

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Minutes of the September 8, 2022, 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 September 8, 2022. President Rebecca Eastman 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, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Karen Allison, Director of Student Services; Jayme Olson, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director Communications; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Principal; Kevin Skillet, BMS Associate Principal; Zach Shay, BHS Athletic Director; Anthony Wittemeyer, BHS Dean of Students; Alan Hartley, BMS Principal; Allison Holland, BMS Dean of Students; Emily Cullison, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; Dillon Tholin, Student Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Smithson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Communication.

3.01 **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.

Melissa Zumdomo said the board should be cautious about changing the policy on public comments.

Katerine Baltos addressed the board on GSA matters.

Myles Malloy spoke to the board on GSA matters.

Sheila Piasecki addressed the board regarding her support for LGTBQ and students at

BHS.

- 3.02 **Board Communication.** Director Lynch had a great time at Run with Carl. He thanked everyone who makes that happen every year.

Vice-President Champion said he has been stopped several times by staff and parents at the middle school who have said that it is evident that a lot of work has been done over the summer. He said it was nice to hear. Director Champion said he was shown some screenshots of some recent Facebook posts in reference to Wendy Meyer being at board meetings. He said Wendy is the board's attorney and she is here in reflection of the number of Iowa Public Information Board complaints that have been turned in. She is here to guide us through some meetings to make sure we are following policy and state law. He thanked her for being here.

Director Smithson thanked the students that came forward to speak tonight. She said it is clear that they are making a positive difference and they are showing their passion, purpose and pride.

Director Castro toured the middle school with Dr. Morse today and noted the positive changes that have been made.

- 3.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse said the energy and enthusiasm was amazing at the Pep Assembly that kicked off the home football game last Friday. She thanked the students for their enthusiasm and incredible behavior at that event.

Dr. Morse had the privilege of being part of Run with Carl. She said there were quite a few BCSD staff, students and administrators that participated. She thanked everyone who made that event possible and the Bettendorf Schools Foundation for putting it on. Donna Carlson, nurse at the high school, placed as the first female in the five-mile race. They are still determining how much money was raised.

Dr. Morse continues to get out to the schools each week. She had the honor of touring the middle school today and said it is always fun to be out and see students. She toured the middle school last week with our state consultant and said her feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Dr. Morse will be at two of the elementary schools tomorrow touring classrooms with principals.

She had the opportunity to speak at the Bettendorf Rotary on Wednesday about the upcoming PPEL election on Tuesday.

- 3.04 **BEA Report.** Emily Cullison reported they hosted their first BEA meeting of the year and had a wonderful turnout. The big focus is remaining solution focused for every conversation that is had and collaborating at all grade levels and buildings. Another goal is to engage each and every member and utilize their strengths and interests to continue to strengthen the BEA.

- 3.05 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said she is hearing great things from all over the district about the fantastic start to the school year. She mentioned that we continue to need additional guest staff and directed those who are interested to the BCSD website for more information. She talked about the upcoming PPEL vote and clarified that it will NOT

increase property taxes. It will extend the levy we currently have for an additional ten-years at the same rate that it has been since 2003.

- 3.06 **Student Board Representatives Report.** Dillon Tholin gave an update on the latest happenings at the high school.
- 3.07 **BHS Strength & Conditioning Presentation.** Matt Seabold gave a recap of the 2021-2022 Strength and Conditioning program at the high school. He highlighted the strengths of the program and touched on some needs.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: 6 Directors Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson, Castro
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Pyevich
Motion carried 6-0-1

- 4.01 Approval of August 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 4.02 Approval of September 8, 2022 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel
Certified Approval to Hire
Conner McCool/NA/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA+15,2/\$42,282-187 day contract/Replacing Amber Mattly/Effective 8/26/22
Schedule D Resignation
Nathan Hernandez/BMS/Assistant Coach 7th and 8th Grade Boys Track/ Effective 8/31/22
Schedule D Approval to Hire
Megan Cooney/BHS/Team Leader-Instrumental Music/\$1,441/Splitting stipend 50/50 with Chris Saito/New Position/Effective 2022-23 school year
Kathryn Hawley/HH/Student Council Sponsor/\$335/Splitting stipend 50/50 with Kelly Robbins/Replacing Michelle Bump/Effective 2022-23 school year
Nathan Hernandez/BMS/Head 7th and 8th Grade Girls Track Coach/ \$3,017/Replacing Scott Lammers/Effective 2022-23 school year
Brody Lyall/BMS/Lunchroom Supervision/\$1,509/Effective 2022-23 school year
Kimberly Miller-Johnson/BMS/Lunchroom Supervision/\$1,509/Effective 2022-23 school year
Elizabeth Richards/BHS/Club Sponsor- Aviation/\$1,342/New position/ Effective 2022-23 school year
Kelly Robbins/HH/Student Council Sponsor/\$335/Splitting stipend 50/50 with Kathryn Hawley/Replacing Michelle Bump/Effective 2022-23 school year
Megan Rutledge/NA/Safety Patrol/\$1,342/Replacing Hailee Beals/ Effective 2022-23 school year
Chris Saito/BHS/Team Leader-Instrumental Music/\$1,441/Splitting stipend 50/50 with **Megan Cooney**/New Position/Effective 2022-23 school year
Chad Schmertmann/BMS/Assistant Coach 7th Grade Boys Basketball/ \$2,012/Replacing Taylor Vanderham/Effective 9/9/22
- 4.04 BHS Swimming Donation to the BHS Boys and Girls Swimming Special Projects for

- \$870.00 from: Bettendorf Aquatics, 1660 Plymouth Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722
- 4.05 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only). **The following students have been approved for open enrollment.**
Out of Bettendorf 22/23
Clayton Ridge - 1
Davenport - 2

5. Informational/Actions.

- 5.01 **PPEL Presentation.** The Bettendorf School District is asking its residents to vote on a 10-year extension of the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). Funds from the levy, approximately \$2.3 million per year, would be used to renovate and maintain existing school facilities, technology purchases, school buses, and equipment upgrades. This is not an increase in taxes. The amount of the levy will remain the same. Election Day is on Tuesday, Sept 13.
- 5.02 **Director of Operations Report.** Director of Operations Curt Pratt gave an update on the summer PPEL projects around the district. Parking lot updates at BHS and Herbert Hoover, flooring at BHS and Paul Norton, ceiling/lighting replacement at BHS, high school CTE updates, Neil Armstrong playground surface, and a Neil Armstrong preschool room were the main PPEL projects completed this past summer.
- 5.03 **Thomas Edison Concept Design.** Over the summer, the board tasked administration to work with OPN Architects to come up with a conceptual design to modernize the current Edison Facility. Director Pratt noted these are very early drawings and that they will continue to work on it. Total cost is approximately \$2.2M and will be funded through PPEL.
- 5.04 **Facilities Master Plan Update.** Dr. Morse updated the board on the district facilities master plan work. A physical assessment of all the buildings has been completed and a district facilities advisory committee is being formed. The committee will be made up of a cross-section of stakeholders. There will be approximately four meetings between October and December and then they will reassess. The hope is to present a proposed ten-year plan to the board shortly after winter break for input, feedback and approval.
- 5.05 **First and Final Read of Policies.** Board Policy 701.2: Transfer of Funds - minor wording update regarding loan repayment deadline and interest as well as adding IASB sample language regarding Teacher Leadership Supplement (TLS) unspent balance and flex funds.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the First and Final Read of Policies as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson, Castro, Champion

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

6. Future Events and Informational Items.

- September 19, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- September 22, 6:00 pm - Homecoming Parade
- September 24, Homecoming
- September 26, 6:00 pm – Board Development Workshop*
- September 29, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- October 13, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- October 17, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- October 27, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- November 14, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting (Monday)
- November 16-18, Iowa Association of School Boards 77th Annual Convention in Des Moines
- December 5, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- December 15, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting

*Please note a Board Development Workshop on Facilities Master Planning will be held on September 26 at 6pm. This meeting was confirmed after the September 8th board agenda was published.

7. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary