

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget opened at 6:00 p.m. Dave, a Bettendorf resident, questioned the dime increase in the levy rate. He asked the board to reconsider it and wait a year to see if it is necessary. There were no more comments and the public hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

2. A public hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget Amendment opened at 6:05 p.m. There were no comments and the hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

3. 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 a regular Board meeting at the Bettendorf Community School District Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on April 2, 2018. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:06 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, Pyveich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallan Christensen, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications, John Cain, GW Principal; Nyah Block, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

4. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

5. Commendations and Special Invited Guests.

5.01 Student Presentation by Grant Wood Students. Grant Wood students and staff presented some of their learning content to curriculum as it relates to the construction of the new building.

5.02 Iowa's School Nurse of the Year - Carol Harris. Carol Harris Leingang at Grant Wood was recently selected as Iowa School Nurse of the Year through the Iowa School Nurse Organization. Carol will receive this award during the Iowa School Nurse Organization Annual Conference in April.

5.03 BMS National History Day State Qualifiers and Special Award Presenters.

State Qualifiers:

Noah Raso - Failed Negotiations of the Indochina Wars

Loukia Constantinides - Title IX - Giving Women a Shot

Charlie Erpelding, Carolyn Kress, Rebeca Garza-Doty - Mendez v.

Westminster: How One Group's Conflict Provoked Nationwide Compromise
Ceci Rasmer, Clarisse Roscio - The Forgotten Women Spies of World War II
Lillian Pierson - The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Izzy Appel - Lise Meitner: Advancing Scientific Discovery in the Face of Conflicts Through Personal Sacrifice and Compromise
Julia Fiedler - Occupation Housewife: How an Internal Conflict Inspired a Life Changing Compromise
Samantha Fitzpatrick - Japanese Internment: The American Concentration Camps
Brooke Magistrelli, Hattie Aanestad - Truman's Decision and the Failed Compromise Leading to the Atomic Bomb
Sam Huffaker - The Geneva Protocol of 1925: A Treaty to Change World Conflicts
Emily Hueser, Ellie Hinch - Eva Kor: Finding Empowerment Through Personal Compromise and Forgiveness
Special Awards:
Becky Selmani - Anne Frank: Recorded Conflicts and An Impact
Jordyn Mitchell - Sophie Tucker: How One Red-Hot Mama Changed Celebrity Body Image Forever
Jensen Tatton, Nick Duncan - Brutality: 0 White House: 1, Reforming American Football
Luke Weckel - Good vs Evil: America's Compromise With Comic Books During the World War II Conflict

6. President's Statement

Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern that do not appear on the agenda. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance.

Jim Farber, 3029 Middle Rd., asked when the Edison Facility project is going to be discussed and asked if Edison is going to remain in its current site for the next year or two. He asked when the board will determine how much they are going to need for the bond referendum to complete all the projects.

Pepper Trahan, 6328 Patrick Pointe Rd., said Dallon Christensen response to the March 19th public comment letter was inaccurate and unprofessional..

7. Discussion about Director Districts (audio begins at 33m 15s).

Directors discussed the potential of changing from a board being elected at large, to a director district with BCSD being divided into districts with board members voted by residents within different districts as well as other options that include some directors elected at large. Directors will continue the discussion at a future meeting. If the district decides to pursue a change in the board outside of a census year, the change would need to be voted on by district residents.

8. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Holland, to approve the consent agenda tabling

consent agenda item 6.06, MOU Agreement with Bethany for Children and Families and Thomas Edison Academy.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0.

- 8.01 Approval of March 19, 2018 Regular Board Minutes
- 8.02 Approval of February 2018 Financials
- 8.03 Approval of April 2, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 8.04 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
- Classified Resignation
- Margaret Germain**/TJ/Paraeducator/Effective 04/13/18
- Ryan King**/MT/Grant Co-Director/Effective 04/13/18
- Kimberly Lewis**/MT/Grant Co-Director/Effective 04/13/18
- Sarah Price**/MT/Grant Co-Director/Effective 04/13/18
- Lisa Raya**/MT/Grant Co-Director/Effective 04/13/18
- Classified Letter of Assignment Modification
- Kairee Yerington**/BHS/Nutrition Service Part-Time to Nutrition Services
Cook/\$13.72 probationary rate-\$14.57 regular rate/5.0 to 5.75 hours per day/Replacing
Cindy Welte/Effective 04/03/18
- Certified Resignation
- Jordan Bauder**/PN/Special Education/Effective 6/30/18
- Certified Approval to Hire
- Heidi Blum**/PN/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA,6/\$52,302(17/18)/Pending
licensure/Replacing Brittney Blau/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Caitlin Sternik**/GW/3rd Grade/1.0 FTE/MA,4/\$49,187(17/18)/Pending degree &
licensure/New 3rd grade section/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Certified Transfer
- Danielle Breier**/From NA to BHS/ Counselor/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing
Tyler Strodman/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Tisha Clark-Smith**/TJ/From 5th to 4th Grade/1.0 FTE/Involuntary transfer replacing
Haley Kaplan/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Holly Dobbins**/From TJ to HH/From 2nd Grade to 4th Grade/1.0 FTE/ Voluntary
transfer replacing Camille McDonnell/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Mary Wendel**/TJ/From 3rd to 2nd Grade/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Holly
Dobbins/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- Schedule D Resignation
- Nicole Armstrong**/BMS/Assistant 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/Effective 6/30/18
- Katherine Hansen**/BHS/Student Council Sponsor/Effective 6/30/18
- Schedule D Approval to Hire
- Corey Ramsey**/BMS/Assistant 7th Grade Football Coach/\$1,869(17/18)/ New position-
realignment of teams/Effective 2018-2019 school year
- 8.05 Board Treasurer Recommendation - David Farmer as district Treasurer
- 8.07 Student Teaching Agreement with Upper Iowa University
- 8.08 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
- Into Davenport from Bettendorf 2017/18
- Treysan Barnes**, grade 4, continuation
- Te'Kail Barnes**, grade 6, continuation
- Latavia Hardwick**, grade 7, continuation

Into Bettendorf from Davenport 2017/18
Alexis Bernauer, grade 1, continuation
Asia Bernauer, grade 2, continuation
Adryn Davis, grade 4, continuation
Kianna Dorris, grade 2, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Pleasant Valley 2017/18
Peyton Odvarko, grade 6, continuation
Into Pleasant Valley from Bettendorf 2017/18
Ellie Durick, grade K, continuation
Lauren Durick, grade 3, continuation
Lindsay Durick, grade 5, continuation
Roberta Womex, grade K, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Davenport 2018/19
Drake Dorris, grade K, sibling attend
Emma Morris, grade K, siblings attend
Xavier Thompson, grade K, siblings attend
Wrenn Reando, grade K, siblings attend

9. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

9.01 Student Representatives' Report.

Nyah Block reported the following:

- The high school recently held a Dance Marathon and raised a little over \$4,000
- Boys and girls spring sports have begun
- Students from Student Council, RSVP and a couple of other clubs attended the QC Round Table Talk where different schools got together to talk about their schools

9.02 BEA Report.

There was nothing shared.

9.03 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 54m 16s).

Director Castro said the board received an e-mail from the district's former finance director refuting previous comments from the current finance director.

Director Lynch reported the Finance Committee met. They asked the administration to start to put together what would be required in terms of numbers and timelines of any potential General Obligation Bond referendums. Administration presented a number of possible proposed new staff positions. Finally, the approval of the certified budget is a framework and some of the numbers were adjusted to try and include some potential new staff hires, but approval of the certified budget does not constitute approval of staff hires. Those have to come to the board separately and independently. The Finance Committee has asked administration to present a line item budget before the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Policy Committee will meet next week.

10. Discussion Items & Reports.

10.01 Grant Wood Update (57m 57s).

The electrical underground is complete and the concrete floor has been poured and finished in the gym. The flooring has been completed and the concrete has been poured in Area B. The roof is approximately 90% complete in that area. The HVAC and electrical materials are being run and the walls are being constructed. All the windows for the gym and Area B will start to be installed on April 9th.

10.02 Discussion of the Construction Management for Mark Twain (1h 01m 18s).

Superintendent Raso recommended Bush Construction as the CM for the Mark Twain Projects. His recommendation is based on the board rankings of all the firms and the fact that they lowered their fees.

10.03 FY 2019 Budget/Tax Rate Discussion (1h 19m 51s).

Director of Finance Dallon Christensen reviewed the proposed budget/tax rate for FY 2019. They are looking at a proposed rate increase of \$0.10 from the 2017/18 amount. The tax rate could go down following additional information, but the rate cannot go up.

10.04 Discussion of Projections of Operating Budget (1h 26m 04s).

Director of Finance Dallon Christensen led a discussion of the proposed FY 2018 operating budget. These numbers show, based on current projections, what the future holds through 2023 and beyond. Assumptions are based on six elementary buildings staying open, lower growth rates from the state, and stable enrollment.

10.05 Discussion of the 2017-2018 Budget Amendment (1h 24m 23s).

This is a request to amend the current school budget by changing estimates of expenditures from 13,945,433 to 15,129,285 for the replacement of HVAC at high school. This change in estimates of expenditures will be financed from increased receipts and balances not budgeted or considered in the current budget. There will be no increase in taxes to be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

10.06 Discussion of the First Reading of Policy 210.10 & 210.11 Committee of the Whole (audio begins at 1h 35m).

The first policy is a revision of order of business to reflect what we currently have been doing. The second policy is regarding Committee of the Whole and has been added since there was not a policy on this. Director Champion thanked everyone for being open to trying the Committee of the Whole.

10.07 Strategic Plan/Vision Card: PK - 12 College and Career Ready Vision Planning (audio begins at 1h 43m 22s).

Superintendent Raso said they are planning on creating a PK-12 College and Career

Future Ready Vision for the district. It will encompass curriculum, programming, and facilities. They are looking to put together a Discovery Committee that will help decide what skills students will need to have after they graduate from the district.

11. Action Items.

11.01 Approval of the Construction Management for Mark Twain.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve Bush Construction for Construction Management for the Mark Twain Project.

Ayes: 5 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Struck, Castro, Holland
Nays: 1 Director Champion
Abstained: 1 Director Staley
Motion carried 5-1-1

11.02 Approval of FY 2019 Budget/Tax Rate.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the adoption of the FY 2019 budget with a tax levy of \$13.96592 per \$1,000 taxable valuation.

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

11.03 Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget Amendment.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Holland, to approve the 2017-2018 budget amendment.

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

11.04 Approval of the First Reading of Policy 210.10 & 210.11 Committee as the Whole.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve a first reading on policies 210.10 and 210.11.

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

12. Management Report.

12.01 Superintendent's Report. Thursday, April 5th is the First Student Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

12.02 Director of Finance Report. The Finance Department is looking at transitioning over to more Forecast 5 reporting. They are also looking at how to go from the certified budget to a line item budget.

13. Future Events & Informational Items.

- Thursday, April 5, Curriculum Council Meeting, 1:00 pm
- Thursday, April 5, Student First Banquet, 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 10, All Admin Team Meeting, 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 11, Board Agenda Planning, 4:30 pm
- Thursday, April 12, PRC Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, April 12, Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 16, BOE Meeting, 6:00 pm

14. Adjournment.

Director Pyevich motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary