

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Business/Community Partnership Reception.

Community had the opportunity to get to know our board members and help honor area businesses and community organizations that have been selected by each school for their outstanding support of our students.

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 January 8, 2018. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallan Christensen, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Kayla Leu, Director of School Nutrition; Jennifer Like, Director of Instructional Technology and Data Management; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Dave Hlas, NA Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Nyah Block, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

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 Business & Community Partner Recognition. Directors recognized community/business partners selected by each school for their generous support of the schools and their students.

- Bettendorf High School - John Deere Co for work with Business Education Partnership Computer Science Academy
- Edison Academy - Van Meter Inc. Foundation Fund for their support of Edison's PBIS Program
- Bettendorf Middle School - Mid-Iowa Family Therapy Clinic for their support with therapy services
- Grant Wood Elementary - Cross Point Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for their support of Backpacks with Snacks
- Herbert Hoover Elementary - Happy Joe's for their support of the school's Student of the Month program and the special needs holiday party
- Mark Twain Elementary - Bettendorf First Assembly Church for their support of holiday gifts for families in need
- Neil Armstrong Elementary - St. John Vianney Catholic Church for their volunteer support
- Paul Norton Elementary - St. John Vianney Catholic Church & Hy-Vee (Utica & 53rd St.) for their support of Backpack Snack Program
- Thomas Jefferson Elementary - Asbury United Methodist Church for their ongoing support of TJ students.

6. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Castro, to approve the consent agenda as modified. 6.04, Frontline Education Agreement was removed for further discussion.

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro,

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

6.01 Approval of December 11, 2017 Special Board/Work Session Minutes and December 18, 2017 Regular Board Minutes

6.02 Approval of January 8, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment

6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Administrative Resignation

Travis Hansen/Administration Center/Director of Technology/Effective 1/10/18

Classified Resignation

Kelley Doty/Administration Center/Head of Payroll/Effective 01/05/18

Yong Serrine/BMS/Nutrition Services-Cook/Effective 01/12/18

Recommendation to Hire

Sally Haugen/NA/Youth Mentor/\$15.71 per hour/5.25 hours per week/New Position/Effective 01/03/18

- 6.05 Early Graduate for the 2nd Quarter of 2017/18
- 6.06 Approval of the tuition application for Gabriel Bitner and Yale Shrader for the 2nd semester of the 2017/2018 school year
- 6.07 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf from Pleasant Valley, 2017/18
Connor Giesen, grade 8, continuation
Pedro Esse, grade 9, continuation
Out of Bettendorf into Pleasant Valley, 2017/18
Azryiel Burcham, grade 5, continuation
Nicholas VanderVinne, grade 7, continuation
Out of Bettendorf into Davenport, 2017/18
Everette Marshall, grade 2, continuation
Lucy Marshall, grade 5, continuation
Saela Marshall, grade 7, continuation

- 6.04 Frontline Education Agreement Discussion (audio begins at 14m 38s). Director of Human Resources Heather Stocking gave an update on Frontline. The information was on the last agenda but the contract was inadvertently left off of the agenda. The contract expires on Tuesday, January 9, 201 and there is a significant savings if the contract is signed before it expires. Director Lynch said it would be very helpful for the board to have some sort of rationale for these budgetary recommendations.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve 6.04, Frontline Education Agreement.

Ayes: 7 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

- 7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Lynch reported in lieu of a Finance Committee meeting they held a board work session on January 4, 2018 where they discussed Facility Finance Scenarios.

- 7.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Nyah Block reported winter sports have begun. Show Choir Variety and JV had their first winter show on Friday.

8. Discussion Items & Reports.

- 8.01 Second & Final Reading of Policies – Reapproved.

The regulation for the Extended Learning Program (ELP) is the same plan that Lorelei Andedo and Kay Ingham spoke to at the December 11th work session. Once the training

piece for staff is developed, they will share that with the board as well.

8.02 Second & Final Reading of Policies, Renumbered & Reapproved.

These policies were just renumbered:

- 306.1 renumber to 304.1
- 306.2 renumber to 304.2
- 306.3 renumber to 304.3
- 308 renumbered to 306
- 308.E1 renumbered to 306.E1

8.03 Second & Final Reading of Policies - Renumbered & Revisions.

Significant changes were made to Board Policy 305. The Policy Committee went with the IASB language but it is virtually the same concept.

8.04 District Facility Plan Presentation (audio begins at 29m 47s).

Superintendent Raso presented the options for the district facility plans. The plan is based on recommendations from the district administration as well as a recent assessment of district facilities needs and principal requests for updating student learning environments.

The plan calls for:

- A consolidation of Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain elementary schools into a new 3-section building.
- Moving Edison Academy at the Thomas Edison Education Center to a leased facility for 5 years.
- Other improvements and future-ready projects for Bettendorf High School, Bettendorf Middle School, Paul Norton Elementary, and Herbert Hoover Elementary as outlined by Legat Architects at the Nov. 6 board meeting

Recommended Next Steps:

- Board Work Session #1: with Administrative Team on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Location to be determined.
- Board Work Session #2: Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 8-12 p.m. Focus of discussion is around recommendations from Board Facilities and Finance Committees. Location to be determined.
- Board Work Session #3: Monday, February 12, 2018. Continued discussion with a presentation of any new information that has been requested from previous discussions. Location to be determined.
- Any additional work sessions to be determined by the board
- A motion and approval of facilities plan to be made no earlier than the February 5, 2018 regular board meeting no later than the March 5, 2018 regular board meeting.

8.05 Facility Presentation Board Discussion (audio begins at the beginning of the second file).

Directors discussed the district facility plans. Directors scheduled three upcoming work sessions to continue discussion on the Administrative Team's recommendation—Tuesday, January 16th, Saturday, February 3rd and Monday, February 12th.

Director Champion requested an actual breakdown of cost savings of consolidating schools. He asked if there is anything driving the decision to relocate Edison Academy for five years. He would like to know enrollment projections

Director Struck stated the Facilities Committee was created in 2009 and new things have been added to the list since that time. It was noted that contractors have said that all of the district buildings are in good shape. Director Struck said we need to look at what the closed buildings will be repurposed for. She would like to know what bussing costs will be if the board decides to build a new school because some students would no longer be able to walk to school. She would like clarification on the data provided on the maps. She asked if the district is looking at changing choice enrollment or boundaries. She said the board needs actual data to support the best needs of the district.

President Staley would like someone from the city to brief the board on park opportunities.

Director Lynch would like to see the 2009 Facilities Committee report that Superintendent Raso referenced in his report. He would like a forecast beyond five years for all of the buildings. And he would like to see end-of-life estimates for the buildings.

8.06 Facility Presentation Public Input (audio begins at 25m 27s).

Scott Tunnicliff, 718 Holmes Street, said the district needs housing of all kinds and said most of the homes suitable to first-time buyers are located in the areas around both schools. He recommended the board take a broader look at things.

Scott Berg, 2555 East Crest Avenue, feels the facility plan proposed is best for the entire district. He said we need to remove ourselves from the emotional attachment and look at the pros and cons of the plan.

Pam Kaufmann is one of the Edgewood Park neighbors. She believes the process is being rushed and needs to be slowed down. She is worried how this will impact her neighborhood.

Joanna Doerder, 21 Riverview Park Drive, is advocating for the board to spend a little less money to keep Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson open versus spending more money to build a new school. She said there are many parts of the facilities plan proposal that the community would probably support, but the plan should not be a sweeping approval, rather approved on a per project basis.

Sandy Van Winkle, 2139 Glenn Ct., said the Edgewood Park area floods and does not feel this is a good location for a new school.

Fritz Swearingen, 16 Riverview Park Drive, would love to have a decision made, but wants it to be the right decision based on good data and information.

Lisa Walker, 229 Lincoln Rd, said this does not seem like a good plan and would like the administration to rethink it.

Amy Anderson, 2912 Harmony Dr., asked how the district will get elementary students input on this plan.

Katherine Boehm, 6223 Eagle Ridge Court, sat on the Facilities Committee. She said a lot of research has been done by BLDD and thousands of dollars were spent. She said a decision should be made based on what is best for the all students.

Jim Farber, 3029 Middle Rd., said the areas around Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain are the most affordable neighborhoods in the Bettendorf Community School District. He is concerned why we did not know about the HVAC system at the high school before and asked where the long-range plan on maintenance of the buildings is. He asked what is the criteria that the board and architects are using to establish that the building is obsolete and beyond repair.

Annika O'Melia, 835 Jones St., said she has not seen the numbers that the cost benefits are so great that it makes sense to build a new school. She said she is open to a new school but she would need to see that this is definitely going to benefit her children, have a huge impact on their learning, and make financial sense. Right now it does not seem like it is necessary.

Alex Stamer feels this should be an open process. He is open-minded to a new school but is worried about the location of the new school.

Rebecca Smith, 1564 Forest Hills Rd., said it seems like it has been a long road just to get here. She hopes that if the plan is to build a new school that the decision will be made quickly and if the plan is to fix the problems then fix the problems.

Jason Evans, 2909 Olympia Dr., believes the district will be chasing behind in trying to keep up with some of the older facilities for decades to come.

Lisa Hawker, 1557 30th Street, said what we need is academic equity, not facilities. She would like to see the long-term impact of removing two community anchors. She said if we have 21st Century classrooms but the educators are not equipped to teach 21st Century skills, it does not mean anything. She asked the board to press pause on this recommendation.

Rodger Wilming said he was reminded by a friend that premier school districts do close schools and this district has closed schools before. He said we need to step back and look at what is best for the entire district.

Julie Funk, 3937 E. 61st Boulevard, asked as the board is considering this facility plan, they consider equity and student achievement. She asked how a 21st Century building really impacts student achievement.

Danyel Glazebrook, 2401 West Dale Court, said the proposed facilities plan addresses the current and future needs of the district and will provide those facilities at a reasonable cost to the tax base. He is grateful to see the wrestling room in the facilities plan.

Kaitlin Burke, 1750 14th Street, understands the need for a new building but asked that the district considers the most neutral location possible.

Tracy Robinson, 1512 Alcoa Ave., wanted to reiterate that closing Mark Twain will change her neighborhood.

9. Action Items.

9.01 Approval of Second & Final Reading of Policies – Reapproved.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch to approve a second and final reading of Board Policy 604.3.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9.02 Approval of Second & Final Reading of Policies, Renumbered & Reapproved.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Struck, to approve a second and final reading of the policies listed below:

- 306.1 renumber to 304.1
- 306.2 renumber to 304.2
- 306.3 renumber to 304.3
- 308 renumbered to 306
- 308.E1 renumbered to 306.E1

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9.03 Approval of Second & Final Reading of Policies - Renumbered & Revisions.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Struck, to approve a second and final reading of the policies listed below:

- 307 renumbered to 305 rev
- 305 renumbered to 308 rev

Ayes: 7 Directors Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

10. Management Report.

- 10.01 Superintendent's Report – Nothing further to report.
- 10.02 Director of Finance's Report – addressed questions from a couple of directors with them privately.

11. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests for information.

12. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Tuesday, January 9, BCS Foundation, 11:45 am, Admin
- Tuesday, January 9, Facility Committee Meeting, noon
- Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day, No School/District Offices Closed
- Tuesday, January 16, Board Work Session, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 18, Curriculum Council Meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 18, Finance Committee, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, January 25, Parent Executive Council Meeting, noon
- Tuesday, January 30-31, Day On The Hill Conference
- Wednesday, January 31, Board Agenda Planning, 4:30 pm
- Monday, February 5, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

13. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary