

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Official Minutes of the January 13, 2017 Special Meeting
of the Board of Education

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 January 13, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Nancy Herrin, Secretary Pro Tem, verified that the meeting notice had been posted and mailed to the media as required by law.

Members present: Directors Castro, Justis, Staley, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Pyevich, Struck

Other officials present: Michael Raso, Interim Superintendent; Wendy Meyer, Legal Counsel; Terry Abernathy, Legal Counsel; Nancy Herrin, Secretary Pro Tem.

Director Struck arrived at 4:07 p.m. Director Pyevich arrived at 4:54 p.m. Director Tinsman called in from 4:00 p.m. to 4:42 p.m. and called back at 4:59 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Justis, Staley, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Pyevich, Struck

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Closed Session – Pending Litigation.

Motion by Director Justis, seconded by Director Trahan, to enter into closed session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 21.5(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of this school district in that litigation.

Ayes: 5 Directors Justis, Staley, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Pyevich, Struck

Motion carried 5-0-2

Directors entered into closed session at 4:06 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 5:00 p.m.

4. Action Item.

Motion by Director Justis, seconded by Director Struck, to approve agreement with administrator.

Director Trahan read the following statement: “I believe it is in the best interest of the Bettendorf School District to retain Maxine in the role of Business Manager. Maxine shows more than anyone else about the financial matters of the district. She has saved us so much money over the years and made sure everything was done right when it comes to the financial stewardship. She was the one that brought to the board the issues that were ultimately validated in the state auditor’s report. Without her perseverance those issues would have never come to light. We have a new superintendent and a new interim high school principal and I think it would be risky to let Maxine leave and have another new person in a senior leadership position in the district. So I vote no.”

Director Castro also wanted to read a statement.

Ayes: 4 Directors Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Justis
Nays: 3 Directors Castro, Pyevich, Trahan
Motion carried 4-3

5. Consent Agenda.

5.01 Personnel Recommendation
5.03 Career Connections

Director Trahan asked Superintendent Raso if there was anything glaring on the December 2016 Financials. Superintendent Raso discussed. Director Trahan said the numbers were wrong.

Motion by Director Trahan, seconded by Director Castro, to table Consent Agenda Item 5.02, Approval of December 2016 Financials.

Ayes: 7 Directors Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to approve the Consent Agenda as modified, with the removal of 5.02, Approval of December 2016 Financials.

Ayes: 6 Directors Tinsman, Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck
Nays: 1 Director Trahan
Motion carried 6-1

Director Trahan did not approve.

6. Adjournment

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Nancy Herrin, Secretary Pro Tem