

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the March 18, 2019, 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 March 18, 2019. President Adam Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Staley, Struck

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Representative; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:04 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the agenda as presented.

Director Champion requested that future closed sessions regarding the purchase or sale of a property list the property being discussed.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Staley, Struck

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

3.01 Student Presentation to the Board - Thomas Jefferson. Innovate Thomas Jefferson - What teachers and students are using to enhance learning. Erin Waldron Smith along with students demonstrated their innovations.

3.02 5th Grade Honor Band. Seven students from Bettendorf Community School District 5th & 6th grades were selected for the Young Musician's Honor Band that took place on Saturday, February 16 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The students were selected from over 200 other first-year band students based on director nominations.

5th-Grade Band Students: Liam Rehnberg (TJ), Seth Rashid (HH), Nico Snider (TJ), Isabelle Stoltenberg (HH), Katelyn Farmer (PN)

6th-Grade Band Students: Anna Tryon and Emma Pearson (BMS)

St. Ambrose Regional National History Day Contest. For the first time, Bettendorf is sending projects to the state contest that include all 3 divisions (Youth, Junior, and Senior).

State Qualifiers

5th Grade - Jacee Cale, Hayden Eastman, Piper Fredricksen, Isabel Mohr, Jack Mohr
6th Grade - Eva Fiedler, Mira Horner, Luceena Susairaj
7th Grade - Alexa Besser, Alivia Isaacson, Heath Leone, Kaelee Wolf
8th Grade - Hattie Aanestad, Danton Dang, Andrea Koehler, Tatum Buckley, Aylivya Hill, Aaliyah Lay, Brooke Magistrelli, Jordyn Mitchell, Victoria Neece, Becky Selmani, Audrey Scarlett, Ava Utsinger, Olivia Wiley
9th Grade - Noah Raso, Emily Knight, Clarisse Roscio, and Sarah Giese
10th Grade - Ava Abbott

- 3.03 BCSD Battle of the Books. Teams from BCSD Elementaries and Bettendorf Middle School competed in Battle of the Books on Thursday, March 7. Paul Norton won the district event. Grant Wood took second place and Bettendorf Middle School third. The Paul Norton girls will be representing the Bettendorf District at the Regional Battle on Saturday, March 30 at 10 am at the Bettendorf Public Library.

1st Place- Paul Norton

Lucy Wolf, Campbell Keibler, Hadley Appel

2nd Place - Grant Wood

Amos Spector, Cece Spector, & Kailin Stiles-Pena

3rd Place - Bettendorf Middle School

Annaliese Tracy, Grace Li, and Emma Blankenfeld

- 3.04 BMS Students Perform in SEIBA Honor Band. Six Bettendorf Middle School Band 7th-grade students were selected to perform in the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band. Students attended auditions January 5th in Fairfield, IA and performed in concert in Iowa City on February 13.

Jaylynn Kerr - flute

Robert Matera and Gianna Schwartz - clarinet

Kaelee Wolf - trumpet

Zack Stone - horn

Michael Farmer - euphonium.

4. Comments and Suggestions from Audience.

- 4.01 Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. Please refer to policy 213.E1 - Public Input At Board Meetings.

Sara Wells, *4555 Hamilton Dr., Bettendorf*, addressed the board regarding a published budget error on the February 25th agenda.

Fritz Swearingen, *16 Riverview Park Dr., Bettendorf*, addressed the board regarding naming of the new building at the Mark Twain site. He said the name change would promote consensus and healing.

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Staley, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 5.01 Approval of February 25, 2019, Special Board Meeting and March 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Board Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of March 18, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel
 - Administrative Resignation
 - Dallon Christensen**/Administration Center/Director of Finance & Business Services/Effective 4/17/19
 - Schedule D Resignation
 - Caleb Claus**/BHS/Assistant Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach/Effective 6/30/19
 - Katherine Hansen**/BHS/Student Council Co-Sponsor/Effective 6/30/19
 - Schedule D Approval to Hire
 - Fenner Hengst**/BHS/Assistant Varsity Swimming, Girls Coach (0.50)/ \$1,932/Replacing John Jacobs/Effective 2019-2020 school year
 - Jennifer Stiener**/BHS/Dance-Drill Team Supervisor (0.50)/\$2,337/ Replacing Amanda Manning/Effective 7/1/19
 - Carolyn Wells**/BHS/Dance-Drill Team Supervisor (0.50)/\$2,337/ Replacing Amanda Manning/Effective 7/1/19
 - Classified Termination
 - Stacey Zabel-Hudson**/NA/Youth Mentor/Effective 03/22/19
 - Classified Resignation
 - Kari Keever-Hall**/TJ/Paraeducator/Effective 03/15/19
 - Jade McWilliams**/BHS/Secretary B/Effective 03/28/19
 - Kayla Schneider**/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 02/28/19
 - Recommendation to Hire
 - Barbara Carr**/PN/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/3.0 hours per day/New Position-Student Need/Effective 03/20/19
 - Renee Horner**/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/28 hours per week/Replacing Amanda Sullivan/Effective 03/20/19
 - Rachel Jackson**/PN/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/3.0 hours per day/New Position-Student Need/Effective 03/20/19
 - Kashonda Liddell**/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Replacing Anita Thompson/Effective 03/20/19
 - Hannah Nugent**/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Replacing Kayla Schneider/Effective 03/20/19
- 5.04 Approval of e-Rate Proposals
- 5.05 Approval of Secondary Internet Service
- 5.06 Approval of 3rd Quarter Early Graduates
- 5.07 Portrait of a Graduate Meeting Report
- 5.08 Approval of Policies - 711.11, 711.10 , 904.1, 602.1 , 602.1R1, 602.1E1, 602.2, 602.3, 602.4, 602.5, 605.1, 605.1R1, 605.1R2, 605.2, 605.3, 605.3E1, 605.3E2, 605.3R1, 605.3E3, 605.3E4, 605.3E5, 605.3E6, 605.4, 605.5
- 5.09 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
 - Into Bettendorf 18/19
 - Ali Black, grade 2, continuation from Dav
 - Out of Bettendorf 18/19
 - Audrey Bessert, grade 1, continuation from Dav
 - Isaac Bessert, grade 2, continuation from Dav
 - Lily Bessert, grade 4, continuation from Dav

Saiya Gurram, grade K, sibling from PV
Into Bettendorf 19/20
Jaxson Brown, grade K, from Dav
Isaac DeZarn, grade 10, from PV
Jonathan Quick, grade K, from Dav
Blade Welch, grade K, from Dav

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Lynch reported the Policy Committee met and reviewed the policies that were discussed at the last board meeting. They concluded that the policies themselves did not need to be changed, but we need to make sure practice is in accordance with policy.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

There was no Student Representative's report.

6.03 BEA Report.

BEA Rep Megan Kannenberg had nothing to report.

7. Discussion Items.

7.01 Curriculum Update: Science & Social Studies (audio begins at 26m 27s).

The district adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). One of the shifts they are looking at this year is aligning the curriculum to get more student engagement. The district has been fortunate to work with Achieve the last two years. Achieve is a nonprofit that wrote the Next Generation Science Standards. The district is leading the way in terms of what a model district looks like in their NGSS implementation.

Iowa most recently adopted new Social Studies standards K-12. The standards have been fully implemented at the elementary level. The middle school purchased a program that involves student driven questions. The high school is in the second year of a three year rollout of the new standards. AP science and social studies courses have changed with the standards.

7.02 Name Change Petition for Thomas Jefferson & Mark Twain Merger (audio begins at 50m 50s).

Superintendent Raso said the district received a petition regarding a new name for the new Mark Twain school that is currently under construction. He reviewed several options. One option would be to listen and deny the request. The second option would be to consider a name change but push it back out to the community to come up with a name. The last option would be to send it back to the group that turned in the petition and have them resubmit the petition with a name.

Several board members indicated they wanted more information before deciding whether

or not they should consider a name change. Of the fifty-one signatures, thirty came from the Thomas Jefferson area. They would like feedback from a broader audience. The next step is to send a survey to district parents and staff. The board asked Superintendent Raso to put together a committee to get a broader scope of opinions.

7.03 Discussion of Facility Planning (audio begins at 1h 19m 55s).

Superintendent Raso recommended slowing things down until all financial information is known. The district can still move forward with a construction manager in the next month, if that is the route we want to go. There was discussion on going with an architect first. Superintendent Raso and Operations Director Andrus will come up with a plan to bring forward at the next board meeting.

7.04 Discussion of 2019-2020 At-Risk Budget (audio begins at 2h 07m 27s).

The Academic Interventionist at BMS and Security at BHS were approved for the second semester this school year; however, it has been communicated recently that it has been very difficult to find qualified people to commit to positions guaranteed only to the end of this school year. They are requesting full-time positions instead of part-time.

The BriteBytes software was also presented in December. These items were part of next year's budget that was presented and the full itemized budget fits within the At-Risk revenue allocation that was approved by the board in January.

8. Action Items.

8.01 Approval of 2019-2020 At-Risk Budget.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the 2019-2020 At-Risk Budget.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9. Management Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Raso reported both the online instruction and special education study passed in the senate. Teacher Recognition will be on June 6th.

10. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Thursday, March 21, PEC meeting, noon
- Monday, March 25, PRC meeting, 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 25, Board Agenda Planning, 6:00 pm
- Monday, April 1, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 3, POG meeting, 5:00 pm

11. Closed Session.

11.01 Motion to enter into closed session.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Staley, to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(j), to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the school district would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the school district would receive for that property.

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

Directors entered into closed session at 8:23 p.m. and took a brief recess. Discussion started at 8:27 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary