

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the March 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 March 6, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance and Business Services; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Julie Trepka, PN Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Lisa Reid, MS Principal; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Justis, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the agenda as modified to table items 8.01, Budget Discussion and 8.02, Approval of Date for 2017/18 for Budget Hearing and Estimate for Publication. 7.01, BHS 2017/18 Calendar Discussion and 7.02, Approval of 2017/18 Calendar were moved after Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

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.

Jim Farber, *3029 Middle Rd., Davenport*, would like to see the board vote on a recommendation to keep all elementary schools open. He would also like to see a timeline developed as well as projected costs for the remaining elementary building projects. If the board decides not to borrow funds, he would like to know why.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 4.01 Student Spotlight on Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Students from Thomas Jefferson Elementary presented "1st Grade Discovers a New Species."
- 4.02 Young Musician Honor Band (info only). Seven BCSD 5th & 6th grade band students were selected to participate in the Young Musicians Honor Band, held at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School on February 18. They spent the day rehearsing with over 250 band students from over 50 schools, presenting a concert for the public at the end of the day. The Bett. students were nominated by their school band directors Stephanie Hinds and Amy Jackson. 6th Grade (Bettendorf Middle School): Avery Franzman, Ella Priest, Olivia Hatfield, Simone Hawley, Lilian Perez 5th Grade: Isaiah Dunn (Herbert Hoover), Preston Szyzewski (Grant Wood), Kaelee Wolf (Paul Norton Elementary).
- 4.03 BHS Speech/Debate Team (info only). Congratulations to the Bettendorf HS Speech and Debate Team and their head coach, Joe Rankin, on achieving the following through participation at the East Iowa District tournament events:
- 5th year in a row - met/exceed our all-time school record for number of National qualifiers
 - 5th year in a row - won the Debate Sweepstakes Award for East Iowa
 - 5th year in a row - won the Overall Sweepstakes Award for East Iowa
 - 5th year in a row - Top 100 School, given to the top 10% of programs in the country
 - District Speech Sweepstakes Award for East Iowa
 - District Congress Sweepstakes Award for East Iowa
 - Leading Chapter Award (given to the school with the most degrees and participation over time – this signifies our program’s achievements from 2005-2016)
- 4.04 Heather Stocking - Professional Human Capital Leader in Education (info only). Congratulations to Director of Human Resources Heather Stocking for becoming certified as a Professional Human Capital Leader in Education.
- 4.05 BMS Science Bowl (info only). On February 25, the Bettendorf Middle School Science Bowl Team recently place 3rd among 24 teams in the Iowa Middle School Science Bowl. Aidan Goerdt, Spencer Thiele, Stephanie Rice, Jackson Schroeder Mendez, Preston Martens Director Adam Schwartz, Coach Brett Van Deventer, and Ames Laboratory
- 4.06 Employees of the Third Quarter (info only). Congratulations to the Bettendorf Community School District Employees of the 3rd Quarter: Maile Mejia, Administrative Assistant & AESOP Coordinator, Human Resources & Bob Zepeda, custodian, Mark Twain Elementary School. The Employee of the Quarter award recognizes district employees that inspire exceptional service and attitude. Recipients also demonstrate a commitment to their job or school involvement that goes above and beyond expectations.

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Ayes: 7 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 5.01 Approval of February 21, 2017 Regular Board Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of March 6, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
- Classified Resignation
Morgan Meseke/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 03/08/17
- Classified Letter of Assignment Modification
Tim Dixon/BMS to HH/Night Lead Custodian to Custodian/\$19.55 per hour/Replacing Rod Abbott/Effective 07/03/17
- Paul Vermette**/MT to Operations/Paraeducator to Maintenance/\$18.89/\$20.35 after 90 days/Replacing David Davis/Effective 07/03/17
- Certified Resignation
Rebecca Koster/BMS/World Language-French/Effective 6/30/17
- Certified Approval to Hire
Spencer Mesick/BHS/Science/1.0 FTE/BA,6,/\$46,384/Replacing Barbara Jacobsen/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Certified Transfer
Rebecca Carton/BHS/From Math teacher to STEM teacher/1.0 FTE/
Voluntary transfer to open position/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Erin Waldron-Smith**/From TJ to MT/Teacher Librarian/0.50 to 1.0 FTE/
Voluntary transfer replacing Katherine Seibel/Effective 2017-2018 school year
- Schedule D Resignation
MaryEllen Wernsman/BMS/Assistant 8th Grade Volleyball Coach/ Effective 3/2/17
- 5.04 Approval of a donation from the River Bend Foodbank, 4010 Kimmel Drive, Davenport IA 52802-2404 of a new refrigerator and freezer in the amount of \$1,393.68 for a food pantry to be located at Neil Armstrong Elementary School
- 5.05 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
- FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.**
- Into Bettendorf, 2016/17
Ethan Hill, grade 8, from Pleasant Valley, continuation
Melony Hill, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley, continuation
- Into Bettendorf, 2017/18
Alexis Barry, grade 10, from Clinton
Nicholas Barry, grade 10, from Clinton
Claire Bell, grade 6, from Pleasant Valley
Azariah Courtney, grade 11, from Pleasant Valley
Landyn Delgado, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley
Gabriel Elias, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley
Sara Elias, grade 7, from Pleasant Valley
Isaac Heesch, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley
Isabella Hengl, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley
Luke Jefferson, grade 9, from Pleasant Valley
Katherine Kustes, grade 11, from Pleasant Valley
Xavier Rivera, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley
Tyler Russo, grade 11, from North Scott
Amber Thompson, grade 10, from Pleasant Valley
Emery Witt, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley

Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17

Robert Bradley, grade 1, to Clayton Ridge

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 BHS 2017/18 Calendar Discussion (audio begins at 11m 58s).

Directors discussed a revised district calendar for all schools except Neil Armstrong Elementary. The new calendar has a short fall break rather than a week-long fall break. Neil Armstrong Elementary will remain on the calendar that includes a week-long fall break. The last day of school will be on June 1 (pending snow makeup days) for the district and June 7 (pending snow makeup days) for Neil Armstrong.

7.02 Approval of 2017/18 Calendar.

Motion by Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Trahan, to amend the motion to approve a calendar draft 1D3 for the 2017/18 school year to include all schools with the exception of Neil Armstrong.

Ayes: 7 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 1 Director Struck

Motion carried 6-1

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 20m 51s).

Director Trahan attended a meeting on mental health issues. She said Vicky Pyevich has put together this group that is trying to address children in mental health crisis.

Director Castro attended a recent band concert and said they all played extremely well.

President Staley attended a public hearing for City of Davenport's Assessor budget, which was approved. He also attended the Scott County Assessor meeting. He said they discussed the recent assessment of Bettendorf properties.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

There was no student representative report.

6.03 BEA Report.

There was no BEA Report.

7. Old Discussion.

7.03 Special Education Report (audio begins at 25m 15s).

Director of Student Services Kay Ingham gave a presentation on special education, referencing notebooks distributed to directors. She shared information on the background of special education as well as the rules and regulations that the district is required to follow.

7.04 Strategic Plan (audio begins at 1h 34m 01s).

Superintendent Raso discussed the strategic plan. He shared the strategic assumptions and each of the goals/strategies for it. He also shared strategic directions and VisionCards for the five goal areas. Directors would like to add special education finances to goal five and add closing the achievement gap for subcategories to goal one. The board agreed to discuss the strategic plan on a regular basis.

8. New Business.

8.01 Budget Discussion.

This item was tabled.

8.02 Approval of Date for 2017/18 Budget Hearing & Estimate for Publication.

This item was tabled.

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report. Provided a timeline for publishing and approving the budget. Kindergarten roundup was last week.

9.02 Director of Finance – Dallan Christensen said he is looking forward to working with everyone.

10. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- March 6 - 10, Neil Armstrong Intersession
- Tuesday, March 7, BCS Foundation, 11:45 am, Admin
- Tuesday, March 7, Board Finance Committee (GW Project), 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Admin
- Tuesday, March 7, Board Disciplinary Hearing, 6:00 pm, Admin
- Thursday, March 9, Board Finance Committee (Health Insurance), 4:00 pm, Admin
- March 11 - 17, Spring Break
- Monday, March 20, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary