

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Regular 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 regular Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on April 18, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:08 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, Staley, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance and Business Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; John Cain, GW Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; Travis Hansen, Technology Coordinator; Kailey Baxter, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Trahan, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 4 Directors Castro, Pyevich, Staley, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman

Motion carried 4-0-3

3. 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.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

4.01 Student Spotlight on Mark Twain Elementary School. Students from Mark Twain Elementary School made a presentation to the Board: 2nd Graders presented a poem about Earth Day. Their teacher is Mrs. Whitty. 5th Graders provided a demonstration about conserving water. Their teachers are Mr. Walston and Ms. Zahner.

- 4.02 Commendation/Recognition of Patrick & Patricia Stoffers Endowment.  
Superintendent Raso recognized Patrick and Patricia Stoffers for their generous endowment to help fund the district's Beyond the Bell programs in perpetuity.

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the consent agenda as amended – 5.02, Approval of March 2017 Financials was removed until the next board meeting and 5.05, Approval of e-Rate Proposals was removed to be discussed later in the meeting.

Director Trahan noted that YTD Expenditures have gone up significantly. Finance Director Dallan Christensen will go back and check the numbers.

Ayes: 4 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman

Motion carried 4-0-3

- 5.01 Approval of March 27, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes and April 3, 2017 Regular Board Minutes

- 5.02 Approval of April 18, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment

- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Certified Resignation

**Elissa Jones**/BMS/Language Arts/Effective 6/30/17

**Judy Redmond**/BHS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/17

**Lindsay Ridgway**/GW/1<sup>st</sup> Grade/Effective 6/30/17

**Angela Tester**/BMS/Language Arts/Effective 6/30/17

Certified Approval to Hire

**Amanda Huss**/GW/Teacher Librarian/1.0FTE/MA+30,9/\$60,090/ Pending verification Replacing Lisa Gogel/Effective 2017-2018 school year

**Rachel Medina**/BHS/Math/1.0 FTE/BA,4/\$43,269/Pending verification/

Replacing Paul Nagovan/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Certified Transfer

**Beth Thompson**/BHS/From Special Education to Instructional Coach/1.0

FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Peter Bruecken/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Contract Modification

**Megan Kannenberg**/From HH to District/Vocal to Instrumental Music/ From 0.80 to 1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Amy Jackson/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Schedule D Resignation

**Courtney Belk**/BHS/Head Freshman/Assistant Sophomore Softball (0.50 only)/Effective 4/10/17

**Keith Bonnstetter**/BHS/Costa Rica Exchange (.50)/Effective 6/30/17

**Tanya Gilmore**/BMS/Assistant Cheerleading (HS)/Effective 6/30/17

**Angela Tester**/BMS/Team Leader, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade #1/Effective 6/30/17

Schedule D Approval to Hire

**Alec Clark**/BMS/Student Council Sponsor (MS)/\$1,247/Replacing Alexandria Medenci/ Effective 2017-2018 school year

Classified Resignation

**Aracely Nunez**/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 06/02/17

5.04 Student Teaching Agreement – UNI

5.05 Approval of a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the BCSD Outreach Program from the West End Investment Group, 4623 E. 48<sup>th</sup> Place, Davenport, IA 52807. The funds will be used to assist district families in need of financial assistance.

5.06 Open Enrollment Request –denial of an open enrollment application:

**Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17**

Landon Ware, grade 4, to CAM, not timely filed

Open Enrollment Requests (info only)

**Into Bettendorf, 2016/17**

**Alexa Hall**, grade 6, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Daxten Hall**, grade 1, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Hudsen Hall**, grade 1, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Madelyn Hall**, grade 3, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Noah Kelley**, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Reilly Tabares**, grade 8, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

**Into Bettendorf, 2017/18**

**Demontraye Grimmert**, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley

**Madelyn Kelley**, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley

**Gabrielle Wischmann**, grade 3, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

**Genevieve Wischmann**, grade 4, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

**Madison Wischmann**, grade 11, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

**Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17**

**Ian Hinds**, grade 8, to Davenport, continuation

**Brooklyn Hobbs**, grade 2, to Davenport, continuation

**Kemyla Pollard**, grade 3, to Davenport, continuation

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Student Representatives' Report – Kailey Baxter.

- Beauty and the Beast was a huge hit and very well attended
- AP testing is in a couple of weeks
- They are bringing speakers in during Pride Time and it has been well received
- The only complaint with Pride Time is that some teachers are requiring students to attend
- Earth Day events all week
- LGBTQ/Student Voice Rally – attended Student Voice Rally and it was a really neat experience
- Blood Drive May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Community Service Week next week

6.02 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

The board commended Kailey Baxter for her amazing performance in Beauty and the Beast.

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 Strategic Plan Vision Cards: Iowa Assessments (audio begins 25m 52s).

Superintendent Raso and Directors reviewed Iowa Assessment results. Director Trahan would like to know what was being done when scores were the highest and what it will take to get back to those numbers or higher. President Staley would like to see a breakdown of the proficiency data. Director Trahan requested a breakdown of ACT scores by math, reading and science. There was a lengthy discussion on what the numbers mean and what exactly the data tells us.

7.02 Approval of Public Hearing Date for 2016/17 Amended Budget.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Trahan, to approve the 2016/17 amended budget for publication and May 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2016/17 amended budget.

Ayes: 4 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman

Motion carried 4-0-3

8. New Business.

8.01 PPEL Presentation (audio begins 1h 20m 11s).

Director of Operations Chris Andrus and Technology Coordinator Travis Hansen reviewed the proposed PPEL Plan for 2017/18. Superintendent Raso, Board Finance Committee, Board Facilities Team, Administrators and building principals, have reviewed the plan. \$2,840,000 has already been committed to projects, which leaves \$692,000 for Grant Wood or any other projects deemed necessary by the district. There was some concern over the low balance by June 30, 2017. Chris Andrus and Travis Hansen felt comfortable with the numbers.

8.02 Approval of PPEL Budget.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) Plan for 2017/18 and e-Rate Proposals.

Ayes: 4 Directors Staley, Trahan, Castro, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman

Motion carried 4-0-3

8.03 Special Appointed Board Committees (audio begins 1h 52m 28s).

Board President Staley discussed appointing special committees for board elections, and for board satisfaction surveys. Directors did not feel there needed to be a special committee for board elections. They felt the process that is already in place for board elections works well. They were not opposed to board satisfaction surveys, but thought

the board could handle it versus appointing a special committee. President Staley will work with Harry Heiligenthal on board satisfaction surveys.

8.04 Appointment of Special Committee for Board Elections.

Motion by Director Trahan, seconded by Director Pyevich, to not approve the creation of a special committee for board elections, with members to be appointed at a later date (#8.04) or the creation of a special committee for board satisfaction surveys, with members to be appointed at a later date (#8.05).

Ayes: 3 Directors Trahan, Castro, Pyevich  
Nays: 1 Director Staley  
Absent: 3 Directors Justis, Struck, Tinsman  
Motion carried 3-1-3

8.05 Appointment of Special Committee for Board Satisfaction Surveys.

Motion made in Action Item 8.04.

8.06 Volunteer Week Proclamation.

Proclamation read by Director Trahan.

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report –

- Staff Recognition Program is May 10 at 2 p.m.
- Elementary principal interviews will be early next week
- Trebuchet Competition on Friday

9.02 Director of Finance's Report – working on fee schedule for 2017/18. Plan is to have it set for approval at the May 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

10. Board Requests for Information.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, May 1, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary