

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing on FY 2018 Budget/Tax Rate.

A Public Hearing opened at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed FY 2018 budget/tax rate. There were no comments and the Public Hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.

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 April 3, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance and Business Services; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Jennifer Like; Instructional Technology Coordinator; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Tammy Chelf, Edison Academy Student Services Coordinator; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Jayme Olson, BMS Associate Principal; Lorelei Andedo, BMS Associate Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; Julie Trepka, PN Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; David Hlas, NA Principal; Jeff Johannsen, HH Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:17 p.m.

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 Student Spotlight on Grant Wood Elementary. Students from Grant Wood Elementary made a presentation on Kindergarten Super Reading Powers. Kindergarten teachers Angela Latham, Jordann Lehman, and Carla Porth, and Principal John Cain were in attendance.
- 5.02 PBIS Award to Mark Twain Elementary (info only). Mark Twain Elementary School has been awarded the Paramount level of recognition for its outstanding PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports) work in the 2015 – 2016 school year. Mark Twain will receive a recognition certificate at the award ceremony on May 9th, 2017, immediately following the Learning Supports Conference.
- 5.03 Young Educators Award - Dan Bartel (info only). Congratulations to Grant Wood third grade teacher Dan Bartel for receiving the Scott County Jaycee's Young Educator Award. This award recognizes an individual whose leadership in the classroom and/or within the educational setting has made a significant impact on our local community.

6. Consent Agenda.

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

Director Castro asked about the administration approval process. Superintendent Raso said Joy Kelly was moved into the interim principal position in August 2016. He stated she has done a great job and they have a really good administrative team in place. The high school position was posted in January/February 2017 and through the process the majority of the applicants did not have any administrative experience. Ms. Kelly has been in the district for over fourteen years. Superintendent Raso looks forward to working with her.

Director Pyevich asked about the Frontline contract. Heather Stocking said the \$5,000 in startup costs are because we are leaving the consortium with North Scott.

Director Trahan said she is thrilled Joy Kelly will be part of the team. She asked Superintendent Raso to come to the whole board first if he is going to go above the salary schedule.

Ayes: 7 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 6.01 Approval of March 20, 2017 Regular Board Minutes
- 6.02 Approval of April 3, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
Classified Recommendation to Hire
Jodi Baclet/MT/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Replacing Amy Pessman/Effective 04/05/17
Jessica Beene/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/4.5 hours per day/Replacing Morgan Meseke/Effective 04/05/17

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

Michelle Levan/GW to GW and HH/Nutrition Services-Part Time/Same rate of pay/Replacing Dawn Korth/Effective 04/04/17

Tim Peterson/BHS to BMS/Custodian to Night Lead Custodian/ \$19.95 per hour/Replacing Tim Dixon/Effective 07/03/17

Certified Administrative FYI

Joy Kelly/BHS/From Interim Principal to Principal/\$135,000 annual salary/261-day contract/Replacing Jimmy Casas/Effective 7/1/17

Certified Resignation

Evan Hartman/BHS/Math/Effective 6/30/17

Alexandria Medenciy/BMS/Art/Effective 6/30/17

Paul Nagovan/BHS/Math/Effective 6/30/17

Kalli Schamberger/GW/5th Grade/Effective 6/30/17

Certified Transfer

Mary Heeringa/From PN to BHS/From 1st Grade to Teacher Librarian/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Tricia Cichosz/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Schedule D Resignation

Evan Hartman/BMS/Head 7th Grade Football Coach/Effective 6/30/17

Jennifer McFate-Wikan/BHS/Cheerleading Coach/Effective 6/30/17

Alexandria Medenciy/BMS/Student Council Sponsor/Effective 6/30/17

Alexandria Medenciy/BMS/Team Leader, PE&Health/Effective 6/30/17

Alexandria Medenciy/BMS/Head 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/Effective 6/30/17

Alexandria Medenciy/BMS/Head 8th Grade Basketball, Girls Coach/Effective 6/30/17

Kimberly Rojas/BHS/Costa Rica Exchange (.50)/Effective 6/30/17

6.04 Early Graduates Third Quarter 2017/18 - As of 3-20-17:

6.05 Mary Kainec, Decker Schmidt, Alina Sepanski, Rachel Sprague, Kristin Streeter
Approval of a Donation in the amount of \$600 from Mark Friemel, 2547 Tech Drive, Bettendorf, IA for the Student's 1st Banquet

6.06 AppliTrack Contract

6.07 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment

Into Bettendorf, 2016/17

Ethan Erickson, grade 8, from Davenport, continuation

Gabrielle Franklin, kindergarten, from Davenport, continuation,

Dorian Frields, grade 5, from Davenport, continuation

Germany Graves, grade 2, from Davenport, continuation

Sariya Graves, kindergarten, from Davenport, continuation

Emily James, grade 4, from Davenport, continuation

Aden Krauss, grade 7, from Davenport, continuation

Xavier Sharp, grade 3, from Davenport, continuation

Aidan Simpson, grade 7, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Brooklynn Wilkison, grade 7, from North Scott, continuation

Into Bettendorf, 2017/18

Emerson Hammes, grade 2, from Davenport

Elizabeth Park, grade 11, from Davenport

Ejahre Pass, kindergarten, from Davenport

Kennadi Phelps, kindergarten, from Davenport

Rogue Reando, kindergarten, from Davenport

Evelynn Vasquez, kindergarten, from Davenport

Nasir Walker, grade 9, from Davenport

Jamel Williams Jr, kindergarten, from Davenport
Wyatt Zaehring, kindergarten, from Davenport
Out of Bettendorf, 2017/18
Skya Lau, grade 9, to Davenport
Noelle McDonald, grade 7, to Davenport
Serenity McMahan, grade 9, to Davenport
Victoria Neece, grade 7, to Davenport
Connor Puckett, grade 9, to Davenport
Asjiona Shelton, grade 7, to Davenport
Mary Van Landschoot, grade 10, to Davenport

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 47m 49s).

Director Trahan and numerous others attended the Student First Banquet. She said it was outstanding and is one of the best programs in the district.

8. Old Discussion.

8.01 Grant Wood Elementary Schematic Design (audio begins 50m 35s).

Representatives from Legat Architects and Estes Construction presented a proposed schematic design for the new Grant Wood Elementary School. The new building has been increased to 63,000 square feet from 60,000 in order to create larger classrooms. The projected budget total is \$16,720,104.00. It was noted that the numbers will change as the project progresses.

8.02 Approval of Grant Wood Elementary Schematic Design.

Motion by Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Trahan, to approve the proposed schematic design for the new Grant Wood Elementary School.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

8.03 Districtwide Facility Assessment (audio begins 1h 37m 08s).

Director of Operations Chris Andrus discussed a proposed districtwide facility assessment. There are two different buckets to be looked at when it comes to facility upgrades or improvements. One is safety/facility maintenance items and the other one is wish list items. Administrators met to reassess the list they created in 2010. Administration also discussed hiring Legat Architects to do a districtwide facility assessment of all of the buildings except Grant Wood and Neil Armstrong. Jeff Sandberg, Legat Architects, discussed three different options. Option #3 was preferred by Mr. Andrus, because it will provide a full assessment of existing buildings, including exterior building envelope, interior finishes, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc. Along with this assessment, they will develop potential budgets associated with the documented items and assist the district in prioritization of the items on a five year basis. This option will help integrate the facility

report with our wish list to develop a five year planning document with costs and priorities.

Richard Lynch, *4315 Aspen Hills Circle, Bettendorf*, asked what happens to all the BLDD 21st Century improvement ideas that have been budgeted. He said the biggest problem was that the projects did not include certain things. Chris Andrus said they will be mirrored together to budget for some of those missing pieces.

8.04 Approval of Districtwide Facility Assessment.

Motion Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to approve the districtwide facility assessment option #3.

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

Directors Trahan and Castro voted no because they wanted more time to review it.

8.05 FY 2018 Budget/Tax Rate Discussion (audio begins at 2h 01m 54s).

Director of Finance Dallon Christensen reviewed the proposed budget/tax rate for FY 2018. Proposed property tax rate is at \$13.86 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. The biggest line item of the budget is the construction of Grant Wood. It is a multi-year project and a portion of the project is budgeted in 2017/18. The budget increase is slightly over 2% from the previous year, minus the Grant Wood construction project. The budget includes the hiring of additional teachers throughout all levels of the district. Some of those costs have been offset by not filling certain positions. The budget for 2017/18 is a strong budget.

8.06 Approval of FY 2018 Budget/Tax Rate.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve adoption of the FY 2018 budget with a tax levy of \$13.86477 per \$1,000 taxable valuation.

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

8.07 Discussion of FY 2018 Operating Budget (2h 04m 58s).

Directors discussed the proposed FY 2018 operating budget. The board felt it needed to be prudent in what is being added because salaries and benefits make up 82% of the budget. There was a lengthy discussion on what positions are needed and how those positions will help meet the needs of the changing demographics. Administrators said some of this is time sensitive and they would like to know a decision on the new hires and increases in FTE sooner rather than later. They felt this is a conversation that should have been had prior to April and said it is very difficult not knowing how to proceed. The board agreed to approve all recommended positions pending Finance Committee review of the budget and approval.

8.08 Approval of Operating Budget for FY 2018.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve proposed district operating budget for FY 2018 pending Finance Committee approval.

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

8.09 Strategic Plan Vision Cards: Iowa Assessment Results.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to table 8.09, Strategic Plan Vision Cards.

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

9. Management Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report – updated VisionCard Goal 1 on the District Strategic Plan. Patty Stoffers will be at the next board meeting.

9.02 Director of Finance's Report – nothing further to report.

10. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Tuesday, April 11, BCS Foundation, 11:45 am, Admin
- Tuesday, April 11, Wellness Committee, 4:00 pm, Admin
- Wednesday, April 12, Safety Committee, 10:00 am, Admin
- Wednesday, April 12, SIAC Committee, 4:30 pm, Admin
- Friday, April 14, District Holiday - No School
- Monday, April 17, No School - District Inservice
- *Tuesday*, April 18, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary