

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Minutes of the February 24, 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 February 24, 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, Pyevich, Smithson
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Gillotti, Associate Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Jill Matherly, Director of Human Resources; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Sean McGinn, Director of Technology; Robert Boley, HS Principal; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Rep; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:05 pm.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, 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.

Michelle VanOpdorp addressed the board in regards to an assault on her son that occurred at middle school.

3.02 **Board Communication.** Director Doerder said starting this weekend students will have their artwork on display at the Figge. She thanked the art department and art teachers for encouraging students and giving them the opportunity to proudly display their artwork at the Figge Museum in Davenport.

Director Champion attended a trivia night for the athletic boosters. He said it was packed

and it was nice to see everyone having fun.

Director Smithson was not able to attend, but was impressed with the format of the parent night for registration for high school and the offerings that were there. She said it was well put together.

- 3.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse said we have some special recognitions on the agenda tonight. She noted that both the swim and wrestling teams were invited to be here tonight. She said the swimmers are unable to be here because they are in Iowa City swimming in the Senior State Championship.

Dr. Morse had the opportunity to attend an ISFLC Conference on special education with Brie Collier. She said it was an extremely well done conference and very thorough.

She said she is excited that we have so many of our students whose artwork will be represented at the Figge for the entire Quad Cities Community to see.

High School ran their parent night for returning students and incoming 8th grade students. It was well attended. She said the counseling team and teachers did an outstanding job.

- 3.04 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier talked about the ISFLC Conference she attended with Dr. Morse. She said it was nice to be there together and network with other districts.

They have started to look through the state payout for teacher compensation and got some guidance on it yesterday. The Department of Education met with all the districts regarding the \$1,000 payout for full time teachers. The state has given a short timeline and the money needs to be paid out in the March payroll. The initial guidance is for a full time teacher, but they cannot have taught exclusively online. There is a webinar tomorrow to answer a lot of questions that districts still have.

- 3.05 **BEA Report.** Mary Heeringa was not in attendance.

- 3.06 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg reported they held their monthly round table on February 15 and their next board meeting is on March 7. She thanked the district for reaching out to our classified staff regarding the potential teacher education program grant to help current BCSD employees return to school to obtain a teaching degree. She reported we have several employees who are interested in taking advantage of the program if we are successful in being awarded the grant. She said they continue to work with central administration on professional development opportunities.

- 3.07 **Student Board Representative Report.** No one was in attendance.

- 3.08 **United Way - Read United Program.** Dr. Morse reported that our district is the only district on both sides of the river that has all of the elementary schools participating. She said we have almost 100% of our volunteer spots identified. The United Way has a big campaign going on and they are looking for 500 volunteers by May to engage in this reading program. The commitment is one time a week for thirty minutes. Dr. Morse will provide updates once the program kicks off.

- 3.09 **BHS Speech and Debate.** The Speech and Debate Team attended the East Iowa District tournament January 12th-13th, which determines who qualifies to attend the National Speech and Debate Tournament, held from June 12th - 17th in Louisville, Kentucky. The following students will represent East Iowa this summer. Congratulations to:

Zach Adams - International Extemporaneous Speaking
Kimbree Callahan and Heath Leone - Duo Interpretation
Talia Cary - International Extemporaneous Speaking
Cata Fernandez - Original Oratory
Ayana Kidangayil - Original Oratory
Max Rantilla - United States Extemporaneous Speaking

In addition, Bettendorf HS was awarded the Speech Sweepstakes Award for our strong showing in Speech events. Finally, Bettendorf was awarded the District Cumulative Sweepstakes Award, which is an award earned for multiple years worth of student achievement at the District tournament.

Congratulations to all members of the Speech and Debate Team - great job this weekend.

- 3.10 **BHS Boys Swim Team.** Congratulations to the boys swim team for their 5th place finish at the state meet the weekend of January 12th. The meet was highlighted by the boys win in the 200 freestyle relay. State Champions include Max Wetteland, Carter Anderson, Noah Mitvalsky and Alex Stone. Their time was automatic All American and the third fastest time in state history!

Other achievements:

- 400 Free Relay, 2nd place by 0.09 seconds, with Max Wetteland, Carter Anderson, Noah Mitvalsky and received an All American Time.
- 200 Free, 2nd place for Alex Stone, with an All American time and a new school record. He broke Ian Renner-Arjes' 1997 standard by two seconds.
- 100 Fly, 2nd place for Carter Anderson, and received an All American Time and lowered the school record.

- 3.11 **BHS Boys Wrestling Team.** Congratulations to the following wrestlers for their placement at the Boys State Wrestling Meet in Des Moines on February 19th and 20th:

- Timothy Koester - STATE CHAMPION at 106 pounds
- Bradley Hill - 2nd place at 195 pounds

4. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 4.01 Approval of February 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4.02 Approval of February 24, 2022 Bills Recommended for Payment
4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel

Schedule D Resignations

- Ronald Stout/BHS/Head Varsity Girls Tennis Coach/Effective 2/8/22**
- 4.04 Approval of the 2022-2023 Upper Iowa University Teaching Agreement
- 4.05 Approval of 3rd Quarter Early Graduates
Carter Anderson, Karissa Anderson, Alexander Baker, TJ Bogan, Charles Brault, Nora Edwards, Charly Erpelding, Jackson Field, Ethan Forker, Mackenzie Greenley, Jackson Gross, Amanda Jefferson, Katie Maher, Kate McAleer, Kiliyah McQuiller, Ryan Murray, Tynan Numkena, Hannah Ogles, Ayden O'Neal, Jenna Reid, Hailey Reis, Kayden Richardson, Garret Romer, Olivia Uhde, Alex Wilken
- 4.06 Open Enrollment Request
Out of Bettendorf - denial of open enrollment request
1 - Iowa Connections Academy

5. Informational/Actions.

- 5.01 **First and Final Read of Policies.** Dr. Gillotti and Jill Matherly gave an update on the following board policies:

306: Senior List of Authority to the Superintendent - Revised to include the Associate Superintendent and to mirror the recommendations of IASB.

306.E1: Senior List of Authority to the Superintendent - This policy was deleted since it is covered in Policy 306.

307: Communication Channels- IASB has recommended this policy be deleted. It is addressed in the employee handbook and Policy 401.4.

401.4: Employee Complaints- This policy is recommended for re-approval with no changes.

401.14: Employee Involvement in Decision-Making- Our current policy has been deleted and replaced with the current recommended and mandatory policy from IASB entitled, "Employee Expression".

603.6 Physical Education - These changes reflect alignment with updated policy language from IASB. It is a mandatory policy. It does not replace the current requirements for physical education in Iowa. It clarifies the list of potential waivers that can be considered by districts based on guidance provided by the Iowa Department of Education.

604.1 Competent Private Instruction - These changes reflect alignment with recommended language from IASB.

604.1E1- deleted. This form is available to families on our website.

604.1E2- deleted. This information is available on our website in the *Homeschool Private Instruction Handbook* from the Iowa Department of Education.

606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space - These changes reflect updated language communicated in a primer from IASB since it was most recently reviewed.

Director Castro had some questions regarding the senior list of authority to the superintendent.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded as Director Doerder, to approve the following board policies as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Champion
Nays: 1 Director Castro

Motion carried 6-1

- 5.02 **Manage Print.** Sean McGinn shared the goals and process involved in updating printers throughout the district. The goal is to reduce the number of print devices in the district, reduce toner/ink costs, reduce support time, lower per print costs, reduce overall prints, secure printing, chromebook printing for staff and print tracking and reporting.

Mr. McGinn interviewed four out of the five vendors who submitted proposals. He recommended Advanced Business Systems. They are locally owned and operated and have tremendous experience with K-12 throughout the Quad Cities.

Proposal Details:

- 5 year lease = \$3,056/mo = \$36,672/year
- Buildings
 - High School
 - Edison
 - Middle School A
 - Admin. Center
 - Print Shop
- Elementary buildings will be supported with existing equipment for now

Motion by Director Champion, seconded as Director Lynch, to approve Manage Print as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 5.03 **January Financials.** Director of Finance Brie Collier presented the monthly financial reports for January 2022. Through January, General fund revenue totaled \$24,442,849 and expenses totaled \$24,907,481. The fund balance in the General Fund at January 31, 2022 was \$11,631,441. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Debt Service, SAVE, Food Service, Insurance, Fiduciary, and Activity Funds reports.

The following variances were noted: General Fund Revenues are up over the same period last year. One area to note is the increase in Federal dollars. In addition to ESSER claims in both FY21 and FY22, we have an increase in our Medicaid revenues in FY22.

General Fund expenditures are up over the same period last year. One area to note is the increase in purchased services from the same time last year. This is mainly due to a timing of when tuition to other districts is paid. We paid these invoices earlier this year than last year. This should equalize next month as the year-to-year comparison levels out.

Our Sales Tax fund is obligated with the Hoover remodel and addition project, as well as transferring monthly amounts into Debt Service to cover bond payments. The Debt Service Fund processed the January interest-only bond payments.

The impact of having students back in school as well as the higher meal reimbursement rate can be seen in the 35.3% cash balance increase in the Nutrition fund. So far, the additional revenue has covered the increased costs of supplies and food.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded as Director Lynch, to approve the January financials as presented.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-1-0

- 5.04 **Fiscal 2023 PPEL Projects and Long Range Facility Planning Update.** Director of Operations Curt Pratt and Director of Technology Sean McGinn gave an update on the FY23 PPEL Projects and Long Range Facility Planning. Director of Finance Brie Collier gave an update on the Capital Projects cash flow projections.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded as Director Castro, to approve the proposed 2022/2023 PPEL budget and long-range facilities planning documents.

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

- 5.05 **2022-2023 School Calendar.** Dr. Morse said this calendar is the one that gained the most consensus. Based on feedback and because of the adjustment to balanced quarters, they were able to shift parent teacher conferences for elementary and middle school to line up with a natural break. Dr. Morse said she appreciated all the feedback that staff provided.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded as Director , to approve the 2022-2023 calendar as presented.

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

- 5.06 **2022-2023 Board of Education Dates.** Dr. Morse noted the board meeting in November will be on a Monday instead of a Thursday due to the holiday and IASB Conference. The rest of the dates will be on a Thursday.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Smithson, to approve the 2022-2023 Board of Education dates.

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

Director Pyevich does not like Thursday evenings and would like to go back to Monday evenings.

6. Future Events and Informational Items.
- Thursday, March 10, 2022, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, March 31, 2022, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, April 14, 2022, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

7. Exempt Session - Negotiations.

7.01 Motion to Enter into Exempt Session.

Motion Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to enter into exempt session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 20.17(3) and 20.9 for the purpose of discussing strategies for negotiations.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into exempt session at 7:44 pm. Directors returned to open session at 8:43 pm.

8. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary