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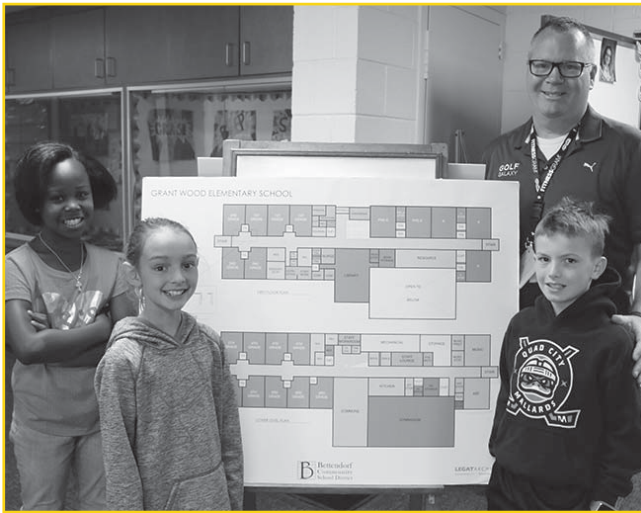
Bettendorf Community School District  
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**Passion  
Purpose  
Pride!**

## Investing in Our Schools New Grant Wood Elem Project Update

Work on the new Grant Wood Elementary School is well underway. At the April 3 board meeting, directors approved the schematic drawings for a \$16.7M new school that will be located behind the current school at 1423 Hillside Dr.

*"The staff, parents and students are very excited about our new school," said John Cain, Grant Wood Elementary Principal. "We look forward to the next steps of the process as we can visualize through the schematic design how our new facility is coming together. As we continue to work with the design team, our staff and families are excited about this opportunity and the change we will experience over the next year."*

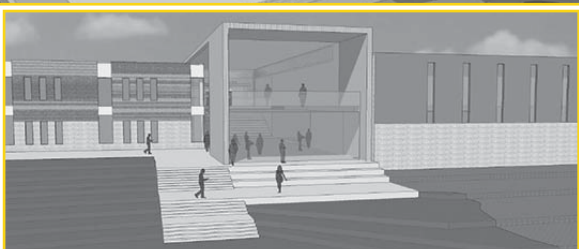
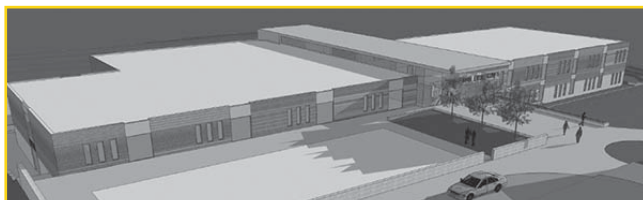


Legat Architects are working on the detail designs scheduled to be completed in early June. Contractor bids are scheduled for approval June through early fall. Estes Construction is managing the construction work, scheduled to begin this fall. The goal is for the Grant Wood Elementary project to be completed for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year as Grant Wood transitions from a 2 to a 3 section school to help reduce elementary class size in the district.

Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools are slated to be the next elementary schools for facility improvements.

*In May 2016, the Bettendorf Community School District completed a process of developing a 10-year elementary facilities plan. The Elementary Facility Advisory Committee recommended remodeling and construction at each elementary school to meet elementary facility standards and create 21st-century quality learning environments as well as equity across the district.*

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/BCSD-Elem-Facilities>



## Service & Dedication to Our Area Children Saluting Our 2017 Retirees

*Join us in thanking our retirees for their years of service & dedication to the students, families and staff of the Bettendorf School District.*



**Kenny Baumbach**  
Maintenance Lead  
Operations  
43 Years of Service



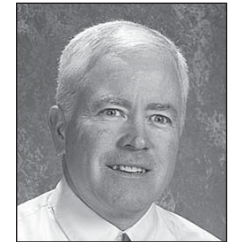
**Joni Bruecken**  
Attendance Secretary  
Bettendorf High School  
12 Years of Service



**Pete Bruecken**  
Instructional Coach  
Bettendorf High School  
27 Years of Service



**Sharon Dixon**  
Teacher Librarian  
Herbert Hoover Elementary  
22 Years of Service



**Paul Flynn**  
Science Teacher  
Bettendorf High School  
25 Years of Service



**Kathy Fry**  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Neil Armstrong Elementary  
32 Years of Service



**Sally Haugen**  
Library Paraeducator  
Neil Armstrong Elementary  
18 Years of Service



**Nancy Herrin**  
Superintendent's Administrative Assistant  
19 Years of Service



**Amy Jackson**  
Band Teacher  
BCSD Elementaries  
18 Years of Service



**Barb Jacobsen**  
Science Teacher  
Bettendorf High School  
38 Years of Service



**Jeff Johansen**  
Principal  
Herbert Hoover Elementary  
23 Years of Service



**Carol Keller**  
Transportation Aide  
Operations  
13 Years of Service



**Kent Kloppenburg**  
Custodian  
Bettendorf Middle School  
28 Years of Service



**Rebecca Koster**  
French Teacher  
Bettendorf Middle School  
13 Years of Service



**Kathy Lowry**  
Assistant Superintendent's Administrative Assistant  
22 Years of Service



**Teresa Noble**  
Special Education Teacher  
Bettendorf Middle School  
17 Years of Service



**Ben Pennington**  
Social Studies Teacher  
Bettendorf Middle School  
39 Years of Service



**Gwen Sones**  
Counselor  
Bettendorf Middle School  
25 Years of Service



**John Walston**  
5th Grade Teacher  
Mark Twain Elementary School  
25 Years of Service

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The Pride community newsletter is sent to all residents of the Bettendorf Community School District without charge. Comments and suggestions from patrons are welcome. Contact Celeste R. Miller, Director of Communications, (563) 359-3681, ext. 3005 or email [cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us](mailto:cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us)

[www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us)

## Student Recognition BHS Receives National Student Council Award



Bettendorf High School Student Council has been awarded a 2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by National Association of Student Councils (NASC) for its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community. This marks the ninth consecutive year BHS has been honored by NASC.

"A tradition of accountability, excellence and commitment has been established in BHS Student Council over the years. The students are well-deserving of this honor and it is nice for them to be recognized for their hard work throughout the year," said Katie Hansen, BHS Student Council Advisor.

Receiving an NASC National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the school to provide a strong, well-rounded student council program," said Ann Postlewaite, National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) student programs director. "NASC applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and community.

## Investing in Our Schools 2017-2018 Property Tax Rate - \$13.86

At the April 4 meeting of the Bettendorf Board of Education, directors approved the 2017/2018 levy rate of \$13.86 per \$1,000 taxable valuation, a \$.02 increase per \$1,000 taxable valuation compared to the 2016/2017 rate of \$13.84.

"Supplemental State Aid (SSA) has recently been approved for 1.1%," said Dallan Christensen, Director of Business and Financial Services, Bettendorf Community School District. "That is \$73 more per pupil for our district, making our 2017/2018 per pupil reimbursement \$6,738."

The total fiscal year 2018 budget shows maximum expenditures up to \$84 million. Of that, the regular education budget is \$68.7 million, which is comprised of 18% new facilities, 68% salary/benefits and 14% other services and supplies.



## Nondiscrimination Notice

It is the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination.

If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Lana LaSalle, Affirmative Action Coordinator, Thomas Jefferson Elementary, 610 Holmes St., Bettendorf, IA 52722, (563) 359-8261 or llasalle@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

## 2017-2018 School Year Online Registration

Parents/Legal Guardians will be able to access the registration process on July 6 through their Parent Portal account.

One significant change this year, the link to the registration process will now appear on the left menu bar in your Parent Portal account, not in the message box.

Take time now to access your Parent Portal account to verify that the information present is accurate and that you have access to all your students. You cannot register using a student account.

If you do not have a Campus Parent Portal account, please contact your building secretary as soon as possible. If you need help with your password, contact Cindy at 359-3681 ext. 3030.

### Busing

The request for busing is also online! Go to the district website at [www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us). Select Services from the top menu bar; then Transportation and BCSD Transportation Request form.

### Free and Reduced / Student Fee Waiver

The Free & Reduced application for school meals is online as well. Access the application through your Parent Portal account. In the left menu bar, select Applications/Forms and then Meals Benefits Application. When completing the application for free or reduced lunch, applicants will be able to select "permission to share" for the Student Fee Waiver which requests consideration for other discounted fees, such as busing and student fees.

If you are not filing a Free & Reduced application but do wish to be considered eligible for other reduced fees, you must complete a separate Student Fee Waiver. The form is available at your school building or online on the District website ([www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us)). Select Services from the top menu bar; then Nutrition Services and Student Fee Waiver.

### Fee Payment

Registration and fee payment are two separate actions. You must complete both actions. Registration is not complete without fee payment. Fees may be made in your building or, for your convenience, you may pay fees online through PaySchools (link is available on the district and individual school websites).

## 2017-2018 First Day of School Wednesday, August 23

## Iowa Assessment Results BCSD Students Performing Above AEA & State Average

2016-2017 Iowa Assessments test results show that Bettendorf Community School District students continue to perform above AEA and state averages.

The results reflect Iowa Assessments analysis of student proficiency (how many students meet a certain score deemed proficient) and growth (how much students improve) on major

domains of the Iowa Core Standards in reading, mathematics and science.

This data is combined with other assessments and interventions including daily teacher observations, formative assessment (quick tests of understanding) and summative (tests at the end of a subject) to help address four essential questions:

1. What do we expect our students to learn? *Goals/Expectations*
2. How will we know they are learning? *Assessment*
3. How will we respond when they don't learn? *Intervention*
4. How will we respond if they already know it? *Extensions*

More information - <http://bit.ly/BCSD-IowaAssessments>

## Student School Year 2017-2018 Calendar

### August 2017

- 23 1st Day of School (No Early Release)
- 30 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

### September 2017

- 4 No School - Labor Day
- 6 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 13 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 20 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 21 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

### October 2017

- 4 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 11 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 18 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*  
End of Elem 1st Trimester
- 19 Beginning of Elem 2nd Trimester
- 23-26 Elem Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 25 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 26 MS/HS End of 1st Quarter  
Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 27 NO SCHOOL  
Parent/Teacher Comp Day
- 30 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- 31-Nov 3 Neil Armstrong Only - Fall Break
- 31 MS/HS 2nd Quarter Begins

### November 2017

- 1 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 6&9 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 8 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 15 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 30 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences

### December 2017

- 6 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 13 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 20 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 22 One Hour Early Release
- 25-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

## Student Release Times

### Regular Student Day

MS 7:55 am - 2:55 pm | HS 8:25 am - 3:20 pm | Elem 8:30 am - 3:20 pm

### Wednesday Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

Preschool 1:20 pm | MS 2 pm | HS 2:10 pm | Elem 2:30 pm

### MS/HS End of Quarter - Staff Work Day-

HS 11:30 am | Preschool 12 pm | MS 12:45 pm | Elem 1:10 pm

### Weekly Wednesday Early Release

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the district will have weekly Wednesday Early Releases to allow teachers time to work in PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) to help ensure that ALL students learn essential knowledge, skills and dispositions to be successful in today's world. **Please note - May 9 is a Staff Work Day Early Release-**

### January 2018

- 1-2 NO SCHOOL- Winter Break
- 3 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 10 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 12 MS/HS End of Quarter  
Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 15 NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King Day
- 16 MS/HS 3rd Quarter Begins
- 17 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 24 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 31 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

- 29 MS/HS End of Quarter  
Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 30 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

### April 2018

- 2 MS/HS 4th Quarter Begins
- 4 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 11 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 18 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 25 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

### May 2018

- 2 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 3 HS Parent/Teacher Conference
- 9 Early Release - Staff Retiree & Recognition Program (Work Day Release Times)-
- 16 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 23 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 28 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 30 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

### June 2018

- 1 End of School Year  
(Pending Snow Make-Up Days)  
Early Release  
MS 11 am | Elem/HS 11:30 am
- 7 Neil Armstrong End of School Year  
(Pending Snow Make-Up Days)  
Early Release 11:30 am

Additional days taken off due to inclement weather will be added at the end of the year. The calendar is available online @ [www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us)

### February 2018

- 7 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*  
Elem End of 2nd Trimester
- 8 Elem Beginning of 3rd Trimester
- 12-15 Elem Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 13&15 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 14 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 16 NO SCHOOL  
Elem/MS Conf. Comp Day  
HS Staff Inservice
- 19 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 21 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 22 HS Parent/Teacher Conference
- 28 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*

### March 2018

- 7 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 12-16 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 21 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*
- 28 Early Release - Staff Inservice\*



## Guest Staff Highlight Tamrick Atwood

**How long have you worked as a guest staff member for the district?** I started guest teaching for the Bettendorf Community School District in September 2017.

**What do you like most about being a guest staff member?** My favorite part about being a guest staff member is having the opportunity to work with the wonderful students and trying to have the most positive impact I can on them. I also like working with the outstanding principals, teachers and other staff members. It's a great privilege.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I spend time with my girlfriend, family and friends. Another passion of mine is sports. I greatly enjoy coaching, playing and watching sports.

Do you have a favorite memory you have of subbing in the district? I have a lot of great memories from subbing in the Bettendorf Community School District. I don't think I could choose just one. However, part of my work with BCSD was being a 7th grade football coach at Bettendorf Middle School in 2016. What a great time I had with those young men and Coach Evan Hartman. This was truly a wonderful opportunity. I enjoyed coaching and working with young athletes. I had the pleasure of watching these young men grow up and learn how to compete as a team. It was especially memorable for me because I got to coach my brother, T.J.

**What is one piece of advice you would like to share with students or staff?**

To the students: Work hard, be respectful, be kind and understanding, never give up, always believe in yourself, and most importantly be the best YOU, you can be!

To the staff: Thank you for everything that you all do. You're amazing! On the tough days remember why you wanted to be an educator in the first place. Keep doing great things. And, have FUN with the students.



### Congratulations to the BMS Teams Placing 2nd & 3rd in the Regional Battle of the Books

Bettendorf Middle School teams placed 2nd and 3rd in the Regional Iowa Teen Battle of the Books competition on Thursday, April 13th, at the Bettendorf Public Library. The 2nd place team winners were Novels on Your Side: Aidan Hamner, Alex Berkenbosch and Payton Gagne. The 3rd place team winners were The Team with the Horrible Name: Tyler Koch, Jensen Tatton and Kel Andrews.



# THE LAMP

Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation

Register for the annual Run with Carl 5k and 5 mile race.

**September 4, 2017**

[www.runwithcarl.com](http://www.runwithcarl.com)



## BCS Foundation Announces \$22,600 in Scholarships & Departmental Awards

The Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of 2017 scholarships administered by BCSF to benefit BHS graduating students who will continue their education at either a 2 or 4-year college/university. The scholarship and departmental awards all derive from donations made to the Foundation, either from specific family members or the community at large.

### Award Winners for the Class of 2017

**Annel Lueth & Joseph Martens** (\$500 each)  
*Barbara J. Brown Golden Bulldog Awards* - to the male and female seniors who best exemplify excellence in athleticism, good sportsmanship, and support of BHS athletics. Sponsored in part by the Athletic Booster Club.

**Annalise Wall** (\$500)  
*Bettendorf Education Association Scholarship* - to a senior pursuing a career in education.

**Jackson Callahan & Allysa Gallagher** (\$1,000 each)  
*Chuck Mooney/ William Stradt/ Rich & Dee James Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships* - to two students who demonstrate the values of a Rotarian through community involvement.

**Kathleen Byrne** (\$900)  
*Rich and Dee James Bettendorf High School Senior Scholarship* - to a senior who demonstrates commitment and involvement in high school and community activities beyond the classroom.

**Joseph Martens** (\$900)  
*Janice Lawson Eternal Spirit Award* - to a senior who displays integrity, high moral character, community service, personal accountability, and superior sportsmanship.

**Hena Hassan & Zachary Bunn** (\$1,200 each)  
*Stewart N. Lounsberry Scholarships* - to the most valuable male and most valuable female of the BHS Swim teams as selected by the members of those teams.

**Gabrielle Vandervinne** (\$900)  
*Dr. Raymond W. Oles Math and Computer Sciences Scholarship* - to the senior who best demonstrates a love of mathematics and has excelled at other BHS activities such as music, arts, student government, and sports.

**Nicole Blaum** (\$1,000)  
*Barbara H. Rich Scholarship* - to a senior who intends to pursue a nursing program at a two-or-four year college or university.

**Zachery Bunn & Hena Hassan** (\$500 each)  
*Darlene Stansberry Sportsmanship Award* - to a senior who participated in a BHS sports activity while maintaining academic achievements of 3.0 GPA or higher, and has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and responsible behavior in everyday life.

**Thomas Crowley** (\$4,000)  
*JoAnn Stuhr Mathematics Scholarship* - to a senior who plans on pursuing a career in Mathematics.

### Departmental Scholarships & Awards

**Mia Bruty** (\$500) - Physical Education Department Outstanding Student

**Zachary Bunn** (\$500) - Social Studies Department: Patrick A. Burr Social Studies Scholarship

**Jackson Callahan** (\$500) - Industrial Technology Department Outstanding Student

**Joseph Frommelt** (\$500) - Math Department: Verla Funk Mathematics Scholarship

**Colton Harksen** (\$500) - Vocal Music Outstanding Student Award & Friend of BHS Theater Award

**Madison Hornbuckle** (\$500) - World Language Department Outstanding Student

**Aubrey Keegan** (\$500) - Life Skills (Work Experience) Outstanding Student

**Donovan Klutho** (\$500) - Michael J. Green Outstanding Instrumental Music Scholarship

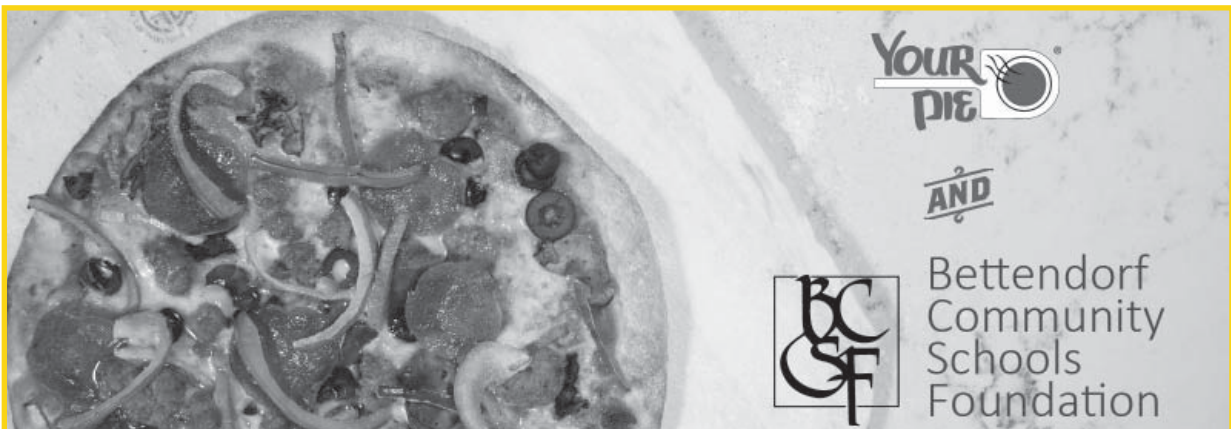
**Kaylin Kuhn** (\$2,000) - Science Department: Don & Mary Schaefer Outstanding Science Scholarship

**Preston McHugh** (\$500) - Business Department: Joseph D. Hayes Scholarship

**Samantha Rossow** (\$500) - Art Department Outstanding Student

**Annette Schneider** (\$500) - Family & Consumer Science Outstanding Student

**Molly Seybert** (\$500) - Language Arts Department Outstanding Student



Thanks to everyone who came out to support BCSF at the Dine and Donate event at Your Pie. Your generous donations raised \$4,000 to support classroom grants and student scholarships administered by the foundation.

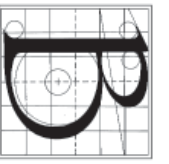


The Mission of the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation is to enhance the educational opportunities for our students through the development and distribution of funds.

Visit us online @ [www.foundation.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.foundation.bettendorf.k12.ia.us)



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### Bettendorf Board of Education At the Board Meeting

Board agendas, minutes and audio files of the board meetings are available online at [www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/board](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/board)

**May 15, 2017**

#### SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS & COMMENDATIONS

##### BHS PRIDE Presentation

Staff and students from Bettendorf High School talked to the Board about BHS PRIDE Time - a designated 45 minutes of time Tuesday through Friday that provides an opportunity for students to excel in their academic endeavors and take part in enrichment opportunities.

##### BHS Student Council Award

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##### APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONAL

Directors approved the appointment of Karen Allison - Herbert Hoover Elementary Principal and Brian Walthart - Paul Norton Elementary Principal beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.



Karen Allison



Brian Walthart

#### DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

##### Principal Data Presentations

School principals shared information about student achievement data and answered directors' questions.

##### CPD Report on ASCD Conference

Curriculum & Professional Development Teacher Leaders Chris Like, Kaye Meyers and Marty Beck shared information on the ASCD conference they attended regarding advancing instruction and improving student learning.



#### Bettendorf Board of Education

Front row (left to right) - Vice President Betsy Justis, Stacey Struck and Pepper Trahan. Back row - Michael Pyevich, President Gordon Staley, Scott Tinsman, and Paul Castro.

### Volunteer Advocates for Children & Education 2017 School Board Elections



Serving on a school board is a challenging job that requires leadership, vision and dedication. A school board member is entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to a citizen: ensuring that Iowa schools help students reach high levels of educational achievement.

#### Three positions in the seven-member Bettendorf Board of Education are up for election September 12, 2017.

Nomination forms and information are available on the Bettendorf Community School District website and at the Bettendorf Community School District Administration Center, 3311 18th St., Bettendorf.

**Applications are required to be submitted between July 10 - August 3 to the Bettendorf Community School District Administration Center, 3311 18th St., Bettendorf.**

Bettendorf Board of Education Directors completing their current 4-year terms in September: Betsy Justis (11 years of service), Scott Tinsman (11 years of service), Pepper Trahan (8 years of service).

More information is available on the district website [www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us](http://www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us)