

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the October 20, 2022, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing for replacement of the HVAC system at Neil Armstrong Elementary School opened at 6:00 pm. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:01 pm.

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 20, 2022. President Rebecca Eastman 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, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director Communications; Jill Matherly, Director of Human Resources; Jayme Olson, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Karen Allsion, Director of Student Services; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Principal; Alan Hartley, BMS Principal; Tammy Chelf, BMS Associate Principal; Allison Holland, BMS Dean of Students; Jill Bresnan, GW Principal; Kory Esbaum, HH Principal; Chad Uhde, MT Principal; Rachel Cuppy, Interim NA Principal; Cheyanne McCann, Interim PN Principal; Kait Burke, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; David Farmer, Treasurer; Dillon Tholin, Student Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

*Director Doerder arrived at 6:14 pm.

3. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the agenda as modified. Item 6.05, First and Final Read of Policies was tabled until the next board meeting.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Doerder

Motion carried 6-0-1

4. Communication.

4.01 **SELL/WEB Crew Presentation.** Coordinators and leaders from SELL and WEB Crew presented an overview of the leader training days and the first day school activities. The focus of the program is creating a positive school climate and enhancing student success through a yearlong orientation, transition and leadership program.

- 4.02 **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.

Kevin Roling spoke to the board regarding improvements at BMS with behaviors.

Melissa Zumdome addressed the board on parents who want to volunteer at the middle school but all the sessions are closed. She said there is a need for more help.

Patricia Dywiak spoke to the board on indoctrination, sexual misconduct and language concerns.

Cyndi Diercks addressed the board on adding parent volunteers at the high school.

- 4.03 **Board Communication.** Director Castro enjoyed listening to the WEB and SEL leaders. He said they were very well spoken.

Director Smithson had the opportunity to attend the Chorus Extravaganza. She was impressed by the selection of the music.

Director Champion gave a shout out to the Bettendorf Middle School Parent Link. They held board elections last week and have several fundraisers planned. He also gave a shout out to all BMS staff who worked the Halloween Dance.

Director Lynch noted he will not be able to attend the IASB Delegate Assembly this year and will need to select another board member to attend.

Director Doerder spent some time at the middle school today. She said you can feel how connected the kids feel. She got to see the Art Club.

Director Pyevich attended Charly Erpelding's wake on Saturday. He said it was impressive to see the amount of people she touched.

President Eastman encouraged her fellow board members to continue through the end of the month to get through some IASB pieces.

- 4.04 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse thanked the SELL and WEB Crew Coordinators. She said it was a very big lift from the time they went to training in April to what they pulled this year.

She thanked the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation for their generous donation of \$31,000 to assist the district in purchasing math intervention materials for our five elementary schools. She said we could not have done it without their generosity.

Dr. Morse said the Student Council has worked tirelessly during the Student Hunger Drive to engage all of our schools in the district. She is proud of the work they are doing and their leadership.

Three of our art teachers, Steven Andresen, Chrissy Block and Meghan Purcell presented and led professional development at the Art Educators of Iowa's Fall Conference at the Figge. Ellen Craig, BMS Art Teacher, coordinated the Art Conference.

Dr. Morse said we were able to honor former Bulldog Charly Erpelding last weekend. She thanked the high school and operations team for all they did.

End of the first quarter is tomorrow. Dr. Morse said we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

The second Facility Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 24. The focus will be on elementary buildings.

Dr. Morse noted item 6.05, First and Final Read of Policies was removed from the agenda because the wrong draft of a couple of policies was loaded. They want to make sure the information is accurate before they bring it forward.

- 4.05 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier and Dr. Morse attended the IASBO Conference in mid-October. They received some updates from the Department of Education.
- 4.06 **BEA Report.** Kait Burke reported they had a great turnout at their BEA meeting earlier this month as well as the Members Happy Joe's Night earlier this week. Some of the things they are working on with central administration are classroom coverage when there are no substitute teachers available, special education support, para support and conveying the workload and stresses of our teachers.
- 4.07 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg gave a shout out to Katie Howard on the production of Almost, Maine last weekend. She noted that tomorrow will be the last day for some of our seniors. She talked about the Peer Mentoring Program and upcoming professional development.
- 4.08 **Student Board Representative Report.** Dillon gave an update on the Student Hunger Drive.
- 4.09 **National Principal and Administrators' Month.** Dr. Morse recognized all of the district's principals and administrators and thanked them for all they do.
- 4.10 **Veterans Day Recognition.** Veterans Day is November 11th and we would like to recognize the 2022 BCSD Veterans:

Rudy Almanza - United States Marines - NA
Larry Busch - United States Army - BHS
Paul Castro - United States Army - Board Member
Bryan Dietsch - United States Marine Corps - GW
Danny Flink - United States Army - Operations
Robbie Furne - United States Marine Corps - BHS
Thomas Hackett - United States Marine Corps - Operations
Brian Hess - United States Navy - NA
James Kiel - United States Marine Corps - BHS
Gary Larson - United States Army - Operations
Daniel Milburn - United States Army - BHS
Gerald Riordan - United States Air Force - Operations
Kevin Roling - National Guard - BMS
David Silverberg - United States Navy - Operations
John Staber - United States Air Force - BHS
Deb Thomas - Airforce - BMS
Diana Williams - United States Army- BHS

5. Consent Agenda.

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

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

5.01 Approval of September 26th Board Workshop Minutes and September 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5.02 Approval of October 20, 2022 Bills Recommended for Payment

5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel

Certified Resignation

Kelly Schnell/GW/Art/Effective 10/7/22

Certified Approval to Hire

Lynne Cropper/TE/Math/1.0 FTE/MA,6/\$47,038 – 165 day contract/

Prorated to number of days/Replacing Sebastian Polhill/Effective 9/27/22

Schedule D Resignation

Donna Carlson/District/Lead Nurse/Effective 10/14/22

Nick Myers/BHS/Assistant Boys Soccer Coach/Effective 8/18/22

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Mike Grannen/BHS/Planetarium Director/\$2,267-146 days/Prorated to

number of days/Replacing Chris Like/Effective 10/21/22

Lane Change Correction

Heather Hiatt/From BA,12 to BA+30,13

5.04 Approval of purchase of used 2017 Ford Transit van from Courtesy Ford for \$39,784

5.05 BHS Planetarium Service Contract

5.06 DataVision Technology Support Contract

5.07 Central Scott Technologies, Inc. Contract

5.08 Approval of 1st Quarter Early Graduates: Osman Ahmad, Braden Barnhart, Xaidyn Dunaway, Kayleigh Gill, Austin Haller, Jason Haynes, Ahlivya Hill, Allison Maranda, Noelle McDonald, Rachel Morris, Jaden Peters, Arion Razdan, Joshua Stocks

5.09 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only). The following students have been approved for open enrollment.

Out of Bettendorf 22/23

2 - Pleasant Valley

3 - Iowa Virtual Academy

1 - Iowa Connections Academy

6. Informational/Actions.

6.01 **District Data (ISASP, FASTBridge, and MAP).** Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Jayme Olson presented BCSD District Data on FastBridge, MAP, and ISASP.

FastBridge measures reading and math abilities and is given three times a year (fall, winter, spring) for grades K-8. This is the first year that 7th and 8th grade students will be taking the FastBridge Literacy assessment and the first year that 6th-8th grade students will be taking the FastBridge Math assessment.

MAP is currently only given in 9th grade and measures reading and math abilities. Since the high school is on a block schedule students will take the MAP three times during their semester Math/ELA class.

ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) is given to students in grades 3-11 in the spring. Ms. Olson shared longitudinal data as well as student group data.

- 6.02 **September Financials.** Director of Finance Brie Collier presented the monthly financial reports for September 2022. Through September, General fund revenue totaled \$5,327,409 and expenses totaled \$6,555,505. The fund balance in the General Fund at September 30, 2022 was \$10,873,179. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Debt Service, SAVE, Food Service, Insurance, Fiduciary, and Activity Funds reports.

The following variances were noted: The supplemental funds include payment of prior (FY20) early retirement programs in the Management fund. We also received our lump sum payment in the SAVE Fund. This normally is paid out in November. However, the state is changing how SAVE funds are distributed and has processed this payment early in preparation of the on time payment model. Nutrition is still running in a surplus; however, we are starting to receive some of the equipment that was ordered last year and will see a change in the fund spending in the next month.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the September Financials as presented.

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

- 6.03 **Approval of Neil Armstrong HVAC Replacement.** Sealed bids for the scope of work and proposed budget of \$2,260,283 for the Neil Armstrong HVAC Replacement will be received on November 10.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the scope of work and proposed budget of \$2,260,283 for the Neil Armstrong HVAC Replacement.

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

- 6.04 **Discussion of Board Policy 213, Citizen Participation.** Directors talked about encouraging the community to bring their concerns to the teacher or building administrator. If things are not being addressed then go to the next level. The board has a narrow scope of what they can do.

An updated draft of Board Policy 213 will be brought forward at a future board meeting and will include: public comment will stay at the start of the meeting, those wishing to speak will need to complete the form in its entirety prior to speaking, only allowed to speak one time per meeting and a time limit overall of thirty minutes for public comment.

7. Future Events and Informational Items.

- October 27, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting (Canceled)
- 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

8. Closed Session.

8.01 Motion to enter into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c), which allows for a closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

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

Directors entered into closed session at 9:06 pm. Director Pyevich left at 9:30 pm.
Directors returned to open session at 9:37 pm.

8.02 Action Item.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve counsel taking necessary steps to resolve pending litigation pursuant to settlement terms.

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

9. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary