with experience in school district financing options. Although the term used is Bond Counsel, the firm can provide information about financing options other than bonds. An RFQ was sent out and proposals were received from Baird Holm, Gilmore & Bell and Kutak Rock. The administration reviewed the proposals and contacted references. There is no cost for these services until such time as the Board decides to use an available financing option.

Administrative Recommendation: The administration recommends Kutak Rock be selected as Bond Counsel for Bellevue Public Schools.

C.3. *Line of Credit Reauthorization (702.02)

Susan Brooks

As part of the last two annual budgets, a \$5 million dollar line of credit has been included to mitigate cash flow concerns due to the timing of tax payments. Each year, the line of credit must be reauthorized; the current line of credit with Great Western Bank matures on December 15, 2015.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve a resolution to renew our \$5 million line of credit with Great Western Bank.

D. Commendations

D.1. *Stellar Performances for West & East Marching Bands at State

Congratulations to Bellevue West and Bellevue East High Schools on their stellar performances at the 2015 State Marching Band Contest.

Bellevue West took first place and were crowned Nebraska's top marching band. They also won awards for best colorguard, best general effect, best music, and best visual.

Bellevue East tied for third place and captured the award for best percussion. They took 2nd place in music, and 2nd place in both music individual and visual individual captions.

D.2. *Nebraska High School Press Association Fall Competition

The Bellevue East and Bellevue West newspaper and yearbook staffs had great success at the 2015 Nebraska High School Press Association fall competition.

The Bellevue East Tom Tom won the Cornhusker this year, which is the highest award for journalistic excellence. The Tom Tom also received a Golden Kernel for coverage and photos.

The Chieftain yearbook won a Superior award. The Chieftain yearbook also won a Golden Kernel for yearbook headlines and caption writing.

The Thunderbeat Website won a Superior award and Golden Kernel awards for excellent use of social media and showcased personalities

The West Wind Newspaper won an Award of Distinction and a Golden Kernel award for good variety of stories on important topics.

The Thunderbird Yearbook won an Award of Distinction and a Golden Kernel award for strong story sourcing.

D.3. *UNL College of Engineering Names Most Influential High School Teachers

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Engineering, surveys students in their program asking them about a teacher who was most influential in their high school career. Bellevue East teachers Lance Raabe and Steve Johnston were recognized by East graduates.

E. Information Items

E.1. 2014-15 Student Achievement (Rule 10-10.01)

Kim Bodensteiner & Laurie Hanna

The administration annually updates the Board about student performance as measured by various indicators. Tonight's update will include information about NeSA and NWEA-MAP assessment results.

E.2. Facilities Master Plan Process (903.04P)

Jeff Rippe

In August, the Board approved a contract with Jacobs to develop a Facilities Master Plan. This process involves a Steering Committee made up of Students, Parents, Community Members, Board Members and Staff. Each month, the Board will be given an update of the Steering Committee's work. At the end of the process, the Board will be presented a proposed Facilities Master Plan that will include recommendations from the committee for future steps.

E.3. Regulation 511R Transgender Students (103P)

Frank Harwood

At the direction of some members of the Board of Education, the implementation of Regulation 511R Transgender Students is being considered for possible delay and further review. Bellevue Public Schools will continue to follow procedures that are supportive of students and comply with appropriate federal laws and regulations.

E.4. *Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Report

Maureen McNamara

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences were held in each Bellevue Public School the week of October 12.

The following indicates the average attendance of parents and students at each level:

	Parents	Students
Elementary	96%	88%
Middle School	71%	67%
High School	47%	52%

Activities held in conjunction with conferences included book fairs, high school graduation material orders, scholarship meetings, PTA/PTSA/Booster Club school product sales, and student council activities.

F. Public Comment Period

Susan Trinkle Tamayo wishes to address the Native American mascot imagery ban.

Tracy Hartman-Bradley wishes to discuss the mascot/stereotyping issue.

Edward Ventura Jr. wishes to address the Bellevue East mascot.

Kara Ashley-Chai wishes to address academics.

Sarah Centineo would like to address Discipline/Disruptive Students.

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

Learning Community - Nina Wolford

BPS Foundation - Doug Cook, Frank Kumor

MABE - Mike Kinney

GNSA -

Board Policy Review Work Group - Doug Cook, Mike Kinney

District Safety Committee - Doug Cook

H. Future Business

Nina Wolford

November 8-14, Bellevue Education Week

November 18-20, NASB/NASA State Education Conference (LaVista Conference Center)

November 23, Board of Education Work Session, Welcome Center, 6:30 p.m.

December 2, Holiday Open House

December 7, Board of Education Meeting, Welcome Center, 6:30 p.m.

I. Executive Session

Nina Wolford

Administrative Recommendation: Adjourn to Executive Session to consider matters relating to strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with outside agencies which are necessary to be considered in closed session for the protection of the public interest.