

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the September 28, 2016 Special Meeting
of the Board of Education
(*pending Board approval*)

1. 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 special Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on September 28, 2016. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. 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, Justis, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Interim Superintendent; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Director Pyevich arrived 6:03 p.m.

3. Curriculum Presentations.

Curriculum and Professional Development Leader Chris Like and district staff shared information on the district science curriculum K-12. In August of 2015, the Iowa Board of Education accepted a proposal to adopt the performance expectations in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as the new Iowa Science Standards. It should be noted that implementing these standards requires significant shifts in not only what is taught at each grade level, but how our students experience science and engineering.

The following is Bettendorf Community School's plan for implementation of these new science standards. The kindergarten curriculum is being delivered as of the fall of 2015. In the fall of 2016, the 1st grade teachers have begun to teach the aligned curriculum. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade teachers will be brought together in the fall of 2016 to begin writing the curriculum for delivery in the fall of 2017. 5th grade was piloted in one elementary in the spring of 2015. It was taken to scale and delivered across the district in the fall of 2015.

The middle school works on 42 minute science classes that meet every day for the entire year. As a building they are heavily engaged in a project based learning approach to curriculum delivery. As the state has dictated which standards are to be taught in each grade level, they have given middle schools an extended timeline for implementation.

The high School had to change the sequencing of classes to ensure that all students were assessed on all of the Iowa Science Standards. The first year courses (Biology 1 & Earth/Space Science) have been developed.

Curriculum and Professional Development Leader Marty Beck and district staff provided information on the district math curriculum K-12. They shared how PLC's are being used in elementary, middle school, and high school math. They talked about how they prioritized the standards. They also discussed what proficiency of the standards looks like. The goal of the PLC's is to get on the path to being college and career ready.

4. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary