

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Special Meeting  
of the Board of Education  
(pending Board approval)

1. Discussion of District Property on Central Avenue Parcel #842837203.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Holland, 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 Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors went into closed session at 5:57 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 6:24 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 a special Board meeting at the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, 729 21st Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on January 16, 2018. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. 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, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Jennifer Like, Director of Instructional Technology and Data Management; Kayla Leu, Director of Nutrition Services; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Tammy Chelf, Student Services Coordinator Edison Academy; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; David Hlas, NA Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. Consent Agenda.

4.01 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Struck, to approve Administrative Recommendations – Personnel.

Director Castro had questions about the hiring process.

Recommendation to Hire

**Kelli Carr**/Administration Center/Payroll and Benefits Manager/\$47,500 annually/8.0 hours per day/Replacing Kelley Doty/Effective 01/18/18

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

Nays: 1 Director Castro

Motion carried 6-1

5. Discussion Items and Reports.

5.01 Curriculum (ICAP/CTE/Vocational) Presentation (audio begins at 3m 43s).

BHS Associate Principal Kristy Cleppe gave a presentation on Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP), Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Vocational which ensures consistent, equitable access to high-quality career and technical education and concurrent enrollment opportunities for all Iowa students. She shared a sample of an electronic portfolio and gave an overview of Career Cruising. The ICAP Team will continue to meet this year to further develop instructional delivery and access for career and postsecondary guidance.

5.02 President's Statement.

The audience was invited to ask questions regarding the proposed facility plan. During the facility discussion, the audience had the opportunity to leave questions for district administration and the board. Answers to questions will be posted on the district website by Friday, January 26 and sent out in next week's Bett District Update.

Amy Swearingen, 16 Riverview Park Dr., thought it made more sense to ask questions after the facility discussion.

Pepper Trahan, 6328 Patrick Pointe Rd., said the public still has not seen a cash flow plan. She said it is important to figure out cash flow analysis and let the public understand it.

5.03 Board Facility Discussion with Administrative Team (audio begins at 28m 58s).

Board directors asked questions of the building principals and district administration about their recommendations and prioritizations regarding district facility projects.

GW Principal John Cain said they knew this was going to be a sensitive topic and tried to look at what is best for the district.

NA Principal David Hlas feels the recommendation helps move the district forward.

TJ Principal Lana LaSalle said this decision has put her between a rock and a hard place. She noted the community wished for all buildings to remain open and feels the district needs to look at everything first, such as redistricting or reprogramming. She is not opposed to the plan but feels the recommendation has created a win/lose situation.

Director of Operations Chris Andrus supports the recommendation because he feels it touches all schools. He hopes the board will make an informed, but quick decision. He noted the administrators will support the board's recommendation.

MT Principal Caroline Olson said she wants what is best for all students. She said a neutral site would be ideal.

BHS Principal Joy Kelly said it is very important the high school facilities remain in good shape because 20% of the high school enrollment is open enrollment. She said there were academic needs on the list, but they fell further down because of safety needs. She said no matter what is decided, money is going to have to be spent. If this proposal is not pursued, she would like to see the board put a moratorium on this discussion for a few years.

BMS Principal Lisa Reid said they started with their vision for all kids first and then prioritize those.

PN Principal Brian Walthart said while he has not been in the district very long, he believes the recommendation is very sound and was looked at it in a certain lens.

Director Struck is concerned that not all the data is being looked at. Director Champion believes the plan does not need to be a take all approach.

Director Holland thanked the team and said there has been a lot of good work that has been put into the facilities recommendation. He said the plans should not divide the community. He recommended taking Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson out of the plan. Superintendent Raso said the community recommended those buildings be the next projects on the list.

Director Pyevich shared budget information for each school divided by the number of students at each school. He said it is something to look at.

Director Lynch said it might be useful to send out an e-mail of all the questions that have already been asked.

Director Castro thanked the administrators for having the courage to get up and talk openly and honestly about how they feel.

6. Adjournment.

Director Holland motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary