

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing for Grant Wood Bid Release #3.

A Public Hearing on Grant Wood Bid Release #3 – general construction contracts opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:00 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 regular Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on October 2, 2017. 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, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallan Christensen, Director of Finance; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; James Baker, Student Representative; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. 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.

There were no comments.

5. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 5.01 Student Presentation - Lana LaSalle and Tisha Clark-Smith introduced their new Therapy Dog, Ranger.
- 5.02 National Principals' Month.
- 5.03 Bettendorf High School coaches Katie Hansen and Chris Like were recently voted the MAC Boys Golf Coaches of the Year for the 2017 season. Chris and Katie have been golf coaches at BHS for 10 years. This is their 3rd time being recognized for this honor. In their time as coaches, they have accomplished 5 trips to the State Tournament, 2 MAC titles, and have compiled a record of 564 wins and 229 losses.
- 5.04 Bettendorf High School Girls Swim Coach Mike Ahrens has been selected by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union to receive the Golden Plaque Award for distinguished coaching in the sport of swimming. Of the hundreds of swimming and diving coaches over the years, Coach Ahrens is the sixth to have been selected to receive this honor. Coach Ahrens has been a coach at Bettendorf High School of both girls and boys swimming teams for 24 years. In those years as a girls coach, he has compiled a record of 201 - 12, won 15 regional championships, and 4 state titles.

6. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Director Castro noted the board talked about a lot of great things at the board work session on September 18. Harry Heiligenthal from IASB facilitated the work session and will provide the board with a summary of everything that was discussed.

Director Castro mentioned the approval of a new special education teacher and said we need to look at ways of reducing the special education budget. Kay Ingham said the special teacher that is being approved tonight was approved by the board last spring, but it has taken this long to find a replacement.

Director Pyevich asked about a couple of bills.

Director Struck asked for a transportation update. Mr. Christensen said he would like to have something by the end of December.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 6.01 Approval of September 13, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes and September 18, 2017 Regular Board Minutes
- 6.02 Approval of October 2, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
 - Classified Resignation
 - Debbie Silverberg**/NA/Youth Mentor/Effective 10/02/17
 - Recommendation to Hire
 - Christina Ditzman**/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/4.5 hours per day/Replacing Jessica Beene/Effective 10/04/17

Michael Hayward/BHS/Strength and Conditioning Coach/\$20.00 per hour/Up to 26 hours per week/Moving from Schedule D to classified and increased hours/Effective 10/02/17

Christie Hodges/HH/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/4.0 hours per day/New Position-student need/Effective 10/04/17

Ryan King/MT/21st Century Co-Director/\$25.25 per hour/5.0 hours per week/Replacing Lisa Raya/Effective 09/11/17

Kim Lewis/MT/21st Century Co-Director/\$25.25 per hour/5.0 hours per week/Replacing Lisa Raya/Effective 09/11/17

Sarah Price/MT/21st Century Co-Director/\$25.25 per hour/5.0 hours per week/Replacing Lisa Raya/Effective 09/11/17

Lisa Raya/MT/21st Century Co-Director/\$25.25 per hour/5.0 hours per week/Reducing hours (earlier resignation)/Effective 09/11/17

Certified Resignation

Abby Branch/GW/Special Education/Effective 10/13/17

Certified Approval to Hire

Jamie Thompson/HH/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$31,978/New position/Effective 9/22/17

Carri Toppert/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA,4/\$41,915/Pending licensure/Replacing Rachel Cuppy/Effective 9/25/17

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Adam Hinders/BHS/Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach/\$3,863/ Replacing Randy Scott/Effective 2/12/18

Abby Michaelis/BHS/Assistant JV Softball Coach/\$1,931/Replacing Courtney Belk/Effective 5/7/18

Kyle Mink/BHS/Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach/\$3,863/Replacing Jonathan Himmelman/Effective 3/12/18

Brandon Nau/MT/Head Varsity Baseball Coach/\$5,296/Replacing Jay Fitzgerald/Effective 4/30/18

Benjamin Pennington/BHS/Head Varsity Soccer, Boys Coach/\$5,296/Replacing Benjamin Pennington/Effective 3/19/18

6.04 Approval of Fiscal Year End Certified Annual Report for June 30,2017

6.05 Approval of Fiscal Year End Special Education Report for June 30, 2017

6.06 Approval of the Transportation Report

6.07 Approval of August 2017 Financials

6.08 Approval of SIAC Committee 2017/18: Paige Anderson –Parent; Marty Beck – Staff; Laurel Braaten –Student; Jake Burbridge –Parent; Kitty Clingingsmith – Staff; Emily Cullison –Staff; Joanna Doerder –Parent; Bonnie Fisher – Community; Kitka Galvin –Parent; Kerensa Good-Bloyd –Parent; Kimberly Hoffman –Parent; Eric Howard –Parent; Jonathan Ikoba –Community; Kay Ingham –Administrator; Barb Jordan –Staff; Kimberly Klosak-Smith –Parent; Lana LaSalle –Administrator; Chris Like -Staff/Parent; Richard Lynch - Board/Parent; Kaye Meyers –Staff; Lisa Miotto –Parent; Mike Raso - Admin/Parent; Phil Redington –Community; Josh Smith –Parent; Linda Smithson –Parent; Stacey Struck -Board/Parent; Amy Swearingen –Parent; Michele Tabares –Staff

6.09 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment

Into Bettendorf from Pleasant Valley, 2017/18

Brandon Bishop, grade 8, new move

Caidince Cleveland, grade 9, continuation

Cameron Cleveland, grade 6, continuation
Cendall Cleveland, grade 4, continuation
Blake Sehmman, grade 4, continuation
Grant Sehmman, grade 6, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Davenport, 2017/18
Noah Quackenbush, grade 7, continuation
Aaliyah Rogers, grade 8, continuation
Out of Bettendorf into Pleasant Valley, 2017/18
Aayush Dhotre, grade 2, new move
Out of Bettendorf into Davenport, 2017/18
Jonathan Thornton, grade 9, continuation
Mary Thornton, grade 2, continuation

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Pyevich worked in the Shoe Room at the Homecoming Dance and said it was quite the experience. He said the kids were well behaved and everyone had a good time.

Directors Champion and Castro attended the Hall of Honor Ceremony last Friday. Director Champion said Director Castro's nomination of Joshua Wise was a great nomination. Joshua Wise is a Purple Heart recipient. Five outstanding graduates were honored at the ceremony.

Director Champion attended a Thomas Jefferson PTA meeting last week. He said he received a lot of good feedback from the staff. They started a partnership with Paul Norton for the PLC's so the teachers in a one-section school have someone to work with. He said it is wonderful to see teamwork happening between the schools.

Director Castro recommended those who have never been to Students 1st, go. The Students 1st program recognizes students for making significant improvement in their commitment to school and their school performance.

Director Lynch met with Herbert Hoover Principal Karen Allison this morning.

7.02 Student Representatives' Report.

The annual Student Hunger Drive is underway October 2nd – November 9th.

7.03 BEA Report.

Teachers were appreciative of Jeans Day last Friday.

8. Discussion Items & Reports.

8.01 Strategic Plan/Vision Cards: Goal 5 Resources Update.

Director of Finance Dallon Christensen shared the results of the district's 2017 Certified Annual Report, showing the district in a very strong and healthy financial position. The district continues to show a strong cash position with a solvency ratio above the state's recommended 20%. Mr. Christensen emphasized that the district will continue to identify ways to streamline operations, including an increase in competitive bidding processes for purchase categories of significant value and a review of transportation practices. Mr. Christensen also discussed how the district will continue to strike the proper balance between providing for the federally mandated needs of our special education students with our fiduciary responsibility for managing the resources of our district.

8.02 2017-2018 Board Work Session Planning.

Superintendent Raso shared the board presentation structure for the content areas – literacy, social studies, math, and science. The board preferred to receive the information ahead of time, a brief presentation the night of the meeting with more time allotted for questions and answers.

Some other presentation topics are: Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP), Fine Arts and changes in standards, Overview of Special Education, Extended Learning Program (ELP), Budget and the process, Board development, and At-risk.

8.03 SIAC Report.

Director of Communications Celeste Miller updated the board on the 2017-2018 SIAC meetings. SIAC is a group appointed by the board and made up of members representing students, parents, teachers, administrators, and representatives from the local community. Its purpose is to enhance the relationship between the school and the community and provides an avenue to get information and identify educational concerns from a different perspective. The committee helps assess district needs and makes recommendations to the school board on major educational needs and district initiatives

9. Action Items.

9.01 First and Final Reading of Board Policies.

Shannon Muckenfuss will renumber the policies first, starting with the 300's and then the Policy Committee will review the policies.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Struck, to accept the recommended changes to the board policies in addition to renumbering 414.8 to 414.9.

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

10. Management Report.

10.01 Superintendent Report –Mr. Raso reported the preliminary enrollment numbers and appear down from last year with resident students and the number of students in seats in our buildings.

10.02 Director of Finance Report. Looking at having Gary Sinclair come on November 6 to talk

about school finance. Mr. Christensen will be attending several sessions at the IASB Conference in November.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Wednesday, October 4 - 6, Dali Summit Superintendent Conference
- Wednesday, October 4, Board and Administrator Banquet 6-8 pm
- Wednesday, October 11, Board Agenda Planning Meeting
- Monday, October 16, BOE Meeting 6:00 pm

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary