

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the March 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole 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 Committee of the Whole Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on March 4, 2019. President Adam Holland 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, Holland, Lynch, Staley, Struck

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Dave Hlas, NA Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Representative; Ryan Longenecker, Student Rep; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:02 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Staley, to approve the agenda as modified. Action item 6.01, Approval of the Superintendent Employment Agreement, to be moved before any discussion items.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Staley, Struck

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3.01 Approval of February 19, 2019 Regular Board Minutes and February 19, 2019 Special Board Meeting

3.02 Approval of March 4, 2019 Bills Recommended for Payment

3.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Classified Resignation

**James Martens**/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 03/15/19

**Anita Thompson**/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 03/08/19

Recommendation to Hire

**Allison Harmon**/GW/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/New Position-Student Need/Effective 03/06/19

**Angie McDanel**/GW/Paraeducator/\$16.39 per hour/5.75 hours per day/Long Term Position/Effective 03/07/19

Certified Resignation

**Shannon Harmon**/MT/Counselor/Effective 6/30/19

Certified Transfer

**Tisha Clark-Smith**/From TJ to GW/4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Voluntary transfer to new additional classroom/Effective 2019-2020 school year

**Ellen Jelinske**/From BMS to BHS/Special Education/Voluntary transfer to new position – student need/Effective 2019-2020 school year

**Sarah Nau**/MT/From Teacher Librarian to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Voluntary transfer replacing Tisha Clark-Smith/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Schedule D Resignation

**Tisha Clark-Smith**/TJ/Safety Patrol/Effective 6/30/19

**John Jacobs**/BHS/Assistant Varsity Swimming, Girls Coach (0.50)/ Effective 6/30/19

**Jacob Koepnick**/BHS/Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach/Effective 6/30/19

Schedule D Approval to Hire

**Shannan Campbell**/BHS/Team Leader, Special Education (0.50 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)/\$670/Replacing Sarah Hackbarth/Effective 1/16/19

**John Jacobs**/BHS/Assistant Sophomore Football Coach (0.50)/\$1,932/ Replacing Caleb Claus/Effective 2019-2020 school year

**Jacob Koepnick**/BHS/Assistant Sophomore Football Coach (0.50)/ \$1,932/Replacing Caleb Claus/Effective 2019-2020 school year

3.04 Approval of 3rd Quarter Early Graduates

3.05 Approval of a donation in the amount of \$500 from Rebecca and Tom Schuetz, 1590 Plymouth Drive, Bettendorf, IA. 52722 for the Fine Arts Patrons

3.06 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment

**Into Bettendorf 18/19**

Owen Allison, grade 8, continuation

DeLashae Moore, grade 10, continuation

Cashmere Robinson, grade 5, continuation

Cherish Robinson, grade 7, continuation

**Into Bettendorf 19/20**

Evan Freese, grade 10, from PV

Daisy Garcia, grade K, from DAV

Edward Hanzelin, grade 9, from PV

Benjamin Kerkhoff, grade 7, from PV

Timothy Koester, grade 7, from PV

Will Martin, grade K, from NS

Amelia Miletich, grade K, from PV

Chloe Nau, grade 9, from PV

Kassidi Perkins, grade K, from PV

Drake Schick, grade 8, from NS

Rylan Schick, grade 1, from NS

Ari Tannenbaum, grade 2, from NS

Menachem Tannenbaum, grade 1, from NS

Blade Welch, grade K, from DAV

**Out of Bettendorf 19/20**

Brielle Andedo, grade 4, to Dav

Lillian Andedo, grade 4, to Dav  
Ethan Bittner, grade 1, to PV  
Enzler Finn, grade 10, to Clayton Ridge  
Emma Hubbard, grade 11, to CAM  
Sydney James, grade 7, to PV  
Emma Kemp, grade 8, to CAM  
Hannah Koury, grade K, to PV  
Charlotte Musser, grade K, to PV  
Leo Puryear, grade K, to PV  
London Sevcik, grade K, to PV

4. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

4.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Castro was looking around the website and noticed under Business and Financial Services that the adopt-a-school budget summary is still from 2016, health and insurance benefit information is from 2016-2017, the salary statement history only goes through 2016-2017, and the local school option school sales tax only goes through 2016-2017. Under financial profile it shows the average teacher salary for 2017/2018 is \$558,431, instead of \$58,431.

4.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Ryan Longenecker shared the latest happenings at the high school.

4.03 BEA Report.

Megan will report later on in the meeting.

5. Discussion Items & Reports.

5.01 Discussion of 2019-2020 Certified Budget (audio begins at 10m 13s).

The 2019-20 certified budget is proposed with total spend of \$81.08M and a combined property tax rate of \$13.07 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. This is a decrease of \$0.90 from the 2018-19 rate of \$13.97. Supplemental State Aid has increased 2.06% for 2019-20 compared to 2018-19. The district's cost per student has increased \$139 to \$6,944. The increases in Instructional and Support Services spend are primarily related to estimated increases in salaries and benefits.

5.02 Facility Update - MT/TJ Transition Plan (audio begins at 42m 30s).

The board discussed the Mark Twain/Thomas Jefferson transition plan for the 2019-2020 school year. All students who will be attending the Mark Twain alternate sites Ross College campus and Thomas Jefferson campus will receive free busing if the parent chooses this as an option to get their student to school. Once the new Mark Twain School opens, the district walk limits will be in effect and those students within the limit of 2 miles who wish to continue busing will have to pay unless the board decides to change the policy. Students who will be attending the Thomas Jefferson campus until it

closes, and live within the district walk limit will not get free busing. Once the school closes, all students who live outside of the Mark Twain district walk limits will receive free busing if the parent chooses this option.

Security for the site will meet the district standard for all elementary buildings. No student will leave the building without being accompanied by an adult. Students will be dropped off and picked up (by bus or car) at the front entrance only, and adult supervision will be provided during these times.

The PTAs sponsored a successful joint movie night for students and families in early February, and more activities are being planned. Each grade level team of teachers is collaborating to plan activities that will promote community building among their classes.

There was some discussion on relaxing class size and open enrollment for next year. Superintendent Raso said we can look at doing this, but there are things we need to think about.

Superintendent Raso received a petition for a different name for the new Mark Twain building. The petition will be a discussion item at the March 18<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

5.03 Finance Update – Line-Item Budget (audio begins at 1h 10m 08s).

Finance Director Dallon Christensen shared a preliminary line-item budget with the board. The line-item budget is the district’s planning, monitoring, and reporting tool designed to manage spending.

5.04 Miscellaneous (audio begins at 1h 24m 19s).

Superintendent Raso talked with directors about the upcoming 2020-2021 staff handbook and changes to subjects of bargaining for staff. Director Champion think it is important as a district to keep as much of the contract as possible. BEA Representative Megan Kannenberg said it was a very good meeting. She said all sides felt heard. They want to continue to be part of the conversation regardless of who is on the board.

5.05 Discussion of the First Reading of Policies (audio begins at 1h 32m 58s).

Staff brought several policies related to transportation of students to be reviewed and revised together, principally to add language requiring a Motor Vehicle Record check for all persons driving students. Policy 711.10 is a new policy, and is BCSD specific. To avoid conflict with a new IASB policy, our current BCSD-specific policy 401.6 is being renumbered to 711.11. Policy 904.1 has some minor revisions.

CPDs and Curriculum Director helped immensely with review of both the 602 and 605 policies presented this month. Our technology directors will assist with our review of the remaining 605-series policies, which you will see next month.

Director Castro would like the board to be apprised of pilot programs, experimental programs, and how thoroughly programs have been researched.

Director Pyevich recommended rewording the first sentence in board policy 605.1.

6. Action Item.

6.01 Approval of the Superintendent Employment Agreement.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch, that the Board notify Superintendent Raso that the Employment Agreement will not be automatically extended for a one year term.

Superintendent Raso explained that under Iowa Code his contract will roll over another year unless it is acted on. The notification to not renew is by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He is in the first year of a two year contract.

Ayes: 7 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

6.02 Approval of 2019-2020 Certified Budget Publication.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the 2019-2020 Certified Budget Publication.

Ayes: 6 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Champion, Holland  
Nays: 1 Director Castro  
Motion carried 6-1

6.03 Approval of the PPEL Plan.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the 2019-2020 PPEL Plan.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried 7-0

7. Management Report.

7.01 Superintendent's Report – Kindergarten Round-Up was on Friday and they had 227 come. Thomas Jefferson RFPs due on Friday. Senate file 353.3 made it through committee to look at virtual school days counting towards instructional time loss because of weather. Herbert Hoover put together packages today for Kids Against Hunger.

7.02 Director of Finance Report – will be out of the office next Tuesday-Friday. He is continuing discussions on sales tax bonding.

8. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Wednesday, March 6, POG meeting, 5:00 pm
- March 11-14, Spring Break
- Monday, March 11, PRC meeting, 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 11, Agenda Planning, 6:00 pm

- Monday, March 18, BOE, 6:00 pm

9. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary