



## **BELLE PLAINE**

# **Health and Safety Committee Meeting**

*Thursday, April 23, 2026*

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Brad Peterson (Science), Scott Renne (Oakcrest, custodial), Shannon O'Connor (IEA- consultant), Rachelle Kerkow (Health Services), Jeff Heine (Director of Buildings and Grounds), Mindy Chevalier (Administration), Shawn Fettis (HS metals), Ryan Giles (CTE/Woods)

1. Injury review
  - a. Three injuries – no trends. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting next year (FY27), plan on reviewing all injuries from FY26.
  - b. Modification rate – was 0.77, 2 years ago significant injury, at 1.07 now. 1.00 is 'average' for your group/rate. Goal to work to keep increases from happening and stay at or below 1.00. Modification rate is directly tied to your work comp premium rates.
2. Health and Safety
  - i. PPE assessment – fieldwork finished, reviewing reports
  - ii. Asbestos project – bids in, starting in July (better prices than May/June)
3. Representative areas discussion
  - a. Compressed gases inspection follow up – Shawn says things good in metals area, modified a few items after inspection
  - b. Science – Scott County came in told Brad needed to address venting organics in fume hood, noted quantity of barium waste. When science moves to new building, we will work on a chemical disposal for chemicals that will no longer be used in the new building (~2 years)
  - c. New building – possibly look at storing 'slings' (for moving SPED students) in spaces below fire extinguisher cabinets
  - d. Fire marshal inspection on May 12 – every 3 years
  - e. Rachelle just trained about 75 staff members for their CPR/AED certifications – 7 different classes. Went well. Way to go! 😊
  - f. CERT teams being discussed – MN/State is supposed to have a 'fillable' template coming out shortly. They have a guidance document which will be used for discussions now. Policy must be in place by start of school next fall (2026)

*Thank you for your participation in our safety committee – we appreciate you!*

#### **FY27 Meetings**

\*Schedule will be out in August/September

Have a great Spring and Summer 😊