

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the May 3, 2022, 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 May 3, 2022. Vice President Andrew Champion called the meeting to order at 6:06 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, Doerder*, Eastman**, Lynch, Smithson

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Gillotti; Robert Boley, BHS Principal; Kevin Skillet, BHS Associate Principal; Mikkie Schiltz, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

*joined via Zoom

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2. Agenda Approval.

2.01 Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Smithson, 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. Closed Session - Disciplinary Hearing.

3.01 Motion to go into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, to enter into closed session to conduct a hearing to suspend or expel a student, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(e), and to review and discuss records that are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, as allowed by Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into closed session at 6:07 pm. Directors returned to open session at 7:21 pm.

4. Return to Open Session.

4.01 Approval of Disciplinary Recommendation.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, that after having heard the witnesses and examined the exhibits presented by the pirates, the Board makes the following findings:

- The student demonstrated behavior causing a substantial disruption to the school and violating Board Policy. He also exhibited a pattern of behavior creating a disruption and physical aggression.
- The student engaged in a physical altercation with another student. This behavior was after prior incidents and a reentry plan.
- The Board further finds that the continued presence of the student would be detrimental to the best interests of the school by endangering the safety of other students and by encouraging violence, disruption, and other misconduct by others.
- There are no special circumstances applicable here which warrant an exercise of the Board's discretion to impose a lesser penalty than expulsion.
- The student is expelled for the remainder of 2021-22 school year. Expulsion will continue through the third quarter of the 2022-23 school year. Expulsion after the first semester may be lifted if the student provides evidence of enrollment in another school district.
- During such period of expulsion, the student is not allowed on any Bettendorf Community School District property or at any school event where a Bettendorf team is participating.
- In the event the student re-enrolls after the expulsion period, he must participate in a re-entry conference with the administration and provide educational updates and status.
- The student is further directed not to have any inappropriate contact with any witness providing statements or evidence in this case.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Exempt Session – Negotiations.

5.01 Motion to Enter into Exempt Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, 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: 6 Directors Eastman, Lynch, Smithson, Castro, Champion, Doerder

Nays: 0

Absent:1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into exempt session at 7:26 pm. Directors returned 7:36 pm.

5.02 BESA Settlement.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, to accept the tentative agreement for BESA for a total package of 2.74%, or \$114,131.

Ayes: 5 Directors Lynch, Smithson, Castro, Doerder, Eastman

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1 Director Champion

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-1-1

5.03 BSSA Settlement.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Castro, to accept the tentative agreement for BSSA for a total package of 2.88%, or \$90,184.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

6. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Andrew Champion, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary