

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Board Work Session  
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 Board work session at the Mississippi Bend Area Education, 800 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on December 6, 2016. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Directors Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent, Maxine McEnany, Director of Financial and Business Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; John Cain, GW Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Tim Perkins, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda.

Motion by Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Justis, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3. Discussion Items & Reports.

3.01 City of Bettendorf Strategic Plan

Decker Ploehn and John Soenksen from the City of Bettendorf presented information on the City's Strategic Plan. They provided an overview on where the city is at in regards to the flood plain and what impact it will have on the two BCSD elementary buildings.

3.02 Elementary Facilities Discussion.

Representatives from Estes Construction and Legat Architects were present to assist in elementary facilities discussion. Treasurer Tim Perkins stated renovation costs for Grant Wood were much higher than anticipated. At that time, the Finance Committee began looking at the cost of renovations versus the cost of new construction. The cost for renovations is approximately \$14,000,000. The cost of building new at the current Grant Wood location is approximately \$18,000,000. Legat Architects noted the current Grant Wood property is a mixed bag with some good and some bad areas, but that is typical of most properties.

Superintendent Raso reported preliminary enrollment study numbers have the district up one hundred students between now and 2021, but a decrease at the elementary level.

Several Directors expressed concerns about moving forward with new construction without first reviewing the district's long term plan. Previous discussions were based on inaccurate costs and they would like to look at the big picture and come up with a plan and direction, instead of

looking at one school at a time. Other Directors felt there was already a tentative plan in place and that Grant Wood, Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson would be given priority.

The board discussed having Estes do an in-depth analysis on the other elementary buildings, similar to what was done at Grant Wood. The board will need to decide if they want to only focus on the top three elementary buildings as well as determine what they are comfortable spending over the next 8-10 years.

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary