

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(*pending Board approval*)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing on Paul Norton Elementary Secure Entry Addition/Renovation opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:01 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 February 18, 2020. President Adam Holland called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Tammy Chelf, Edison Student Services Coordinator; David Farmer, Treasurer; Mary Heeringa, BEA Representative; Carly Chelf, Student Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

4.01 Student Presentation: Bettendorf Middle School. Student Voice is a student advisory committee that is open to all students at all grade levels. It meets every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. and currently meets every Thursday to plan and execute upcoming events. Students meet with Mrs. Reid and other staff members. They address school issues. The Big Table Event is in partnership with United Way to address concerns about the increasing number of absences at the middle school level. It will take place on Tuesday, February 25 from 2:00-2:50. Data from each "table" will be collected and used by United Way and BMS to look at ways to positively impact student attendance rates.

4.02 Curriculum Update: Music. District instrumental and vocal music teachers shared a presentation about their programs, opportunities, and future goals.

5. Comments & Suggestions from Audience.

5.01 President's Statement.

Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. Please refer to policy 213.E1 - Public Input At Board Meetings.

Jennifer Collins, *4645 Stone Terrace Ct., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on a sexual threat made to her child and lack of parent notification by school administration.

Pepper Trahan, *6328 Patrick Pointe Rd., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on class size.

Brandon Nau, *610 Maiden Lane, Muscatine*, addressed the board on an incident that occurred on June 1st that involved his son and another Bettendorf High School student.

6. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

6.01 Approval of January 28, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes, January 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and February 6, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

6.02 Approval of February 18, 2020 Bills Recommended for Payment

6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Classified Resignation

Hailey Laughlin/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 02/25/20

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

Jennifer Gallagher/MT/Secretary A/Same rate of pay/From 7.5 to 8.0 hours per day/Building Need/Effective 02/19/20

Rebecca Schroeder/NA/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/From 3.5 to 5.75 hours per day/Student Need/Effective 02/19/20

Certified Transfer

Kory Esbaum/NA/From ECSE to Kindergarten/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Jessica Stewart/Effective 2020-2021 school year

Jessica Stewart/NA/From Kindergarten to 2nd Grade/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Patricia Topping/Effective 2020-2021 school year

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Kaitlyn Anderson/BHS/Head Freshman-Asst JV Softball Coach/\$3,863/ Replacing Haley Duwa/Effective 1/1/20

6.04 Approval of WIU Student Teaching Agreement

6.05 Approval of an anonymous donation to the Fine Arts Booster Patron Program in the amount of \$500.00

6.06 Approval of a donation to the After Prom Event (APE) from Grand Foundation, 10301 Enterprise Way, Sturtevant, WI, 53177 in the amount of \$500.00

6.07 Approval of the Second Reading of Policy Primers

6.08 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
Into Bettendorf 19/20

Selenda Chen, grade 7, continuation (Dav)
Sean Chen, grade 8, continuation (Dav)
Brooklyn Clark, grade 3, continuation (PV)
Aleis Wentink, grade 10, continuation (PV)
Kaylin Wentink, grade 7, continuation (PV)

Out of Bettendorf 19/20

Kellen McBride, grade 2, continuation (Dav)
Into Bettendorf 20/21

Blair Bastian, grade 9, from NS
Theodore Clark, grade K, from PV
Rocco Curillo, grade 5, from PV
Abigail Curler, grade K, from PV
Chloe Davis, grade 11, from PV
Leilah Gaither, grade 8, from NS
Alayna Grovo, grade 9, from PV
Quincy Hanson, grade 6, from PV
Anslee Hultman, grade K, from DAV
Ella Hurst, grade 9, from PV
Maggie Jaeger, grade K, from PV
Annliese Jones, grade K, from DAV
Emma Kelley, grade K, from DAV
Brooke Martin, grade K, from NS
Jackson Metcalf, grade K, from DAV
Olivia Mooy, grade 10, from PV
Linnetta Stichter, grade K, from DAV
Ada Tran, grade 9, from PV
Emma Whipple, grade K, from DAV
Richard Zillmer, grade 9, from PV

Out of Bettendorf 20/21

Allison Amman, grade 9 to PV
Taksh Gupta, grade K, to PV
Zoya Hofer, grade K to PV
Devadritt Karmakar, grade K to PV
Hamad Muhammad, grade 1 to PV
Donald Harsted, grade K to PV
Markus Helton, grade 12, to Clayton Ridge
Austin Lauritsen, grade K to PV
Allison Lauritsen, grade 2 to PV
Ramon Perez, grade 8, to CAM
Aushika Prakash, grade 11, to PV
Emma Sederquist, grade K to PV
Prothsa Shekar, grade 9 to PV
Grace Shiltz, grade 11 to, Iowa Virtual Academy
Mitchell St. Germain, grade 3 to PV
Rowan St. Germain, grade 2 to PV
Jackson Stumpf, grade K to PV
Owen Vidmar, grade 4 to PV
Aaron Yoder, grade 9 to PV

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Pyevich shared his thoughts at the last meeting about forming a committee to look at discipline issues in the district and would like it to be on the next agenda so it can be discussed.

Director Eastman attended National History Day at the Middle School. She said it was outstanding. She noted there are a ton of phenomenal teachers that are able to facilitate that activity for our students. She also attended the Neil Armstrong PTA meeting and said they are doing incredible things.

Director Lynch attended the Young Artists at the Figge 2020 and said he was quite impressed.

Vice President Champion attended the Mark Twain Trivia Night and said it was a good time.

Director Doerder reported the Wellness Committee met. She mentioned that her goal as a new board member has been to develop an understanding of our district and what we are currently doing and how we address problems. Several weeks ago she made some suggestions that she thinks would be helpful. She said she would like to see that parents and the community have a better understanding of what we do in our buildings and why we do those things. She recommended possibly using the SIAC Committee to help develop some education for our parents and community. She also suggested quarterly presentations to the board from the administrative staff on behavior in schools.

Director Castro attended a couple of de-escalation trainings. He referenced board policy 503.5 on corporal punishment. He said if our teachers follow the policy then they should not be placed on administrative leave, or recommended for termination, and their teacher license should not be taken away. He also attended the math curriculum adoption committee for K-5. He said it was refreshing to hear that they would pilot the math curriculum before it was implemented. It was noted that they went through the same process before the current math curriculum was adopted. It was piloted at Grant Wood and Paul Norton. Director Castro mentioned that the board approved nineteen students leaving our district tonight. He said we should be asking them why they are leaving.

7.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Carly Chelf reported on the last happenings at the high school.

7.03 BEA Report.

Mary Heeringa reported that they currently have forty people signed up for the upcoming training session. They had their BEA meeting and Round Table. They discussed ways to streamline behavior data and reporting of behavior incidences, social emotional curriculum at the elementary level, clarifications on the travel policy and seniority. She

said there are a lot of unknowns right now and it is really contributing to teachers stress and anxiety.

7. Discussion Items.

8.01 Discussion of Elementary and High School Staffing and Programming 2020-2021.

There were no recommended changes to elementary staffing. Superintendent Raso said they looked at class size but there was not a significant savings there. The board would like input from the elementary building principals and teachers on class size and support staffing needs. The high school is recommending a full-time social studies teacher due to state mandates and possibly a part-time world language teacher. This will not be known until after registration. Middle School recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting. The board would like to see a master list of all the recommended staffing needs and programming changes in the district.

8.02 Discussion of January 2020 Financials.

Director of Finance, Brie Collier reviewed the January 2020 Financials.

8.03 Discussion of Budget Guarantee & Resolution.

The district will most likely not need a Budget Guarantee as long as the legislature sets Supplemental State Aid (SSA) above 1.3%, but it is best practice for the board to approve this every year. Budget Guarantee would come in if we had less than 1% new money based on the SSA and this would be funded by property taxes.

8.04 Discussion of 2020-2021 Calendar.

The Calendar Committee met and made some minor changes to the calendar draft proposal that was presented at the last board meeting. The changes are as follows:

- August 17 is now back to school activities for all levels
- October 26 remains a workday at BHS, but a PT Comp Day for Elementary and BMS
- The last day for 3rd term moved from April 1 to March 31
- The workday on April 5 moved to April 1
- The first day of 4th term moved from April 6 to April 5

8.05 Discussion of Architects for the Thomas Edison Project.

As was discussed at the February 4th board meeting, proposals for the Thomas Edison project were due on Friday, January 31, 2020. Eight firms submitted proposals. The review team utilized a rubric to review each proposal. Based on the review of submitted proposals, the team recommended FEH Design out of Dubuque, Iowa as the design professional for the new Thomas Edison Academy campus.

8.06 Discussion of Paul Norton Secure Entry Addition/Renovation.

Construction will begin on June 5, 2020 and will be substantially completed on August 24,

2020. Total estimated costs for the project are \$1,518,000.

9. Action Items.

9.01 Approval of January 2020 Financials.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the January 2020 Financials.

Ayes: 7 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9.02 Approval of Budget Guarantee Resolution.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Guarantee Resolution.

Ayes: 7 Directors Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9.03 Approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

Motion by Director Eastman, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

Ayes: 7 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9.04 Approval of the Architect for the Thomas Edison Project.

Motion by Director Castro, seconded by Director Champion, to approve FEH Design for the Thomas Edison Construction Project.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

9.05 Approval of Paul Norton Secure Entry Addition/Renovation.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the Paul Norton Secure Entry Addition/Renovation.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

10. Management Report.

- 10.01 Superintendent's Report. Elementary behavior trainings have been completed. Staff provided feedback on the trainings. They would like to see trainings at the beginning of the year. They would also like more lessons to teach behavior instruction, schoolwide expectations, cultural awareness and more strategies for reaching those students who continue to escalate situations.
- 10.02 Director of Finance's Report. SSA has not been set yet. The audit was certified today. A hearing on the 2020-2021 budget will be on 4/6.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, February 24, Agenda Planning, 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 2, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

12. Exempt Session.

12.01 Motion to Enter Into Exempt Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Pyevich, to enter into exempt session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 20.17(3) and 20.9 for the purpose of discussing strategies for negotiations.

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into exempt session at 8:30 p.m. They returned to open session at 9:07 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary