

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the October 14, 2021, 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 Bettendorf High School Performing Arts Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on October 14, 2021. President Rebecca Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Gillotti, Associate Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Sean McGinn, Director of Technology; David Farmer, Treasurer; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Rep; Ethan Geifman, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

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.

There were no comments.

3.02 **Board Communication.** Director Pyevich gave a shoutout to those who donated to the Fine Arts program. He said the election was ugly when he ran for school board member in 2015 and 2019 and now this school board election has been ugly. He said it has to stop. It should be about the students and taxpayers, not personal agendas.

Director Doerder attended the MBAEA Board & Administrator Banquet on October 6th. She thanked them for hosting and bringing in an excellent speaker.

Director Holland thanked everyone that had a hand in making tonight's forum happen. He noted that Mr. Paustian spoke to the board about Legacy Hall several months ago. He

received feedback that they have stalled on some of their fundraising efforts. He would like to have a resolution on the next board agenda to offer support of the concept, not financial support.

President Eastman echoed what Director Doerder said and had the opportunity to participate in the banquet at the AEA. It was outstanding and she appreciates the opportunity to participate in anything additional that she can.

Director Champion echoed the same things about the AEA Banquet. He said it was great to see our district have such a big presence. He said he has been in contact with the other school board candidates and they have been around each other at various PTO meetings and forums and he said it has been nothing but cordial.

Director Lynch attended the Academic Letter Award Ceremony. He said it was impressive to see so many students honored.

Director Castro thanked Director Holland for mentioning that about the Legacy Hall. He said there have been some donors who have already donated but they want to be sure that this has the full support of the district going forward.

- 3.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse thanked Celeste Miller, Sean McGinn, Chris Howard and Shannon Muckenfuss for all they did to make tonight's candidate social and forum such a success. She also thanked our partner, KWQC, for all that they did to help with tonight's successful event. She thanked the candidates for being here and being so involved.

In honor of National Principals Month, Dr. Morse personally recognized and thanked all of our building principals for all they do to support our schools, staff and our families. Their leadership is invaluable and their countless hours and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Morse said it was a privilege to attend the Academic Letter Ceremony on Tuesday night. There were over 300 sophomores, juniors and seniors recognized for their accomplishments in the classroom. She thanked all the teachers who support these students and all of our students on a day-to-day basis.

- 3.04 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier reported they sent out the first notice to parents regarding outstanding fees. She said they want to help families whenever they can and let them know what is out there.

She gave an update on ESSR funds. The district has either spent or encumbered a little over \$823,000 of the \$5.9M that was allocated to the district.

- 3.04 **BEA Report.** Mary Heeringa reported the BEA held their monthly meeting on September 28 and Round Table discussion on October 4. They are trying something new this year and beginning this month, all of our building reps will meet with their building administrator at least once a month to help strengthen communication and to ensure that all of our teachers' voices are being heard.

This week, the high school welcomed two new professional therapy dogs. She thanked

the Scott County Regional Authority and Bettendorf Schools Foundation for providing funding for the professional therapy dogs at the high school and throughout the district.

Elementary and Middle School will have conferences next week, while the high school will have final exams. She said it has been a busy start to the year and they are thankful for the support they have received.

- 3.05 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said they held their monthly meeting on October 4 and she noted attendance at the meetings continues to grow and members are becoming more involved. She appreciates the time Dr. Morse and Jill Matherly have spent working with them on plans to offer opportunities to our classified staff to grow and develop their professional skills. She said the need for guest staff in all areas continues to increase and she encouraged the community to consider applying to help out in any of these areas.

- 3.06 **Student Board Representative Report.** Ethan Geifman said the Student Council and NHS will be canvassing for the Student Hunger Drive this weekend.. You can always drop off food at any of the elementary buildings on Saturday and any time at the high school.

He congratulated the seniors who graduated early. He thanked the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation for the new therapy dog at the high school.

He echoed some of the earlier comments tonight about the BHS Legacy Hall. He met with the director of the project and he thinks it is very important and something that our district needs.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4.01 Approval of September 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.02 Approval of October 14, 2021 Bills Recommended for Payment

4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel

Administrative Resignation

Kayla Leu/Admin/Director of School Nutrition/Effective 10/22/21

Administrative Approval to Hire

Maile Mejia/From Admin. Human Resources to Interim Director of School Nutrition/1.0 FTE/\$48,292 annual base salary- 185 day contract prorated from 10/15/21/Replacing Kayla Leu/Effective 10/15/2021

Schedule D Resignation

Taylor Johnson/BHS/Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach/Effective 10/8/2021

Schedule D Approval to Hire.

Madison Erpelding/BMS/7th and 8th Grade Boys Swim Coach/\$2,939 /Replacing Effective 2021-2022 school year

4.04 Approval of 1st Quarter Early Graduates:

- Emma Burnett
- Makenzie Ellis
- Hollye Gutierrez
- Valerie Gutierrez
- Levi Langel
- Colby Shaft
- Eli Skeen
- Trenton Whitbeck
- Sydnee Williams

- 4.05 Approval of Donations Fine Arts Patrons/Show Choir - \$500.00 for the Fine Arts Patrons, from Newton Law, PLC 6058 W. 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52806, \$600.00 donation (\$300.00 for Show Choir and \$300.00 from Fine Arts Patron) from Lyle and Sue Berkenbosch 2321 Southview Dr. Bettendorf, IA 52722 and \$500 donation from Debra and Adrian Rantilla 6285 Eagle Ridge Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722
- 4.06 Approval of Isabel Bloom Art Grant
- 4.07 Open Enrollment Requests - denial
Into Bettendorf
1 - from Davenport
- 4.08 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only). FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment:
Into Bettendorf for 21/22
5 - from Pleasant Valley
8 - from Davenport

5. Informational/Actions.

- 5.01 **Transfer from Food Service to General Fund.** The district received \$3,063 to offset staff costs related to pulling data needed for the Federal P-EBT program. This money is required to be receipted into the Food Service Fund. However, both our Director of Instructional Technology, paid out of the General Fund, and our Director of Nutrition Services worked on this. The transfer of \$1,531.50 will be used to offset a portion of the Director of Instructional Technology's salary for time spent in data collection for this federal program.

Director Holland wished Kayla Leu, Director of School Nutrition, all the best and said she is leaving big shoes to fill.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded as Director Lynch, to approve the transfer of \$1,531.50 from Food Service Fund to General Fund to cover costs related to the P-EBT data collection.

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

- 5.02 **First and Final Read of EOP Policies.** Celeste Miller gave an update on the following board policies:
- 507.5: Emergency Plans and Drills was updated with the new standard response protocol and updating per state code

- 507.5E1: Emergency Drill Report was deleted and moved to electronic form
- 507.5R1: Emergency Threat Response was deleted and content moved to 507.5
- 507.10: Emergency School Closing was updated with instructional hours
- 804.2: District Emergency Operations Plan - addition of Cross-reference to 507.5 Emergency Plans and Drills
- 804.4: Asbestos Containing Materials was renumbered to 802.8 Under Maintenance Operation Management
- 804.5: Staff and Visitor Identification Badges updated name to match policy
- 804.6: Use of Recording Devices on School Property is new per IASB. This policy replaces 804.7 Security Cameras
- 804.6: Building Security Key Policy & Board Policy 804.6E1: Key/FOB Checkout Form was deleted and will be moved to staff handbook
- 804.7: Security Cameras was deleted and was replaced with new IASB Policy 804.6 Use of Recording Devices on School Property
- 804.8: Crisis Management and Response Plan removed reference to CSIP as it is not required on report
- 907: District Operations During Public Emergency is new IASB Policy. Current Board Policy 907 Political Candidates & Campaign Literature renumbered as 908.
- 908: Political Candidates & Campaign Literature was renumbered. Political Candidates and Campaign Literature - formerly 907

Motion by Director Holland, seconded as Director Doerder, to approve the policies listed above as presented.

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

6. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Thursday, October 28, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, November 11, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, December 16, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

7. Adjournment.

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

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary