

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Education  
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing on 2016/17 Budget Amendment.

A public hearing on the 2016/17 Budget Amendment opened at 6:00 p.m. Director Castro asked about the increase in food related costs. Finance Director Dallon Christensen said the related costs are salaries, increase in the cost of food, and supplies. There were no other comments and the public hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

2. Call to Order.

The Board of Directors of the Bettendorf Community School District, in the County of Scott, State of Iowa, met in open session according to Iowa law for their regular Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on May 1, 2017. Vice President Betsy Justis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and the Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary, verified that the meeting notice had been posted and mailed to the media as required by law.

Members present: Directors Castro, Pyevich, Justis, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Staley

Other officials present: Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; John Cain, GW Principal; Julie Trep, PN Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Kailey Baxter, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Directors Staley

Motion carried 6-0-1

4. Comments & Suggestions from Audience.

President's Statement. On behalf of fellow Board members, at this time I would like to invite any member of the audience to step to the microphone with comments about items of interest or concern that do not appear on the agenda this evening. Please begin by stating your name and address. It would be most appreciated if you would limit your comments to three minutes so that we can keep the meeting moving in a timely fashion and allow others an opportunity to speak. We ask that you remember that Iowa law prohibits us from discussing specific employees or their job performance. If you have thoughts to share about items that are included as topics for tonight's meeting, we would invite those comments when we reach that point in the meeting. Thank you for your support of our school district.

There were no comments.

5. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 5.01 Student Spotlight on Paul Norton Elementary. Paul Norton Elementary students shared information about Young Writer's Day and the annual Author visit. Teacher/Librarian Sarah Honn and Principal Julie Trepka were in attendance.
- 5.02 School Board Recognition Month. District staff, administration, students and parents would like to thank the Bettendorf Board of Education for their dedication and service to the students and families of the Bettendorf Community School District in celebration of School Board Recognition Month 2017.
- 5.03 Coe College Honor Band (info only). Six Bettendorf band students were accepted to the Coe College Elementary Honor Bands held Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Cedar Rapids, IA. 5th grade students Alivia Isaacson (Paul Norton), Abigail Kennis (Herbert Hoover), Jaylynn Kerr (Paul Norton), Olivia Stoltenberg (Herbert Hoover), and 6th grade students Laura Waggoner and Dominic Weaver from Bettendorf Middle School joined 235 students from 43 area schools in preparing and presenting the honor band concert that afternoon. Bettendorf directors Stephanie Hinds and Amy Jackson nominated these students to the honor band.

6. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Tinsman, to remove the motion which was made on April 18, 2017, to table the March 2017 financials. Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the consent agenda as modified, 6.02, Approval of March 2017 Financials was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Director Castro asked if the principals could provide an update to the board on the behavior seminar they attended. He also had some questions about a few bills.

Ayes: 6 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Directors Staley

Motion carried 6-0-1

- 6.01 Approval of April 10, 2017 Special Board Minutes and April 18, 2017 Regular Board Minutes
- 6.02 Approval of May 1, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
- Classified Resignation  
**Jordan DaRosa**/NA/Youth Mentor/Effective 04/27/17  
**Kristy Larkin**/MT/Paraeducator/Effective 04/24/17  
**Karrie Raue**/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 06/02/17
- Recommendation to Hire  
**January Siem**/BHS/Custodian/\$19.07/19.70 per hour/8.0 hours per day/Replacing Timothy Peterson/Effective 07/03/17
- Classified Letter of Assignment Modification  
**Beata Ito**/NA/Paraeducator/5.75 hours per day/Same rate of pay/Replacing Sally Haugen/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Certified Early Retirement  
**Gwen Sones**/BMS/Counselor/Effective 6/30/17

Certified Approval to Hire

**Megan Black**/GW/5<sup>th</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$37,350/Replacing Kallie Schamberger/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Leigh Cliburn**/MT/5<sup>th</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/MA,9/\$56,975/Pending verification/Replacing John Walston/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Ellen Craig**/BMS/Art/1.0 FTE/MA+15,8/\$56,975/Replacing Alexandria Medenciy/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Ellen Jelinski**/BMS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$37,350/New position - student need/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Katherine Mahoney**/BHS/Math/1.0 FTE/BA,3/\$41,711/Pending verification/Replacing Rebecca Carton/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Certified Transfer

**Rebecca Mueller**/From NA to PN/From 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Mary Heeringa/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Contract Modification

**Donna Carlson**/NA/Nurse/From 0.60 to 0.70 FTE/Student need/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Paulla Edwards**/From NA&GW to NA&MT/Vocal Music/From 0.60 to 1.0 FTE/Student need-realignment of staff due to additional classroom/ Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Taylor Johnson**/BMS/Language Arts/From 0.66 to 1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing John Landon Fry/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Jordan McLaughlin**/BHS/Vocal Music/From 0.50 to 1.0 FTE/Student need/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Carolyn Pratt**/From GW&MT to HH/Vocal Music/From 1.0 to 0.80 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Megan Kannenberg/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Christine Walker**/PN & GW/Art/From 0.80 to 0.85 FTE/Additional elementary classroom-student need/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Schedule D Resignation

**Michelle Bruty**/BMS/Team Leader, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade #2/Effective 6/30/17

**Adrianna Love**/NA/Student Council Sponsor/Effective 6/30/17

Schedule D Approval to Hire

**Tanya Gilmore**/BHS/Head Cheerleading (HS)/\$6,230/Replacing Jennifer McFate-Wikan/Effective 7/1/17

**Heather Wiley**/BHS/Team Leader, Science/\$2,679/Replacing Paul Flynn/Effective 2017-2018 school year

- 6.04 Student Teaching Agreements - Luther College, Augustana, Iowa Wesleyan
- 6.05 Project SEARCH Agreement
- 6.06 Tuition Applications - 2017/1 for the following students: Jack Hester, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley and Peyton Seberg, grade 9, from Davenport
- 6.07 Open Enrollment Request - Angeles Acuna, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley, insufficient classroom space
- 6.08 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment (info only)

Into Bettendorf, 2016/17

**Madisyn Hatler**, grade 2, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Sleesha KC**, grade 3, from Davenport, continuation,

**Kennedy Uhde**, grade 4, from Davenport, continuation

**Olivia Uhde**, grade 7, from Davenport, continuation

Into Bettendorf, 2017/18

**Hailee Grovo**, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17

**Vincenzo Hagen**, grade 4, to Pleasant Valley, continuation

Out of Bettendorf, 2017/18

**Kirsten Conklin**, grade 7, to Pleasant Valley

**Christopher Cumberbatch**, grade 10, to Pleasant Valley

**Michael Cumberbatch**, grade 9, to Pleasant Valley

**Jenna Dyer**, grade 8, to Pleasant Valley

**Karah Erickson**, grade 11, to Pleasant Valley

**Halle Fish**, grade 12, to Pleasant Valley

**Jacob Garcia**, grade 8, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

**Stanley Hall**, grade 7, to Pleasant Valley

**Vivyn Rangasamy**, grade 7, to Pleasant Valley

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 29m 58s).

Director Trahan spent a couple of days at Grant Wood where the architects worked with the staff to figure out what is needed for their classrooms and spaces. She said the architects did a nice job guiding each group.

Director Struck said they had their last SIAC meeting for the year. She said it has been a good process and it is nice to have community input. Director Struck noted the Policy Review Committee will meet on May 25. She asked those who have any concerns or questions on policies, to please email her before the meeting.

Director Pyevich encouraged those who can make it to come out and cheer the boys' tennis team on this Thursday and Friday. They are #1 in the MAC.

Director of Human Resources Heather Stocking said the Bettendorf Foundation Your Pie Fundraiser is this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

BEA Representative Roger Wilming sent an e-mail to the board thanking them for their service.

7.02 Student Representatives' Report – Kailey Baxter reported on the latest happenings at the high school.

8. Old Discussion.

8.01 Approval of 2016/17 Budget Amendment.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve an amendment to the 2016/17 Budget.

Ayes: 6 Directors Pyevich, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro, Justis

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Directors Staley  
Motion carried 6-0-1

8.02 Strategic Plan Vision Cards: Resources (audio begins at 42m 01s).

Director of Finance Dallon Christensen reviewed Goal 5: Resources. He would like to see the district maintain a very strong capital reserve, but not be over reserved. He said the focal point for 2017/18 will be on how to best manage the deficit related to special education. Most districts have special education deficits. The district's demographics are changing rapidly and the district has to provide the right services; however, resources are limited. He said they are looking at how to get the most value out of special education dollars and are looking at utilizing outside resources. Directors would like to review the number of paraeducators in the district. Mr. Christensen said they will look at transportation costs districtwide for 2017/18.

9. New Business.

9.01 Discussion of Grant Wood Elementary Bid Package Process (audio begins at 55m 47s).

Directors discussed the Grant Wood Elementary School bid package process. Mr. Christensen said they want to make sure that there is a set process in place so they know when the board is going to approve significant expenditures. There was some concern that decisions are not being made, which is delaying the project.

Directors said they need more information on the options for the HVAC system before making a decision. Chris Andrus and Dallon Christensen will talk to Legat and Estes about the HVAC bids. They will report back to the board.

9.02 Proclamation: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Director Struck read the proclamation.

10. Management Report.

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- Next agenda planning.

11. Board Requests for Information.

- Set up a meeting to talk about data - how data is interpreted and how to make sense of it all
- Where are we at with the board self-assessment
- Update on professional development leave for 2016/17
- Set date for superintendent evaluation
- Demonstration of Forecast5

12. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, May 8, Wellness Committee, 4:00 pm, Admin
- Tuesday, May 9, BCS Foundation, 11:45 am, Admin
- Monday, May 15, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Betsy Justis, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary