

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the October 1, 2018 Committee of the Whole 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 Committee of the Whole Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on October 1, 2018. President Gordon Staley 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; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Jillian Dotson, Associate Director of Curriculum and Student Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Tammy Chelf, Student Services Coordinator; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Associate Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Representative; Ryan Longenecker, Student Rep; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:11 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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 National Principals' Month Resolution.

4. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Holland, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of 4.02, 4.04, and 4.08.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

- 4.01 Approval of September 17, 2018 Regular Board Minutes
- 4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel
Classified Resignation
Ann Black/NA/Youth Mentor/Effective 9/28/18
Christina Ditzman/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 10/05/18
Laura Hesse/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 09/28/18
Jared Kannenberg/GW/Youth Mentor/Effective 10/05/18
Aimee LeMaster/NA/Paraeducator/Effective 09/27/1/8
Recommendation to Hire
Christopher Curler/Operations/Bus Driver-Route/\$17.67/18.40 after 90 days per hour/4.0 hours per day/Replacing Rhonda DeFrance/Effective 10/02/18
Michelle Hayes/PN/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/3.0 hours per day/Replacing Becky Schweizer/Effective 10/03/18
Letter of Assignment Modification
Karina Mendez/GW/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/4.0 to 5.75 hours per day/Student Need/Effective 09/04/18
- 4.05 BCSD and Chung Kim for MT Parking
- 4.06 Approval of Portrait of a Graduate Committee
- 4.07 Approval of donation from the Boys Youth Basketball Association for \$1600.00, which will go towards new jerseys for the Boys Basketball program
- 4.09 Approval of Tuition-In application from Davenport for Destiny Collins, grade 10
- 4.10 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf from Pleasant Valley, 2018/19
Brooklyn Arnold, grade 10, new move
Liliana Bentley, grade 7, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Davenport, 2018/19
Gage Anderson, grade 8 continuation
Katie Le, grade 8, continuation
KC Le, grade 6, continuation
Anabelle York, grade 12, continuation
Out of Bettendorf Into Pleasant Valley, 2018/19
Zachary Maritinx, grade 6, continuation

Approval of October 1, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment (audio begins at 48m 15s).
Director Castro had some questions regarding a couple of bills that did not have an invoice date, purchase order or amount listed.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve 4.02, October 1, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment.

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

Approval of July/August 2018 Financials.

Director Castro requested the detailed financial summary. Dallon Christensen will put the summary on boarddocs.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve 4.04, July/August

2018 Financials.

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

Approval of Mid-American Natural Gas Fixed Price Agreement.

The district is looking at fixing our prices from December through April. The approval of this will allow Dallon Christensen to enter into an agreement to execute the fixed price for our natural gas from December through April. He cannot get the final price until he gets approval from the board to move forward with this.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Champion, to approve Mid-American Natural Gas Fixed Price Agreement.

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

5. Board Learning.

5.01 College and Career Ready Presentation (audio begins at 4m 53s).

David Ford from MBAEA presented on College and Career Ready. He discussed the district graduation rates, intentions, post-secondary enrollment, those who return for a second year, and the percentage of students completing a post-secondary degree or certificate. He also discussed what can be done to support college and career readiness for our students including an understanding of the realities in the community, establishing and monitoring concrete and measurable goals and decreasing achievement/outcome gaps. Andrea Stewart from MBAEA talked about the portrait of the future-ready graduate and connecting stakeholders.

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Castro said it is great that Superintendent Raso is going out to the elementary buildings to talk about the G.O. Bond referendum. He said after listening to the presentation from the AEA on student achievement, he thinks it would also be a good time for Superintendent Raso to discuss student achievement when he is out in the buildings.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Homecoming went off without a hitch. Student Hunger Drive began last week. There will be many events/benefits taking place for the Student Hunger Drive.

6.03 BEA Report.

Elementary and middle school conferences will be at the end of October.

7. Discussion Items & Reports.

7.01 Discussion of the G.O. Bond Petition (audio begins at 1h 08m 06s).

The district exceeded the number of signatures needed to order a special election on the issuance of \$30,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds.

7.02 Facility Update (audio begins at 1h 09m 39s).

Mark Twain Update by Bush Construction.

Bush Construction is receiving bids for Bid Release 2, precast concrete and structural steel. They are hoping for some good bids on Thursday. Anticipated completion is November 2019. They are still vetting transition options of Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson students and staff. Superintendent Raso will present their recommendation at the November 5 board meeting.

New Mark Twain Elementary Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Thursday, October 3 at 10 a.m.

G.O. Bond Referendum.

Director of Communications Celeste Miller reviewed the 2018 Bond Referendum PowerPoint. The Power Point talks about how we got here, what the projects are, why a G.O. Bond, what would it mean to you, and when is the election date.

Below are the future projects for each building.

Bettendorf High School

- Future Ready Center - To provide enhanced job training and career-readiness for high school students looking to go into the workforce immediately following high school graduation
- Classroom Modernization
 - Remodel Business, Family & Consumer Sciences Classrooms
 - Updated flooring, ceilings and lights in Band and Vocal Music Classrooms
 - Carpet replacement in Science, Math, Language Arts, and World Language Classrooms
- Fitness Center Expansion
- Auxiliary Gym
- New Wrestling Room
- Replace Swimming Pool
- Identified infrastructure needs - Address infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance including replacement of courtyard windows, fitness center HVAC, door replacements, camera upgrade, wood shop dust collection system upgrade, ADA bleacher/rail upgrades, resurface parking lots

Bettendorf Middle School

- STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Room
- Music Room
- Science Lab

- Outdoor Track
- Identified infrastructure needs - Address infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance including science storage, flooring replacement, door replacements, replacing roof over A, B, C, G & I wing (older classrooms), lighting fixtures, bell/intercom, windows, restroom partitions

Paul Norton Elementary School

- Secure Front Entrance
- New Music Room
- Expanded Conference & Nurse Areas
- Renovate Gym Area & Commons
- Identified infrastructure needs- Address infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance including camera upgrade, resurface parking lot, doors, windows, playgrounds, light fixtures, and carpet

Herbert Hoover Elementary School

- Secure Front Entrance
- Expanded Conference & Nurse Areas
- Renovate Gym Areas
- Identified infrastructure needs - Address infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance including camera upgrade, classroom modernizations, bathroom upgrades, and resurfacing parking lot

The maximum tax to property owners would be \$1.55 per taxable valuation. Taxable valuation is a little more than half of a properties assessed value. The district also has mechanisms to reduce the tax amount through other funds. The district would work to reduce tax rate to keep property owners from being assessed the full \$1.55.

7.03 Finance Update (audio begins at 1h 31m 17s).

Line Item Budget & November 5th Board Budget Planning Session.

The Central Administration and Operations Summary by Spending Report is another potential example of a more specific administration area where it shows budget versus actual and three-year spend. Dallon likes this structure because it shows the functions at a relatively high level and spending categories that you see in the monthly financial reports.

Early Retirement.

There are twenty-five teachers eligible for early retirement and of those twenty-five, four are considered hard to fill positions. Savings would be a little under \$40,000 per teacher. Superintendent Raso will make a recommendation at the next regular board meeting on whether to offer early retirement this year. Directors want to make sure early retirement does not become an annual thing.

7.04 Discussion of First Reading of Policies (audio begins at 1h 45m 46s).

Director Struck said they talked at agenda planning and policy review about Board Policy Code No. 213.E1, Public Input at Board Meetings. The policy is meant to be a formality for record keeping and documentation. It is not meant to prevent people from talking. There was some discussion on whether or not people can speak on an item that is on the agenda. It is board policy that they cannot speak on a topic that is on the agenda. If

someone e-mails the board, they can come to the podium during a board meeting and ask that their e-mail becomes public record.

Changes were made to the wording salary schedule for board policies 406, Licensed Employee Compensation. These changes were due to the changes to collective bargaining that no longer exists.

- 7.05 Discussion of Certified Annual Report and Special Education Report (audio begins at 1h 52m 48s).

The cover letter was adjusted for the Certified Annual Report and Special Education Report for public record. Medicaid reimbursements were adjusted on the cover letter, but no changes were made to the reports.

- 7.06 SIAC Report (audio begins at 1h 53m 53s).

They had a SIAC meeting on September 18th. Superintendent Raso gave an update on things going on around the district, primarily Mark Twain. He talked about the purchase of the house and the savings from that. He also discussed exploring options for the transition of Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson students and staff to the new facility. The main presentation was on the G.O. Bond. A significant number of the people in the group are new to this committee. Ms. Miller said it is nice to see the fresh perspective from them. There are two more meetings coming up. Tuesday, January 15 they will discuss the district strategic plan and April 16 they will discuss student achievement.

8. Action Items.

- 8.01 Approval of GO Bond Petition.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the GO Bond.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 8.02 Approval of Certified Annual Report and Special Education Report.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the Certified Annual Report and Special Education Report.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9. Management Report.

- 9.01 Superintendent's Report. October 1st is the official count day for the district. As of today, the district is up 99 students (40 at the high school, 4 at the middle school and 55 at the elementary). This number is different than the certified enrollment number.
- 9.02 Director of Finance Report. Audit will be October 8-10. Dallon reported the RFP process should be competitive for the 2018/19 audit.

10. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests for information.

Future Events and Informational Items.

- Wednesday, October 3, MBAEA Banquet, 6:00 pm, MBAEA
- Monday, October 8, Special Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 9, MT Core Team Meeting, 11:00 am, Admin
- Monday, October 15, BOE Meeting, 6:00 pm

11. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary