

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the April 10, 2017 Special 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 special Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on April 10, 2017. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Justis, Pyevich

Other officials present: Michael Raso, Interim Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance and Business Services; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Jennifer Like, Instructional Technology Coordinator; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Justis, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

Director Justis arrived at 6:05 p.m. Director Pyevich arrived at 6:10 p.m.

3. Discussion Item.

3.01 Increases to FTE for 2017/18.

Superintendent Raso discussed proposed increases to FTE for the 2017/18 school year. Administration met and put together a list of increases to FTE. It was brought to the board and the board approved the list on the condition that the Finance Committee meets to review the budget. The Finance Committee met and agreed to \$325,000 for additions. The Finance Committee and a few others worked to get the list down to \$325,000. \$187,054 in FTE has already been approved by the board.

Finance Director Dallon Christensen used the assumptions of keeping solvency ratio above state mandated guidelines and the fund balance at 20% of expenditures when looking at the budget and increases to FTE.

Director Trahan said she is not comfortable going beyond \$325,000 because she is not convinced we are going to get funding from the state next year.

Director Castro thanked Maxine McEnany for meeting with the Finance Committee last week. He said she volunteered her time and gave some insight on how things worked previously.

Director Justis did some of her own research and asked the board to strongly reconsider a curriculum director position. She knows it is a big ticket item and it is not on the list, but she said all of the school districts in the state have a curriculum director. She said there have been talks of reductions at the administration level, but she is not sure this is the position that should be cut.

Director Struck said another concern she has is that it is not very equitable. She said this is something the board will need to revisit down the road.

Directors Pyevich and Tinsman recommended the board set a dollar amount and let the administration decide how to spend it. The majority of the directors felt comfortable with this.

3.02 Approval of Increases to FTE for 2017/18.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to approve Personnel increases at \$350,000 plus or minus \$25,000.

Ayes: 5 Directors Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman

Nays: 2 Directors Trahan, Castro

Motion carried 5-2

Directors Castro and Trahan voted no because the board is supposed to be fiscally responsible and the Finance Committee recommended \$325,000. Director Justis voted yes because she thinks we also need to stay responsible to student achievement.

4. Adjournment

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary