

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE HLV BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BGM  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 16, 2015

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

BGM Community School District

1090 Jackson St.

Brooklyn, Iowa 52211

A special Joint Board meeting between the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom Community School District and the HLV Community School District was called to order by President Kline at 7:00 pm. Roll call resulted in BGM Directors Ed Kline (President), Arlene Ford (Vice President), Larry Pendarvis, Laurie Jansen, Nancy Hanlon, and Rodney Horrigan, as being present, absent Director Cassie Minnaert and HLV Directors: Laurel Holloper (President), Jeff Cheney (Vice-President), and Connie Niemeyer, absent Directors Maria Hawkins, and Amy Smith, a quorum was declared. Also present were Supt. Brad Hohensee, Supt. William Lynch, Principal Rick Radcliffe, Principal Mary Sherwood, Principal Cory Lahndorf, Business Manager Lori Mc Clenathan, Kim Pendarvis, Beau Jack (HLV Athletic Director), Leonard Seda, Susie Turnbull (Victor Tribune), J.O. Parker (Poweshiek County CR) and Secretary Sharon Schott.

Kline gave the President's address.

Amy Smith arrived at 7:04 pm

Ford moved to adopt the agenda as presented; adopt consent agenda; seconded by Horrigan, motion carried unanimously.

Welcome of guests and invite public comments. No comments were made.

Mr. Hohensee discussed the possible sharing opportunities that the Districts could share. He stated that the schools would receive operational sharing incentives from the state for the following positions. Each district could receive a maximum of funding for 21 additional students. These positions include the following positions and are worth the corresponding amount of students: Superintendent - 8 Students; Business Manager - 5 Students; Human Relations - 5 Students; Transportation Director - 5 Students; Operational Maintenance -5 Students; Curriculum Director - 3 Students; and Counselor - 3 Students. Mr. Hohensee also stated that there is also pending legislation Senate File (SF) 17 would add the Principals to the list as well for 8 students.

Mr. Lynch stated that HLV has shared both programs and staff with Belle Plaine. Currently HLV has a contract with Belle Plaine for a transportation director. Also, BGM and HLV currently share a nurse and are happy with the arrangement.

Ms. Smith wanted to know if it was considered sharing if only the teacher travelled or if the students traveled as well. Mr. Lynch stated that it is sharing if the teacher travels. But the school does receive small supplemental weighting for the students that travel for classes if the class qualifies for supplemental weighting.

Discussions ensued regarding the sharing possibilities in staff, programs and classes.

Mr. Lynch stated that sharing can be done in different ways. The main thing is to make sure that both HLV and BGM Boards still want to share and if so, then we can look at ways that we can share that will benefit both HLV and BGM Districts.

Mr. Hohensee stated that the BGM Board is receptive to the sharing concept.

Mr. Kline also stated that he thought at the last meeting that both boards seemed to be onboard to the sharing concept.

Mr. Hollopeter also stated that HLV board was on board to sharing so that both schools can still be viable. The sharing is just a way that both schools receive the funds to keep going.

Mr. Lynch stated that enhanced sharing will allow both schools to remain viable and being committed for a long period of time.

Mr. Kline wanted to know if HLV was still sharing anything with the Belle Plaine District.

Mr. Lynch stated that HLV and Belle Plaine share teachers in the current school year. HLV sends their German teacher over for one period of German and Belle Plaine sends over a teacher for one period of Spanish. Both German and Spanish are offered over the ICN. Belle Plaine sends a student to HLV for AP Biology. They also have an Alternative School in HLV. HLV and Belle Plaine also currently share a Transportation Director.

Mr. Hohensee stated it would be best if each District could do a sharing arrangement where both districts received funding for 21 students. But we may look for that as a goal and not as what we do at first. Maybe one would only get funding for 16 students and the other 21 students the first year and then they both get 21 students the following year.

Mr. Lynch wanted to know if both schools were still on board for sharing. If so, then we can get together and come up with ideas to bring back to both of the Boards.

Mr. Hohensee stated that the Superintendents' can then get together and come up with a plan, and the Principals can get together and see what programs and classes can be shared. This will create more opportunity for the students.

All members agreed at this time.

Director Horrigan moved that we (BGM and HLV) proceed with looking at sharing positions and programs; seconded by Niemeyer; roll call vote: Aye – Kline, Ford, Pendarvis, Jansen, Hanlon,

Horrigan, Hollopeter, Cheney, Niemeyer, and Smith; Nay – None; Absent and not voting – Minnaert and Hawkins; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Niemeyer wanted to know about calendars and start dates. She stated that HLV’s calendar was after the State Fair and that BGM usually started before it was over. She didn’t want the students to be penalized since they are a big farming community.

Mr. Hohensee stated that it depends on the legislature but that we have two sample calendars in the workrooms’ for the staff to comments on them now. One has a start date of August 24<sup>th</sup> and the other August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hohensee stated that even when BGM started before the State Fair ended, students still were able to attend the fair and no repercussions were made against them for their attendance.

Mr. Hollopeter wanted to know if the schools started at the same time.

Mr. Radcliffe stated that BGM starts at 8:20 and ends at 3:12.

Mr. Lahndorf stated that HLV starts at 8:15 and ends at 3:20.

Mr. Lahndorf stated that it helps with scheduling if the schools are not on the same exact time schedule. The big scheduling items are the holidays and days off. These times are more difficult to schedule.

Mr. Lynch stated that sharing for professional development for staff could also be done.

Mr. Hohensee stated that Administration should meet and then present recommendations to both the HLV and BGM Boards.

Mr. Lynch stated that would allow the staff to get together, plan and then present them in March to both BGM and HLV Boards.

Mr. Hollopeter stated that we are receptive to the sharing partnership and that in the end it will help each District to thrive.

Mr. Cheney moved to adjourn meeting; seconded by Ms. Niemeyer; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Ed Kline, BGM President

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Laurel Hollopeter, HLV President

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Sharon Schott, Board Secretary

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Lori Mc Clenathan, Acting Secretary