

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the February 21, 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 February 21, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Trahan

Members absent: Director Tinsman

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Julie Trepa, PN Principal; Joy Kelly, HS Interim Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Lisa Reid, MS Principal; Dave Hlas, NA Principal; Travis Hansen, Technology Coordinator; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Roger Wilming, BEA Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Tinsman

Motion carried 6-0-1

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.

Sara Wells, 4555 Hamilton Dr., Bettendorf, requested to see the bills for litigation.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

4.01 Student Spotlight on Edison Academy. Students from Edison Academy shared their stories with the board regarding how Edison Academy has helped them to succeed. Teresa Heden, Edison teacher, was in attendance.

4.02 BHS Academic Report. Bettendorf High School interim principal Joy Kelly and

Counselor Amy Harksen presented information on the ACT, PSAT, and SAT results, and information on AP classes.

- 4.03 BMS Math Counts Team. Congrats to the BMS MathCounts Team of Preston Martens, Nicholas Theuerkauf, Aidan Hamner, and Katie Pessman for their 2nd place finish in District competition on Saturday, February 4th. The 2nd place finish earned them a trip to the State competition in Des Moines next month. Preston Martens also placed 7th individually

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Justis, seconded by Director Struck, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Director Trahan said it is really hard for her to vote yes on the Administrative Approval to Hire request because the board did not get to meet the candidates and the administration did not share results. She does not feel like the board has enough information to vote on this. It was noted that the same hiring standards and procedures that have been used in the past were used for this hire.

Ayes: 4 Directors Justis, Staley, Struck, Castro

Nays: 2 Directors Pyevich, Trahan

Absent: 1 Director Tinsman

Motion carried 4-2-1

- 5.01 Approval of February 1, 2017 Special Board Minutes, February 6, 2017 Regular Board Minutes, and February 9, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of January 2017 Financials
- 5.03 Approval of February 21, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.04 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
- Administrative Approval to Hire
Dallon Christensen/Administration Center/Director of Finance and Business Services/\$105,000 annual base (prorated to start date)/ Replacing Maxine McEnany/Effective 3/6/17
- Certified Early Retirement
Teresa Noble/BMS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/17
- Certified Transfer
Kory Esbaum/From TJ to NA/ECSE Preschool/1.0 FTE/ Voluntary transfer replacing Brooke Bartsh/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Lisa Gogel**/GW/From Teacher Librarian to 2nd Grade/1.0FTE/Voluntary transfer to new 2nd grade section/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Katherine Seibel**/From MT to HH/Teacher Librarian/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Sharon Dixon/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Schedule D Resignation
Shannon Muckenfuss/GW/Safety Patrol Sponsor/Effective 6/30/17
- Classified Resignation
Beau Huber/District/Computer Technician/Effective 04/28/17
- Kristyn Rose**/MT/Paraeducator/Effective 02/28/17
- Classified Recommendation for Employment
Angie Nielsen/GW/Youth Mentor/\$15.71 per hour/1.25 hours per week/Replacing Madison Kludy/Effective 01/19/17

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

Rod Abbott/HH to BMS/Custodian/Same rate of pay/Replacing Kent Kloppenburg/Effective 07/03/17

Dave Davis/Operations/Maintenance to Maintenance Lead/\$20.60 per hour/Replacing Kenneth Baumbach/Effective 06/05/17

5.05 IASB Contract - Policy Manual Review

5.06 MSDS Contract

5.07 Approval of Tuition Application for Kendalyn Ott, kindergarten from Davenport, for the 2017/18 school year

5.08 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment

FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.

Into Bettendorf, 2016/17

Alexa Brimeyer, grade 5, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Steven Ciha, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Tyler Ciha, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Danaija Clayton, grade 11, from Davenport, continuation

Chloe Lewandowski, grade 8, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Christian Morgan, grade 1, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Americus Proehl, grade 9, from North Scott, continuation

Noah Quackenbush, grade 6, from Davenport, continuation

Bryce Schindler, grade 8, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Kaya Schroeder, grade 3, from Davenport, continuation

Kristian Schroeder, grade 6, from Davenport, continuation

Cara Tran, grade 4, from Davenport, continuation

Into Bettendorf, 2017/18

Maddie Cutler, grade 6, from Pleasant Valley

Sarah Dobbs, grade 9, from Central Clinton

Isaac Larkin, grade 11, from Clinton

Ellie McDonald, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley

Travis Pisel, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley

Charles Zimmerman, grade 6, from Pleasant Valley

Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17

Keely Blossom, grade 10, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Jaiden Temple, grade 3, to Pleasant Valley, continuation

Carter Gryp, grade 1, to Davenport, continuation

Kaylee Lerschen, grade 10, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Keegan Lerschen, grade 6, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Amarra Pospisil, grade 1, to Pleasant Valley, continuation

Ranjot Singh, grade 6, to Pleasant Valley, continuation

Mikeyia Taylor, grade 9, to Davenport, good cause

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (1h 10m 44s).

Director Struck attended the Scott County Board meeting last Monday. All Bettendorf

properties have been reassessed and they are expecting taxes to go up around 10%. She said it was an educational experience.

Directors Castro and Trahan visited Grant Wood, Herbert Hoover and Middle School to talk about special education. She said it was very informative and appreciates the time they took.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

There was no student representative report.

6.03 BEA Report.

Roger Wilming thanked the board for passing a new three-year contract. He said the new contract puts the teachers and the district in a good position. Mr. Wilming said he is concerned that the state legislature will next target the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System, or IPERS.

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 School Calendar Discussion (audio begins at 1h 16m 12s).

Directors reviewed the proposed district calendar for 2017/18. A couple of directors voiced their concerns about students in Advanced Placement. Some directors had problems with the calendar and the timing of the week-long fall break. Several directors said the calendar was not their first choice but they support the work of the calendar committee and its recommendation.

Director Castro proposed having two calendars — one for the elementary and middle schools that kept the weeklong fall break, and one for the high school that omitted the fall break.

Lisa Reid, principal of Bettendorf Middle School, said the week-long break will give students a chance to regroup and refresh.

Rod Moeller, physical education teacher at Bettendorf Middle School, said that two calendars would not work for families with children at different schools.

Vicky Pyevich, *2727 Eagle Heights Court, Bettendorf*, begged the board to listen to Joy Kelly's concerns regarding students in Advanced Placement. She thinks a break is good, but said the timing does not make any sense.

Richard Lynch, *4315 Aspen Hills Circle, Bettendorf*, said this is a compromised calendar. He noted this is the third board meeting discussing the calendar and said it is too late to make changes. He said Joy Kelly has said she could work with this calendar.

7.02 Approval of School Calendar Recommendation.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to approve the school calendar recommendation.

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

Motion by Director Pyevich to approve the school calendar without a fall break. There was not a second.

Motion by Director Trahan, seconded by Director Justis, to reconsider the calendar recommendation on tonight's agenda.

Ayes: 4 Directors Struck, Trahan, Justis, Staley
Nays: 2 Directors Pyevich, Castro
Absent: 1 Director Tinsman
Motion carried 4-2-1

7.03 Elementary Facilities Discussion (audio begins at 2h 16m 35s).

Directors reaffirmed the Grant Wood construction budget and established deadlines for the remaining elementary facilities and district projects. Once designs are completed and approved, the project will move to the construction manager to request project bids.

7.04 Approval of Elementary Facilities Recommendation.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Trahan, to reaffirm a budget of \$16.7 million for a new elementary school and site improvements at Grant Wood Elementary.

Ayes: 4 Directors Trahan, Castro, Justis, Staley
Nays: 2 Directors Pyevich, Struck
Absent: 1 Director Tinsman
Motion carried 4-2-1

Motion by Director Justis, seconded by Director Trahan, to establish a date of September 1, 2017 as the completion date for preliminary design and budget costs for the remaining five schools and other district projects.

Ayes: 6 Directors Trahan, Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Tinsman
Motion carried 6-0-1

7.05 Superintendent Evaluation Process Q&A (audio begins at 3h 03m 33s).

Director of Human Resources Heather Stocking continued discussion of the superintendent evaluation process. The superintendent survey is based off the priorities that were established by the board and will serve as a guideline to the information that

needs to be collected for the progress update. The main goal of the progress update is to allow the superintendent time to update the board on the status of district goals as well as individual professional plan goals. She asked the directors to please complete the survey by Friday, March 3rd so that the information can be compiled by the board president.

8. New Business.

8.01 Radios Presentation (audio begins at 3h 04m 55s).

Technology Coordinator Travis Hansen discussed a handheld radio proposal. Currently, Push-to-Talk Verizon cell phones are being used for portable campus communication at the high school and middle school. These phones have numerous issues.

Individual elementary buildings have a mix of handheld radios, none of which have the capability to communicate with other buildings in the district. This mash up of different radios in individual district buildings means they do not currently have a way to immediately page multiple buildings in the case of an emergency.

For the last several months Mr. Hansen has been researching district wide radio solutions. The radio solutions he has been looking at will be a one-time cost of around \$85,000. The radio solutions include antennas at multiple buildings to boost the signal, ninety-five radios throughout the district and the ability to add radios at a later time if the need arises. The radios will pay for themselves after five years and the estimated lifespan is eight to twelve years.

8.02 Board Policy Discussion.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Trahan, to table items 8.02, 8.03 and 8.04.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Tinsman

Motion carried 6-0-1

8.03 First & Final Reading - Renumbered and/or Reapproved 300 Board Policies.

This item was tabled.

8.04 First Reading of Board Policies in 300 Series.

This item was tabled.

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report. Show Choir production on March 4.

A reminder that there will be a planetarium demonstration at 5:30 prior to the March 6 board meeting in the High School Planetarium.

10. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, March 6, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary