

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the March 1, 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 Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on March 1, 2021. 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, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Jill Matherly, Director of Human Resources; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Dave Hlas, Director of Special Services; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Joy Kelly, HS Principal; Kristy Cleppe, HS Associate Principal; David Farmer, Treasurer; Mary Heeringa, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Castro, 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 Shared Communication.** President Eastman encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow. The two voting centers are St. John Vianney and Waterfront Convention Center.

Director Pyevich echoed get out and vote.

Director Doerder said she already voted. She reported the board met last week for a Board Development Session and said it went really well.

Director Lynch noted the polls are open tomorrow from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

- 3.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse reminded families that our traditional kindergarten roundup process has changed this year. Registration will begin on Friday, March 5. Registration for returning students through 12th grade will begin on Friday, March 12 until March 31.

Dr. Morse continued to thank staff as we enter our 3rd week of 100% in-person learning. She said they have done a remarkable job.

She thanked the Scott County Health Department for helping educators in our community get vaccinated. The second round of shots will begin this Friday and finish next week.

- 3.04 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier said go vote tomorrow.

- 3.05 **BEA Report.** Mary Heeringa noted they have their upcoming BEA meeting this Wednesday and Round Table with administration next Tuesday. They are looking forward to beginning negotiations soon.

The BEA Executive Board met last week and voted to increase this year's BEA Scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000. It is open to any BHS graduating senior pursuing a career in education. Applications are due on April 9th.

Staff will receive their 2nd COVID vaccinations starting this Friday.

Ms. Heeringa said students have done a great job of wearing their masks, social distancing when possible and learning new procedures. She said as we get ready for spring break, please remember to follow those same guidelines so we can keep everyone safe at home and in the building. She wished everyone a safe and healthy spring break.

- 3.06 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said BESA held their March monthly meeting this evening. She continued to encourage the community to support our teachers, staff and students by wearing masks, social distancing when possible, washing hands and staying home when sick.

- 3.07 **Student Board Representative's Report.** There was no report.

- 3.08 **BHS Cheer Places 1st at NCA Virtual Competition.** The Bettendorf Competition Cheerleading team placed 1st in their division at the National Cheerleaders Association January Virtual Competition. The competition team is coached by head coach Tanya Gilmore and assistant coaches Jillian Knott and Haley Brock.

- 3.09 **BHS Speech and Debate Team Students Qualify for National Tournament.** Congratulations to Coach Ranking and the Bettendorf Speech and Debate Team competed at the annual East Iowa District tournament, which determines who qualifies to attend the National tournament in June. Students are now fully qualified to attend the NSDA National Tournament. This year, Bettendorf qualified the following students:

- Zach Adams - Sophomore - 1st Time Qualifier in International Extemporaneous Speaking
- Grant Carkner - Junior - 1st Time Qualifier in Domestic Extemporaneous

- Speaking
- Talia Cary - Junior - 2nd Time Qualifier in International Extemporaneous Speaking
- Tyler Koch - Junior - 1st Time Qualifier in Humorous Interpretation
- Max Rantilla - Sophomore - 2nd Time Qualifier in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
- Noah Rantilla - Senior - 3rd Time Qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate

In addition, we have the following alternates: Coy Evans (alternate for IX) Ayana Kidangayil (alternate in DX).

- 3.10 **BHS Wrestling Team Crowns 3 State Champions.** Congratulations to Coach Knight and the BHS wrestling team for finishing 6th in the state duals last Wednesday. The wrestling team also crowned three (3) state champions Saturday night which was tied for the most champions of all 3 classes.
- Junior Dustin Bohren – 3rd straight State appearance and first State Champion
 - Junior Bradley Hill – 2nd straight State appearance, perfect undefeated season and State Champion
 - Senior Griffin Liddle – 4th State appearance and two-time State Champion
- 3.11 **Wynn Competing in State Women's Bowling Championship.** Congratulations to Ammiah Wynn for qualifying for the Iowa High School State Women's Bowling Tournament on (date). Miah rolled games of 226 and 235 to qualify first in Bettendorf's sub-state qualifier.

4. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Castro, 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 February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.02 Approval of March 1, 2021 Bills Recommended for Payment

4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
Schedule D Resignation

Kelly Ager/BHS/Team Leader-Social Studies/Effective 6/30/21

4.04 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.

Into Bettendorf for 20/21

1- from Davenport

Into Bettendorf for 21/22

1 - from Clinton

5 - from Pleasant Valley

4 - from Davenport

Out of Bettendorf for 21/22

3 - Iowa City

1 - Davenport

1 - Pleasant Valley

5. Informational/Action Items.

5.01 **BHS 2021/2022 New Course Offerings & Curriculum Plan Update.**

Goals:

1. To hire an additional Academic Interventionist to continue/increase student support for student who are at-risk and to offer additional transition course for all 9th graders
 - Allow BHS students to accrue credits toward an Associate Degree
 - Enhance Career and Technical Education Pathways at Bettendorf High School
 - Increase services to those students who are at-risk
2. Offer increased dual-credit course opportunities for BHS students to earn credits toward an Associate's Degree
3. Offer increased opportunities for BHS students to earn certifications

The additional Academic Interventionist position would be a new position that would increase the number of at-risk students we are able to support and would enable us to add SDV 114 - Strategies for Academic Success as a dual credit course offering. Course would be taught by BHS staff and supported by the Student Services Office.

Associate Principal Kristy Cleppe reviewed the potential new course offerings toward an Associate Degree and gave an overview of the Associate Degree Track. Future Ready Coach Haleigh Hoyt talked about CTE Certification options and pathways. She also reviewed concurrent HS diploma and certification track opportunities.

Changes for 2021-2022 School Year:

- Addition of Welding III Course
- 2020-2021 began implementation of Health Sciences pathway offering Introduction to Health Careers
- 2021-2022 Add Applied Health Careers as dual credit option (Medical Terminology)
- Spring 2022 Addition of CNA program
- 2022-2023 Add Dual Credit Anatomy and Physiology Courses

5.02 **First and Final Read of Policies.** The board completed the required first and final reading of the following board policies:

Minor changes to board policies:

- 501.6 Students Transfers In – Adopt IASB Policy
- 501.11 Student Release During School Hours (Open Campus)
- 501.15 Open Enrollment as Receiving District

Deleted board policies:

- 501.6R1 Nonresident Students
- 501.11R1 Student Release During School Hours (Open Campus)
- 501.13 Students of Legal Age
- 501.15R1 Open Enrollment as a Receiving District

No change to board policy:

- 501.7 Student Transfers Out or Withdrawals
- 501.12 Pregnant Students
- 501.14 Open Enrollment as a Sending District

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

6. Future Events and Informational Items.

- March 22, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- April 5, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- April 19, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- May 3, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

7. Exempt Session – Negotiations.

7.01 Motion to Enter into Exempt Session – Negotiations.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Champion, 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.

Directors entered into exempt session at 7:01 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 8:06 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

8. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary