

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting – Incoming Board  
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 November 18, 2019. Board Secretary Colleen Skolrood called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

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; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Dave Hlas, Director of Student Services; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Sean McGinn, Director of Technology; John Cain, GW Principal; Mary Heeringa, BEA Representative; Emma Teach, Student Rep; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Oath of Office for Newly Elected BOE Directors.

Board Secretary, Colleen Skolrood administered the oath of office to newly elected board members Joanna Doerder, Rebecca Eastman, Paul Castro, and Michael Pyevich.

3. Elections of Officers.

3.01 Election of President.

Ballots were distributed for the position of President of the Board of Education. Director Holland was nominated. Adam Holland was elected Board President by a 7-0 vote.

3.02 Election of Vice President.

Ballots were distributed for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education. Director Champion was nominated. Andrew Champion was elected Board Vice President by a 7-0 vote.

4. Agenda Approval.

4.01 Motion by Director Pyevich, 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

5. Commendations and Special Invited Guests.

- 5.01 Student Presentation to the Board - Grant Wood. Amanda Huss and Eva McQuillen along with 4th and 5th grade extension students presented on the writing, producing and anchoring of the Morning Show - GW News
- 5.02 Curriculum Update: Science - Chris Like, STEAM CPD, gave an update on Science.
- 5.03 Presentation of 2018-2019 A-Risk Report. Tammy Chelf presented the 2018-19 At-Risk Report.

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Castro watched the semifinal football game on TV. He said for Bettendorf to reach that level frequently is a tribute to the coaches, parents, players and district. Director Pyevich attended the football playoff game at the UNI Dome and said it was impressive to see how many Bettendorf supporters there were in attendance.

Director Doerder had an opportunity to do an interview with the search firm and thought it went well. She is confident in their abilities. Director Eastman echoed this.

Directors Champion and Eastman thanked Director McGinn for live streaming the board meeting.

Director Lynch attended the Herbert Hoover Talent Show and said there are a bunch of talented kids. He visited BMS today and will be attending the IASB Convention later this week. Directors Eastman and Doerder will also be attending the IASB Convention.

President Holland congratulated Bettendorf alum, DJ Carton for making Bettendorf look good.

6.02 BEA Report.

Mary Heeringa thanked Directors Geifman and Staley for their time and service on the board. She welcomed Directors Eastman and Doerder and said they are looking forward to working with them. The BEA had their monthly meeting at Grant Wood. She reported there was not a lot of new business. They spent a lot of the meeting updating members on the latest happenings. They are continuing to work on trainings for teachers.

6.03 Student Representatives' Report.

Bettendorf High School students took 2nd Place in Division A in the Riverbend Food Bank Student Hunger Drive. The BHS Student Council collected food for more than 81,000 meals. Student Council is working on the February Blood Drive.

7. Discussion Items.

7.01 Discussion of Naming of Newspaper.

The recommendation is to name the Quad City Times as our official newspaper for publications.

7.02 Discussion of Appointment of Legal Counsel for 2019/20.

It is the recommendation to appoint Legal Counsel to the District for School Year 2019/20: Lane & Waterman – General Counsel; Ahlers, Cooney, et al – Special Projects.

The majority of directors said they have zero concerns regarding services provided and worry that a switch now would erode the continuity of services. They agreed it is not a bad thing to go out for bid and recommended doing it next year prior to the annual board meeting in November for legal counsel and financial institutions to be depositories.

7.03 Discussion of Resolution Naming Depositories.

The board discussed approving the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Bettendorf Community School District funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa code. The School District Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Bettendorf Community School District funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

First Midwest Bank NA \$25,000,000, US Bank \$25,000,000, Northwest Bank & Trust \$25,000,000, Quad City Bank & Trust \$25,000,000, Wells Fargo Bank, Iowa, NA \$25,000,000, Great Southern Bank \$25,000,000, First National Bank \$25,000,000, Triumph Community Bank \$25,000,000, American Bank & Trust \$25,000,000, Black Hawk Bank & Trust \$25,000,000, Southeast National Bank \$25,000,000 and Wells Fargo Brokerage IA15,000,000.

7.04 Board of Education Committee Assignments 2019/20.

Directors discussed board committee assignments for 2019/20.  
Policy Review Committee – Directors Champion (Chair), Eastman, Lynch  
Bargaining – Directors Eastman, Holland  
Community School Improvement Advisory Council- Directors Doerder, Pyevich  
PTO/PTA Representative – Castro, HH; Champion, MT; Doerder, BMS; Eastman, NA; Holland, BHS & TE; Lynch, PN; Pyevich, GW  
Scott County Conference Board – Director Holland  
IASB Delegate Assembly – Director Lynch  
Legislative – Directors Doerder, Eastman, Holland  
Parent Executive Council – Director Castro  
Safety Committee – Director Champion  
Wellness Committee – Director Doerder  
Technology Committee – Directors Champion, Pyevich  
Portrait of a Graduate Committee – Directors Doerder, Lynch  
Handbook Advisory Committee – Directors Castro (Evaluation), Doerder (Transfer), Eastman (Reduction in Force), Lynch (Insurance)

8. Action Items.

8.01 Approval of Naming of Newspaper.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the naming the Quad City Times as our official newspaper for publications.

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

Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

8.02 Approval of Appointment of Legal Counsel for 2019/20.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the Legal Counsel to the District for School Year 2019/20: Lane & Waterman – General Counsel; Ahlers, Cooney, et al – Special Projects

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

8.03 Approval of Resolution Naming Depositories.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the Resolution Naming Depositories for 2019-2020.

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

8.04 Approval of Board of Education Committee Assignments - 2019/20.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve Board of Education Committee Assignments - 2019/20.

Ayes: 7 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

8.05 Approval of Proclamation for American Education Week.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the Proclamation for American Education Week as read by Director Doerder.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

9. Management Report.

- 9.01 Superintendent Report. Celeste Miller would like to get a group photo of the 2019-2021 board at the Dec. 2 board meeting. Superintendent Raso thanked Sean McGinn for livestreaming the board meetings. He said Sean is working on the microphones next. He shared his experience as a Super Sub in the PN kindergarten classroom last Friday.
- 9.02 Director of Finance Report. Brie provided a copy of the Iowa Open Meetings, Open Records Handbook to everyone on the board. She said it is a nice resource. She briefly discussed the history of early retirement in the district and what it might look like if we offer it this year.
- 9.03 Next Agenda Planning.

10. Future Events and Informational Items.

- November 20-21 IASB Conference
- November 25, Board Development Session, 6:00 pm
- November 27 -29, No School, Thanksgiving Break
- December 2, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

11. Closed Session - Pending Litigation.

11.01 Motion to Enter into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Doerder, seconded by Director Castro, to enter into closed session, as provided in Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Law to discuss strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of this school district in that litigation.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into closed session at 9:17.m. They took a brief recess and started the meeting at 9:26 p.m. They returned to open session at 10:14 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary