

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting  
of the Board of Education  
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing on the sale of Thomas Jefferson Property opened at 6:00 p.m.

Pepper Trahan, 6328 Patrick Pointe Rd., Bettendorf, said the district is giving away this property for free and it might even cost the district money. She wanted to know all the costs up front. She asked the board to cite the code that gives the district the authority to give companies \$10,000 for building homes in our district and what the public purpose is for doing this.

There were no further comments and the hearing closed at 6:03 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 Committee of the Whole Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on May 6, 2019. President Adam Holland called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Representative; Ryan Longenecker, Student Rep; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

Director Castro said something that caught his eye under the consent agenda is the loss of six special education teachers in the last two months. He said it seems unusual and hopes they will be granted an exit interview.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

4.01 School Board Recognition:

Adam Holland, Board President

Richard Lynch, Board Vice President

Gordon Staley, Director

- Stacey Struck, Director  
Paul Castro, Director  
Andrew Champion, Director  
Michael Pyevich, Director  
David Farmer, Board Treasurer  
Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary
- 4.02 Student Board Representatives Recognition:  
Ryan Longenecker, grade 12  
Will Jefferson, grade 12
- 4.03 5th and 6th Grade Students Selected for Coe College Honor Band.  
6th Grade Students: Robert Day, Martin DeKeyzer, Lily Silvera, Luceena Susairaj, Christopher Totnes.  
5th Grade Students: Landon Baffa (HH), Brooke Duin (HH), Jonathan Isaacson (PN), Noah Leavitt (PN), Miles Miranda (TJ), Isabel Mohr (TJ), Sully Giesecke (PN), Julia Otero (MT), Cece Spector (GW)
- 4.04 BHS Students Place in Le Grand Concours. Thirteen Bettendorf High School students earned honors for high achievement in Le Grand Concours, the National French Contest. In the state of Iowa:
- Level 2E\* – Sabrina Rinehart placed 1st, Jensen Tatton placed 2nd, Katie Roseman placed 3rd.
  - Level 3 – Emma Cleveland placed 4th. Emma also placed 15th nationally and will be awarded a bronze medal.
  - Level 3E\* – Zander Eckermann placed 1st, Stephanie Rice and Rachel Witt tied for 2nd, Emily Sparks placed 3rd.
  - Level 5 – Alicia Garcia placed 5th, Sarah Canfield and Elise Kalin tied for 7th, Peter Hurd placed 8th, Eric Eastland placed 10th.
- 4.05 BCSD Students Place in State National History Day Contest. Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Bettendorf Middle School, and Bettendorf High School brought a total of 22 projects (30 students) to the State National History Day contest held April 29 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.
- National Contest in DC Qualifier**
- Andrea Koehler & Tatum Buckley - Junior Group Website - Loving v. Virginia: Love Triumphs Over Virginia's Tragic Anti-Miscegenation Laws - (State Top 2)
  - Victoria Neece - Junior Individual Documentary - Ryan White: Destroying the Stigma of AIDS - National Contest in DC Qualifier - (State Top 2)
- National Contest in DC Runner-up**
- Hattie Aanestad & Brooke Magistrelli - Junior Group Exhibit - The 1906 Tragedy that Shook San Francisco - (State Top 3)
- State Finalists**
- Kaelee Wolf & Alivia Isaacson - Junior Group Documentary - The Polio Vaccine: A Paralyzing Tragedy and the Vaccines of Two Rival Scientists - (State Top 6)
  - Ava Abbott - Senior Individual Exhibit - Off the Map: Conflicted and Overdrawn, a Feeling of Triumph or of Tragedy? - (State Top 6)
  - Eva Fiedler & Mira Horner - Junior Group Performance Kindertransport: The Desperate Train Ride from Germany to England - (State Top 6)
  - Becky Selmani - Junior Historical Paper - The Tragedy of a Divided People: Albanian Unrest in Centralized Serbia - (State Top 6)
- Special State Award for Archaeology**
- Luceena Susairaj - Junior Historical Paper - King Tutankhamun: How One

Archaeologist's Triumphant Discovery of the Boy King's Tomb Opened the Door to a Legacy of Tragedy

**Special State Award for Agriculture**

- Clarisse Roscio - Senior Individual Website - Fritz Haber and the Synthesis of Ammonia: The Triumph of Feeding the World and the Tragedy of Ravaging It
- 4.06 SEIBA Honor Band. BCSD 5th & 6th Grade Students Perform in SEIBA Honor Band. Ten Bettendorf Community School District 5th and 6th-grade band students were invited to take part in the SEIBA Honor Band for 1st and 2nd-year players. The event was held Saturday, April 27th at Clear Creek Amana High School in Tiffin. The students rehearsed with other second-year players from throughout southeast Iowa. Then presented a concert at the end of the day.  
6th Grade: Jerry Callahan, Mia Hinds, Bella Howard, Oren Schrieber,  
5th Grade: Jordan De Simone (NA), Claire Franzman (NA), Jonathan Isaacson (PN), Noah Leavitt (PN), Chloe Martin (PN), Isabel Mohr (TJ)

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Stuck, seconded by Director Pyevich, 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 April 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and April 24, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of May 6, 2019 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel  
Administrative Resignation  
**Lana LaSalle/TJ/Principal/Effective 6/30/19**  
Certified Resignation  
**Janelle Cook/BMS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Matthew Edwards/BMS/Social Worker/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Ellen Jelinske/BMS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Brent Keemle/BMS/Social Studies & Exploratory/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Rosemary Kroener/PN&NA/Special Education/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Samantha Nagle/MT/5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Karin Ryan/HH/Special Education/Effective 5/6/19**  
**Amanda Solomon/BHS/Science/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Diana Steiner/BHS/German/Effective 6/30/19**  
**Brett Van Deventer/BMS/Science/Effective 6/30/19**  
Certified Approval to Hire  
**Derek Ahrens/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA,1/\$38,171/Pending verification & licensure/New position student need – Transition/Effective 2019-2020 school year**  
**Quinn Leathers/PN/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA,1/\$44,090/Pending licensure/Replacing Heidi Blum/Effective 2019-2020 school year**  
**Cheyenne McCann/District/ELP/1.0 FTE/MA,5/\$50,320/Pending licensure/Replacing Heidi Redmond/Effective 2019-2020 school year**  
**Abbey Strajack/MT/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$36,925/Pending licensure/New position–student need/Effective 2019-2020 school year**

**Marcy Volkstorf**/District/Counselor-PDO/0.50 FTE/MA,5/\$25,959/ Pending verification & licensure/Replacing Michelle Munson/Effective 2019-2020 school year  
Certified Contract Modification

**Jordan Drane**/MT/Nurse/From 0.70 to 1.0 FTE/Staffing adjustment for student need/Effective 7/1/19

**Meredith Ortega**/NA/Nurse/From 0.70 to 1.0 FTE/Staffing adjustment for student need/Effective 7/1/19

**Lisa Orwitz**/PN/Nurse/From 0.70 to 1.0 FTE/Staffing adjustment for student need/Effective 7/1/19

Certified Transfer

**Nicole Armstrong**/From BMS to District/From Language Arts to Curriculum & Professional Development Leader/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Kaye Meyers/Effective 7/1/19

**Robin Bridges**/From PN to BMS/From Kindergarten to Academic Interventionist/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer to new position – student need/ Effective 7/1/19

**Emily Cullison**/HH/From 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Siobhan Wood/Effective 7/1/19

**Linda Deuth**/From GW to Dist/1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Academic Interventionist/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Jackie Leathers/Effective 7/1/19

**Dana Nichols**/GW/From 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Linda Deuth/Effective 7/1/19

**Siobhan Wood**/HH/From 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Instructional Coach/1.0 FTE/ Voluntary transfer replacing Tandy Huber/Effective 7/1/19

Schedule D Resignation

**Nicole Armstrong**/BMS/Team Leader, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade House/Effective 6/30/19

**Brent Keemle**/BMS/Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball, Girls Coach/Effective 6/30/19

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**Kyle Mink**/BMS/Team Leader, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade House/Effective 6/30/19

**Corey Ramsey**/BMS/Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach/Effective 6/30/19

**Amanda Solomon**/BHS/Science Club Sponsor (0.50)/Effective 6/30/19

**Diana Steiner**/BHS/German Club Sponsor/Effective 6/30/19

**Brett Van Deventer**/BMS/Science Club Sponsor/Effective 6/30/19

**Brett Van Deventer**/BMS/Asst Intramural-MS Football/Effective 6/30/19

**Brett Van Deventer**/BMS/Asst Intramural-MS Basketball/Effective 6/30/19

Schedule D Approval to Hire

**Ashley Yattoni**/BHS/Assistant Varsity Softball Coach/\$3,863/ Replacing Chris Helgerson/Effective 5/6/19

Classified Resignation

**Kashonda Liddell**/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 05/01/19

Recommendation to Hire

**Lindsey Fetterer**/MT/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Replacing Sarah Lawson/Effective 05/08/19

**Gabrielle Yank**/GW/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Replacing Jaime Anton/Effective 05/08/19

Letter of Assignment Modification

**Elizabeth Heesch**/MT-NA to MT/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/5.5 to 5.75 hours per day/Realignment of duties/Effective 08/20/19

**Elizabeth Nelson**/MT/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/5.75 to 4.0 hours per day/Realignment of duties/Effective 08/20/19

5.04 Approval of Iowa Wesleyan University Student Teaching Agreement

- 5.05 Approval of Luther College MOU
- 5.06 Approval of the 2020-2021 AEA Drivers Education Agreement
- 5.07 Approval of Juvenile Court Agreement
- 5.08 Portrait of a Graduate Report
- 5.09 Approval of a Donation in the amount of \$5000.00 from the Bettendorf Youth Wrestling Club, P.O. Box 651, Bettendorf, IA. 52722 for a new wrestling mat at BHS
- 5.10 Approval of a Tuition Application for Ella Zimmer for the 2019-2020 school year, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley
- 5.11 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment (info only)  
2018-19 Into Bettendorf  
Amariona Austin-Moody, grade 9, continuation (W. Dub)  
Lillian Butler, grade 2, continuation (Dav)  
Nishunti Echols-Moody, grade 6, continuation (W. Dub)  
Tommy Jackson- Moody, grade 3, continuation (W. Dub)  
Autumn Skahill, grade 9, continuation (Dav)  
Mason Stine, grade 10, continuation (PV)  
2019-20 Out of Bettendorf  
Ian Hinds, grade 11, into CAM

6. Discussion Items & Reports.

- 6.01 Discussion of Transfer of Real Estate - Alley to City of Bettendorf West and North of Thomas Jefferson Elementary (audio begins at 8m 47s).

Superintendent Raso recognized TJ Principal Lana LaSalle for her work in the district. She will be moving on at the end of the school year.

The Bettendorf Community School District will need to transfer the Real Estate, Alley west and north of Thomas Jefferson, to the City of Bettendorf, before they can sell Thomas Jefferson.

- 6.02 Discussion of the Sale of Thomas Jefferson (audio begins at 14m 46s).

Back in February the district put out an RFP for sale of Jefferson and received two bids. Both bids were for \$100,000. One bid was for single family homes and the other bid was for multi-family dwellings, which would require a change in zoning. The district accepted the bid for single family homes. The first ten homes will need to be built, inspected, and ready for purchase within an eight year period. Upon completion, \$10,000 per home, up to ten homes, would be paid to the developer from an escrow account. The district will keep the money for any homes not completed during that time. Once the homes are built, based on the district's current property tax rate, each home will bring in \$2,200 a year in taxes to the district. Over a five year period, the first ten homes would make up that \$100,000. Superintendent Raso said this is a win-win for the district and the Jefferson area. He said the developers are well known in the area and there is an incentive for them to complete the project. The developer is taking the building as-is

It was noted the old Neil Armstrong property took six years to sell and the district is not making any money on that property because it is sitting empty and in the same condition it was when the district sold it.

Superintendent Raso said we were looking at \$40,000-\$50,000 just to abate the building and \$400,000 in demolition costs. The cost of demolition was based on a per square foot cost that was used in determining demolition costs of the Mark Twain building. These are costs the district will not have to incur with this sale.

The district is following Iowa Code and the contract went through the district's attorneys. TIF has never been brought up and the City is not planning on doing this. It was noted that the property is not currently in a TIF district.

6.03 Discussion of the SAVE Bond Timeline (audio begins at 33m 11s).

The district is looking at approximately \$17,205,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds to Fund Comprehensive Capital Plan.

Estimated 2019 Timetable:

- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> the board informally approves this timeline and approximate borrowing amount. Board approves use of Offering Terms prepared for review at this meeting
- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Piper Jaffray distributes Offering Terms to prospective purchasers for review
- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM Interested Bond Purchasers provide bid details to Piper Jaffray
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Piper Jaffray reviews bids with district administration and calculates most favorable bid. Piper provides bid details to Ahlers & Cooney for document preparation ahead of 5/20 and 6/3 meeting dates.
- Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the board reviews results of proposals received. Board takes action to award or reject best bond proposal; Award resolution provided by Ahlers & Cooney.
- Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> all legal documents for bonds executed at this meeting: Provided by Ahlers & Cooney
- Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Transaction closes. Bond proceeds are delivered to district's bank of choice and used for paying project costs and bonding costs.

Superintendent Raso said we have approximately \$12M left on the Mark Twain project and close to \$1M left on the Grant Wood and HVAC projects. The district does not have enough money coming in from Sales Tax or PPEL to cover these current projects. When the district borrowed \$10M last year, they knew they needed to borrow again. The question is whether to borrow the max prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, or borrow \$10M knowing we will have to borrow again the following year to cover current and future projects.

Director Struck encouraged those who have questions to listen to the audio from the board work session on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

6.04 Facility Discussion.

Mark Twain Project Summary:

- Structural steel erection complete, all steel besides roof decking complete
- BIM coordination on first floor complete
- Backfill around gym complete

- Underground plumbing and electrical complete at kitchen/mechanical areas
- Kitchen/mechanical room area concrete slab on grade poured
- Gym roof structure is 99% complete

Bussing information went out to parents last month and administration is working on final bussing numbers. There will be a fulltime para at Ross College that will have cover hallways, bathrooms, and recess times.

6.05 Miscellaneous.

It was noted that Board Shared Communication was inadvertently left off the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Board Shared Communication.

Director Struck was not able to attend the Thomas Jefferson Jubilee. She gave a shout out to the Jefferson Community for raising enough money from the last Jubilees to have two fully endowed scholarships. Director Champion said the Jefferson PTA and community put a lot of time into the event.

BEA Report.

BEA Representative Megan Kannenberg said they have not had a salary discussion with administration. She expressed frustration with the lack of information and timely responses. She noted twenty teachers have left the district this year and does not feel we are doing anything to retain teachers.

April SIAC Meeting - Student Achievement.

At the April School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC meeting), the group learned about the new Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests, replacing Iowa Assessment. The group took a sample test, talked about the abilities or skills needed to complete the test and shared questions they had about the test. They also reviewed data from aReading and aMath for elementary, middle school MAP data and HS ACT test results.

6.06 Discussion of First Reading of Policies (audio begins at 1h 18m 08s).

This month brings policies from the 500- & 600-series, as well as the 200-series to the board for review:

- 503.4R1 and 507.9 series are staff-recommended changes;
- 505.8 & 505.8R1 reflect IASB Policy Primer and staff-recommended changes (505.8R1 is new);
- 605.6E4 & 605.7R1: these two policies are part of our 5-year review of the 600-series;
- and we begin our 5-year review of the 200-series.

Most of the changes are minor corrections or updates.

Director Struck asked why the Wellness Policy was not discussed at the recent Wellness Policy Meeting. Superintendent Raso said the policy was discussed last year. He said the policy is changing from nutrition standards to district standards. President Holland was at the meeting last year and said there was an overwhelming desire to not have

significant changes to the snack list. He said we need a policy in place that every classroom, in every building has the same expectations. Director Pyevich recommended bringing the changes to the next Wellness Policy Committee meeting before any changes are made to the policy. Director Pyevich had some concerns with Policy 503.4R1. He said it is a bit of an overreach. More discussion will be had on these policies.

7. Action Item.

7.01 Approval of Transfer of Real Estate - Alley to City of Bettendorf West and North of Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

Motion by Director Staley, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the Resolution for Transfer of Real Estate of the Alley to City of Bettendorf West and North of Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

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

7.02 Approval of Transfer of Real Estate - Alley to City of Bettendorf West and North of Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

Motion by Director Staley, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the Resolution for Sale of Real Estate, Thomas Jefferson Elementary to Applestone Homes Inc.

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

7.03 Approval of SAVE Bond Timeline.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Staley, to approve the SAVE Bond timeline and approximate borrowing amount of \$17,205,000.

Ayes: 6 Directors Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch  
Nays: 1 Director Pyevich  
Motion carried 6-1

8. Management Report.

8.01 Superintendent's Report –Please let Joy Kelly know if you are attending graduation so there are enough chairs for the directors.

9. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Wednesday, May 8th, HS Senior Awards Ceremony, HS PAC, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 9th, Mark Twain Open House 5:00 pm
- Monday, May 13, PRC meeting, 5:00 pm
- Monday, May 13, Board Agenda Planning, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 14, All Admin meeting, 1:00 pm



- Monday, May 20, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

10. Exempt Session – Negotiations.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Staley, to enter into exempt session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 20.17(3) and 20.9 for the purpose of discussing strategies for negotiations.

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

Nays: 1 Director Struck

Motion carried 6-1

Directors entered into exempt session at 7:39 p.m. and took a short recess. They began the exempt session at 7:45 p.m. They returned to open session at 8:56 p.m.

11. Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion by Director Staley, seconded by Director Castro, to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i), for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of individuals whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge are being considered, when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals' reputations and those individuals request a closed session.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into closed session at 8:56 p.m. and took a short recess. The closed session began at 9:03 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 9:47 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary