

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the February 26, 2020 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 a special Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on February 26, 2020. Vice President Andrew Champion 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, Champion, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich

Members absent: Directors Doerder, Holland

Other officials present: Jillian Dotson, Acting Superintendent; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Tammy Chelf, Edison Academy Administrator; Matt Poirier, Bettendorf Police Officer; Wendy Meyer, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Champion, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Holland

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Closed Session.

Motion by Director Eastman, seconded by Director Lynch, to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor; and 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds.

Ayes: 5 Directors Champion, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Holland

Motion carried 5-0-2

Directors entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

As defined under Board Policy 503.1, an assault for purposes of this section of this policy is defined as:

- o An act which is intended to cause pain or injury to, or which is intended to result in

- physical contact which will be insulting or offensive to another, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act; or
- Any act which is intended to place another in fear or immediate physical contact which will be painful, injurious, insulting or offensive.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Eastman, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- The student assaulted a police officer;
- The student's actions showed a lack of respect for authority and raised concerns for staff and students;
- The student has a history of inappropriate behavior and failure to comply with the rules and directives;
- The student's behavior is in violation of Rules and Regulations in the Bettendorf High School Parent/Student Handbook and Board Policies.

Based on the findings of fact, the student is expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. If the student completes the necessary credits to graduate by June 1, 2020, he will get a Bettendorf Community School District diploma. If he does not complete his credits, this expulsion will continue. The District will provide information on how this student will complete his remaining credits online.

During such period of expulsion, the student will not be allowed on any Bettendorf School District property or be in attendance at any school event where a Bettendorf team or group is participating. The student is directed not to have contact or take action with regard to any student or staff member who provided adverse testimony or information in this case.

Ayes: 4 Directors Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1 Director Champion

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Holland

Motion carried 4-0-1-2

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Andrew Champion, Vice President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary