

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the February 6, 2017 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 February 6, 2017. Vice President Betsy Justis 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, Pyevich, Justis, Struck, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Staley, Tinsman

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; John Cain, GW Principal; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Julie Trepka, PN Principal; Dave Hlas, NA Principal; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Roger Wilming, BEA Representative; Faith Bonilla, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Struck, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Staley, Tinsman

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. 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.

Adam Holland, 1845 Anderson Court, Bettendorf, said there are still concerns about the future of Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain. He said the community has made it very clear that they were in favor of remaining a six school community. He noted successful communities do not close schools.

Jim Farber, 3029 Middle Rd., Davenport, asked if the district has a ten-year plan for all the elementary facilities. He would like to know if the board is planning on setting aside the money that is not being used on Grant Wood so it can be used on the other elementary buildings. He

would like to see all elementary schools have improvements done.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 4.01 Student Spotlight on Neil Armstrong Elementary School. Students from Neil Armstrong Elementary School presented an overview of Marker Space. Principal Dave Hlas, along with some staff members and parents, were present.
- 4.02 Junior Achievement Update. Junior Achievement President Barbara VenHorst shared program information with Directors.
- 4.03 Coach Hornaday - Finalist for Coach of the Year (info only). The National High School Athletic Coaches Association recently announced that Bettendorf High School Girls Soccer Coach Todd Hornaday has been named a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association national coach of the year. Eight finalists from across the nation will be honored during The National Coach of the Year Awards Banquet which will take place at the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's national convention in East Peoria, IL on the evening of June 21, 2017. The highlight of the banquet will be the naming of the NHSACA national coach of the year in nineteen recognized sports categories.
- 4.04 SEIBA Honor Band (info only). Karen Williams, Katie Roseman, Kristin Manion, Hallie Michaelis, Ty Gross, Aidan Goerd, Carter Wolf

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Trahan, to approve the consent agenda with the following changes: to remove the motion which was made on January 13, 2017 to table the December 2016 financials; in addition to remove Expenditures YTD October 2016 as we have already voted on those and the Unspent Authorization 9/15/16; and to approve Food Service Participation.

Director Trahan asked to have her statement added to the 1/13/17 special board minutes under the action item.

Ayes: 5 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Struck, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Staley, Tinsman

Motion carried 5-0-2

- 5.01 Approval of January 9, 2017 Regular Board Minutes and January 13, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- 5.02 Approval of December 2016 Financials
- 5.03 Approval of February 6, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.04 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
  - Classified Resignation
  - Brent Keemle**/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 12/20/16
  - Madison Kludy**/GW/Youth Mentor/Effective 01/05/17
  - Amy Pessman**/MT/Paraeducator/Effective 02/03/17
  - Classified Recommendation for Employment
  - Kimberly Hartz**/TJ/Nutrition Services/\$12.94/13.72 after 90 days/3.25 hours per day/Replacing Kairee Yerington/Effective 02/08/17

**Lauren Schroeder**/MT/Youth Mentor/\$16.11 per hour/2.5 hours per day/Replacing Zachary Stiles/Effective 02/07/17

**Kelli Vollmer**/TJ/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/5.75 hours per day/New Position/Effective 02/08/17

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

**Dylan O’Flaherty**/HH to GW/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/5.75 hours per day/Student relocation/Effective 01/17/17

**Colleen Schwarz**/Administration Center/Administrative Assistant/Same rate of pay/From 7.0 to 8.0 hours per day/Department need/Effective 02/06/17

**Kelly Witcraft**/GW/Secretary B to Secretary A/\$17.15 per hour (16-17 rate)/Replacing Shannon Muckenfuss/Effective 07/01/17

Certified Approval to Hire

**Kimberly Davis**/BMS/Social Worker/0.50 FTE/MA,0\$42,957 prorated/Pending SPR/Replacing Shiney Edwards/Effective 1/17/17

Certified Transfer

**Brooke Bartsh**/NA/From ECSE Preschool to Kindergarten/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Kathleen Fry/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Schedule D Resignation

**Pamela Hughes**/BHS/Head Sophomore Volleyball Coach/Effective 1/24/17

Schedule D Approval to Hire

**William Graves**/BHS/Assistant Track, Boys Coach/\$3,863/Replacing Craig Kinzer/Effective February 13, 2017

Administrative FYI

**Chad Uhde**/BMS/BHS Interim Assistant Dean of Students/up to 4 hours per day/No adjustment of salary/Effective 1/9/17

5.05 Student Teaching Agreement with Augustana College

5.06 Reserved Officers' Training Corps

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 47m 48s).

Director Pyevich and his wife chaired the Heart Ball last weekend. The proceeds went to the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. He shared Max’s survivor story. Max is a former Bettendorf student. Director Trahan also attended the Heart Ball. She said it was very well done.

Director Struck met with the School Improvement Advisory Committee. They spoke about the strategic plan and shared it with the community. They also went over the vision card. They are looking for community input at the next meeting.

Director Struck reported the Policy Committee met. They reviewed a number of 300 series policies. The committee talked about having IASB come in and review the district’s entire policies. This has been done in the past. The cost is approximately \$1,000.

Director Trahan went to the Visiting Science Scholar at the high school. She said he did a very good job introducing physics. She suggested including middle school students next year. She also attended the BMS Science Expo. She said it is a great program.

Director Castro reported Bettendorf had seven champions at the JV MAC Wrestling

competition in Burlington.

Directors Justis and Castro attended the Parent Executive Council. They learned a lot about what is going on at the grade level meetings. Director Justis reminded parents to check the elementary school calendars because they have a lot of nights where you can eat at different local restaurants and a portion goes to their elementary school PTA.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report – Faith Bonilla.

- Guest science speaker was very interesting
- Turnabout was a big success
- Working on projects with students leaders from North Scott and Pleasant Valley
- Raising money for the Children's Miracle Network

6.03 BEA Report.

Roger Wilming said he met informally with Mike Raso and Heather Stocking to discuss extending the BEA contract for three years. He talked about the proposed changes to collective bargaining and how it will affect all public employees in Iowa.

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 School Calendar Discussion (audio begins at 1h 10m 41s).

Each year a calendar committee of parents, staff and students develop the district calendars for consideration by the board. After the January 9 board meeting, it was decided to survey parents and staff on three versions of the calendar – no fall break, a short fall break, and a week fall break. That survey was emailed to parents and staff. They received a significant number of responses. The calendar committee met to discuss the feedback and decided to recommend the calendar with the greatest preference – the calendar with the one-week fall break.

Concerns were raised over transitioning Neil Armstrong to the district calendar for the 2017/18 school year. Superintendent Raso said the state has put demands on school districts to meet in order to keep the year round calendar. Those demands are getting harder and harder to meet. There was also a lengthy discussion on Advanced Placement (AP) students having fewer contact days with AP teachers if there was a fall break.

Mike Neighbor, 3797 Deerbrook Dr., Bettendorf, is in favor of a fall break. He asked the board to allow Neil Armstrong to stay on its current calendar if they decide not to adopt a fall break.

McKenzie Rice, 2350 Hunter Rd., Bettendorf, is a student at BHS. She is not in favor of a fall break. She said it will take away from AP class time.

Jill Martens, 1450 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Bettendorf, loves the NA calendar. She suggested adopting a hybrid calendar that includes a fall break.

Rob Moeller, BMS PE teacher, noted BMS Principal Lisa Reid could not be here tonight, but she is very supportive of a fall break and believes it would be beneficial for middle school students. Mr. Moeller said we need to think about the entire school district,

not just the kids in AP courses.

7.02 Approval of School Calendar Recommendation.

Motion by Director Struck. There was no second.

Superintendent Raso recommended setting up a special board meeting to set the criteria for the 2017/18 calendar. Roger Wilming asked the board to consider the Calendar Committee, who put in all this hard work, and the board does whatever they want. Vice President Justis thanked the committee for their time.

8. New Business.

8.01 Proclamation - School Counselors Week.

Director Struck read the proclamation aloud.

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report –

- Interviewing for Director of Finance position next week
- Superintendent mid-year evaluation sometime in February or March
- Iowa Assessments week of February 6

10. Board Requests for Information.

- Set up meetings to discuss data
- Set up finance meetings to set budget
- Information on the proposed block schedule at BMS

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Wednesday, February 8, SIAC, 4:30, Admin
- Wednesday, February 15, Early Release-Staff Inservice
- Monday, February 20, No School President's Day
- Tuesday, February 21, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Betsy Justis, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary