

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the May 20, 2019, 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 May 20, 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, Pyevich

Members absent: Directors Staley, Struck

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; Will Jefferson, Student Representative; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Staley arrived at 6:02 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Staley, Struck

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

3.01 Student Presentation by Paul Norton. Heather Hiatt, Jocelyn Kyte, Mallory Valle, Brenda Farnsworth, and Nicky Stevenson along with Paul Norton 4th graders presented on Reading Conferences and Book Partnerships.

3.02 Gross Accepted into Program to Study at German University. Congratulations to BHS Sophomore Ty Gross for being accepted in the Goethe Institut's Studienbrücke program to study at a German university at no cost for his undergraduate degree.

3.03 Arevalo Earns 1st Place in Iowa Industrial Arts Competition. BHS Senior Christopher Arevalo took 1st place in the Metals division at the State of Iowa Industrial Arts Competition. Christopher also finished 2nd in the woodworking division and left the competition with a \$1,000 scholarship from Kreg Tool Corporation and \$500 worth of Kreg tools. Congratulations to Christopher and the entire industrial technology teaching staff which includes Mr. Drexler, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Christensen.

3.04 A1/A2 German Students. BHS Students Earn German Proficiency Certificates
Thirty Bettendorf High School students recently earned A1 and A2 German certificates. Each spring German students at Bettendorf High School have the opportunity to take the A1 and A2 German Certificate exams. These exams are proctored at Bettendorf High School by the Goethe Institut, the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The certificates are internationally recognized as documentation of the candidate's German proficiency level. They can be used at some colleges and universities for placement in a language program. The Goethe certificates are also beneficial for those who plan to work for German based companies to prove their language abilities.

A1

Obadiah Bergert, Sarah Crowley, Sarah DeFauw, Norah Dunn, Peter Evans, Samantha Fitzpatrick, Sarah Giese, Ty Gross, Emma Kerr, Emily Knight, Ariyana Lawson, Braeden LeHew, Riley Markham, Trevor McKim, Patrick Mooney, Tyler Moore, Morgan Sage, Malia Shinbori, Sophie Stierwalt, Kyle Treimann, Abigail Tryon, Cheyanne Welch, Hannah Witt

A2

Kaitlyn Anderson, Cooper Dittmer, Alana Ford, Isabella LaGrange, Will Luebke, Katerina Shinbori, Campbell Soncarty, James David von Maur, Peter Whitmer

4. Comments and Suggestions from Audience.

- 4.01 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.

Sara Wells, 4555 Hamilton Dr., Bettendorf, asked that the 2019 district survey be released to the public.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Struck

Motion carried 6-0-1

- 5.01 Approval of May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole Board Minutes and May 14, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and May 14, 2019 Special Meeting 2 Minutes

- 5.02 Approval of May 20, 2019 Bills Recommended for Payment

- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Classified Resignation

Cecilia Campbell/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 06/06/19

Certified Resignation

Mark Ciha/BMS/Health/Effective 6/30/19

Joseph Newcomb/BHS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/19

Certified Approval to Hire

Kelsy Benson/PN/Kindergarten/1.0 FTE/BA,1/\$38,398/Pending verification & licensure/Replacing Robin Bridges/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Emily Pendleton/BMS/Language Arts/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$37,152/Pending licensure/Replacing Rachael Dierickx/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Andrew Sass/GW/3rd Grade/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$37,152/Pending licensure/ Replacing Dana Nichols/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Danica Wessel/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA,0/\$42,759/Pending

licensure/Replacing Kevin Trettin/Effective 2019-2020 school year
Certified Transfer

Amanda Bohnert/From BMS to BHS/Science/1.0 FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing
Amanda Soloman/Effective 7/1/19

Stephanie Cleveland/From GW&HH to GW/Instructional Coach/1.0 FTE/ Realignment
of positions/Effective 7/1/19

Taylor Johnson/BMS/From 6th to 7th Grade Language Arts/1.0 FTE/ Voluntary transfer
replacing Nicole Armstrong/Effective 7/1/19

Jocelyn Kyte/From PN&TJ to PN/Instructional Coach/1.0 FTE/ Realignment of
positions/Effective 7/1/19

Nicholas Myers/BMS/From Special Education to 6th Grade Social Studies & STEM/1.0
FTE/Voluntary transfer replacing Brent Keemle/Effective 7/1/19

Schedule D Resignation

Jacob Koepnick/BHS/Club Sponsor, Science (0.50)/ Effective 6/30/19

Joseph Newcomb/BHS/Assistant Varsity Basketball, Boys Coach/ Effective 6/30/19

Alvin Vesey/BHS/Head Sophomore Basketball, Boys Coach/ Effective 6/30/19 Schedule
D Approval to Hire

Jacob Koepnick/BHS/Assistant Sophomore Basketball, Boys Coach/ \$3,863/Replacing
Caleb Claus/Effective 7/1/19

Chad Schmertmann/District/Assistant 7th Grade Football Coach/ \$1,869/Replacing
Corey Ramsey/Effective 7/1/19

Daniel Van Winkle/BHS/Assistant 8th Grade Basketball, Boys Coach/\$1,869/Replacing
Brent Keemle/Effective 7/1/19

Daniel Van Winkle/BHS/Assistant 8th Grade Basketball, Girls Coach/\$1,869/Replacing
Brent Keemle/Effective 7/1/19

Alvin Vesey/BHS/Assistant Varsity Basketball, Boys Coach/\$4,673/ Replacing Joseph
Newcomb/Effective 7/1/19

Certified FYI

Scott Berg/From TJ to MT/Intramural Coach/Adjust to 0.50 of stipend-sharing coaching
duties due to building consolidation/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Daniel Knight/BHS/Temporary leave Lunchroom Supervision/1/2 of stipend-4th quarter
only/Effective 2018-2019 school year

Brandon Nau/MT/Intramural Coach/Adjust to 0.50 of stipend-sharing coaching duties
due to building consolidation/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Lisa Webb/From TJ to MT/Remove Student Council Sponsor (0.50)/ Building
consolidation/Effective 2019-2020 school year

Mary Wendel/From TJ to MT/Remove Student Council Sponsor (0.50)/ Building
consolidation/Effective 2019-2020 school year

5.04 Approval of Buena Vista University Student Teaching Agreement

5.05 Approval of Augustana College Student Teaching Agreement

5.06 Approval of 2018-2019 BHS Graduates

5.07 Approval of Second & Final Reading of Policies

5.08 Open Enrollment Request (info only)

2018-19 Into Bettendorf

Kallie Coin, grade 3, continuation (PV)

Enzo Reyes, grade K, continuation (Dav)

Sadie Reyes, grade 4, continuation (Dav)

2018-19 Out of Bettendorf

Jaheim Carlton, grade 10, continuation (DAV)

Javin Carlton, grade 9, continuation, (DAV)

Athena Montalvo-Krueger, grade 1, continuation (PV)

2019-20 Out of Bettendorf

Satya Akhil-Gurram, grade K, sibling (PV)

Joseph Soto-Nicke, grade 5, new move (PV)

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 20m 08s).

Director Castro read through the Community Survey and shared a few things he had highlighted. He said the board has a lot of things to work on. He asked if all the comments will be released to the public. Superintendent Raso said per legal counsel there will be some comments that will be redacted, especially ones that name students.

Director Castro said the health benefit information needs to be updated on the district website. The current information is from 2016/17.

Directors Champion and Struck met with some representatives from the BEA and district administration to talk about increases in health benefits. He said they made good progress.

Director Castro asked if the board could see a proposed list of cuts for 2019/20. Superintendent Raso said they have already gone through the budget and there were no direct cuts but some movement of positions.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Will Jefferson gave an update on the latest events and activities at the high school.

6.03 BEA Report.

BEA met with Directors Champion and Struck, Superintendent Raso and Heather Stocking. They were able to clear up some discrepancies with TSS. The Handbook Committee started tonight. It went very well and there was consensus among all the groups.

7. Discussion Items.

7.01 Discussion of SAVE Bond Proposals (audio begins at 29m 18s).

The bid proposal is for a \$17,380,000 bond with Wells Fargo to complete a number of infrastructure projects in the district. The proposal has an interest rate of 2.54% and a call date of July 1, 2023. The board received seven proposals. Two of the bids had a lower interest rate. There was some discussion regarding the bids with lower interest rates, but Superintendent Raso felt confident the 2023 call date gave the district enough flexibility. President Holland said Matt Gillaspie of Piper Jaffray strongly advised against the first Wells Fargo proposal because of the Make Whole call date and the unknowns.

7.02 Curriculum Update: Literacy/Disciplinary Literacy (audio begins at 55m 50s).

Deb Daniels, Stephanie Cleveland, Kaitlyn Burke, Lisa Reid, and Beth Thompson gave an

update on Literacy/Disciplinary Literacy and classroom practices at the elementary, middle school and high school.

8. Action Items.

8.01 Approval & Award of the SAVE Bond Proposal Resolution.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the SAVE Bond Proposal Resolution for 2019 – Option C Wells Fargo with interest rate of 2.54% to be used at any of the district facilities that which is needed.

Ayes: 6 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Castro, Champion
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Struck
Motion carried 6-0-1

8.02 Approval of the SAVE Bond Engagement with Bond Counsel.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the SAVE Bond Engagement with Bond Counsel for 2019.

Ayes: 6 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Castro, Champion, Holland
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Struck
Motion carried 6-0-1

8.03 Approval of Separation Agreement with Administrator.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the Separation Agreement with Lana LaSalle.

Ayes: 6 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Struck
Motion carried 6-0-1

9. Management Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Report Cards will be released tomorrow. The ratings are based on last year's scores. Three of the district's buildings were considered high performing, three were rated commendable and two were rated acceptable. Paul Norton and Mark Twain scored higher than any other elementary in the area.

10. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Thursday, May 23, PEC meeting, noon, Admin
- Monday, May 27, Memorial Day - Office Closed
- Tuesday, May 28, PRC meeting, 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 28, Board Agenda Planning, 6:00 pm
- Sunday, June 2, Graduation, 1:00 pm

- Monday, June 3, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

11. Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation.

11.01 Motion to Go into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Castro, to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i), for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of individuals whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge are being considered, when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals' reputations and those individuals request a closed session.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Struck

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors went into closed session at 7:49 p.m. and took a short recess. They started the closed session meeting at 7:55 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary