

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the May 7, 2018 Committee of the Whole  
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 May 7, 2018. President Gordon Staley 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, Lynch, Staley, Struck

Members absent: Directors Holland, Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Chris Andrus, Director of Operations; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Jayme Olson, BMS Associate Principal; Megan Kannenberg, BEA Rep; Nyah Block, Ryan Longenecker, James Baker, Student Reps; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Director Holland arrived at 6:06 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Holland, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

3.01 Student Presentations by Herbert Hoover. Herbert Hoover student Addiysyn Reed and staff highlighted their electronic portfolios. Michelle Bump, Kelly Robbins, Emily Cullison, Stephanie Cleveland and Tandy Huber and Carrie Reed were in attendance.

3.02 National History Day State Competition Recognition. Monday, April 30th BMS had 11 projects (16 students) compete in Iowa's National History Day State Competition in Des Moines. Six of the 11 projects made it to the final rounds of judging (top 4 to 6 entries in each project category) and 4 of the 6 were selected to represent Iowa (top 2 projects in their respective categories) next month in Washington DC. Finalists and national qualifiers listed below with links to their projects. Izzy Appel also won a special award for a project that focused on a woman in science.

3.03 School Board Recognition

Gordon Staley, Board President

Stacey Struck, Board Vice President

Paul Castro, Director

Andrew Champion, Director

Adam Holland, Director  
Richard Lynch, Director  
Michael Pyevich, Director  
David Farmer, Board Treasurer  
Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary  
Student Board Representatives Recognition

- James Baker, grade 11  
Nyah Block, grade 12  
Ryan Longenecker, grade 11
- 3.04 BHS Student Council. For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, the Bettendorf High School student council has been recognized as a 2018 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council.
- 3.05 National French Contest. Ten Bettendorf High School students earned honors for high achievement in Le Grand Concours, the National French Contest. Le Grand Concours is an annual competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students test at different levels and can earn state as well as national placement and awards.
- In the state of Iowa,  
**Level 2E\*** – Stephanie Rice placed 1st, Emma Hubbard placed 2nd, Rachel Witt placed 3rd.  
**Level 3** – Ayanna Tremaine placed 10th  
**Level 3E\*** – Peter Hurd placed 1st, Erica Johnson placed 2nd  
**Level 4** – Ashley McKim placed 8th  
**Level 5** – Joshua Turner placed 1st, Mario Soldado-Bermudez placed 4th, Leticia Francisco placed 6th. Joshua Turner also placed 8th nationally.

4. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Holland, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 4.01 Approval of April 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting  
4.02 Approval of May 7, 2018 Bills Recommended for Payment  
4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel  
Classified Resignation  
**Megan Brown**/MT/Paraeducator/Effective 04/16/18  
**Jessica Campione**/BHS/Paraeducator/Effective 05/30/18  
**Chandler Cox**/GW/Paraeducator/Effective 04/23/18  
**Daniel Donahue**/GW/Paraeducator/Effective 06/01/18  
**Eleni Menard**/GW/Paraeducator/Effective 06/01/18  
Recommendation to Hire  
**Teresa Freking**/BHS/Student Success Coach/\$45,000 per year/8.0 hours per day/New Position/Effective 2018-19 school year  
Letter of Assignment Modification  
**Courtney Broderick**/TJ/Secretary B to Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/3.0 to 5.75

hours per day/Replacing Margaret Germain/Effective 4/17/18

**Tish Rinehart/BMS/Nutrition Services Part-Time to Nutrition Services Interim**

Cook/4.25 to 5.0 hours per day/\$13.72-\$14.57 after 90 days/Replacing Betsy

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Certified Resignation

**Lee Starovich/District/Music-Orchestra/Effective 6/30/18**

Certified Approval to Hire

**Karissa Arnold/TJ/1<sup>st</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$36,925/Replacing Emily Hill/Effective**

2018-2019 school year

**Zachary Neuerburg/BMS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA+45,5/\$54,992/ Replacing**

Claire Steffen/Effective 2018-2019 school year

**Sydney Rollinger/TJ/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/1.0 FTE/BA,0/\$36,925/Replacing Mary**

Wendel/Effective 2018-2019 school year

Certified Transfer

**Becca DeGeorge/From NA to District/5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Elementary ELP/1.0**

FTE/Voluntary transfer to new position/Effective 2018-2019 school year

**Amy McGovern/From MT to PN & HH/Special Education/1.0 FTE/ Administrative**

transfer due to student need/Effective 2018-2019 school year

Certified Contract Modification

**Eric Knudson/BHS/Athletic Trainer/From 0.67 to 1.0/Return to full stipend amount**

with additional duties/Effective 2018-2019 school year

**Christine Walker/PN & GW/Art/From 0.85 to 0.92 FTE/Additional elementary**

classroom-student need/Effective 2018-2019 school year

Schedule D Resignation

**Heather Bagby/MT/Student Council Sponsor/Effective 6/30/18**

**Christina Hesse/BHS/Assistant Student Council Sponsor/Effective 6/30/18**

4.04 Approval of Preschool Contracts 2018/19

4.05 Approval of Website Analytic Service

4.06 Approval of the Updated 2018/19 Board of Education Dates

4.07 Approval of Iowa Wesleyan University Teaching Agreement

4.08 MOU Agreement with Luther College

4.09 Approval of WIU Counselor Education Practicum

4.10 Approval of Augustana College Teaching Agreement

4.11 Approval of St. Ambrose Cooperative Agreement

4.12 Approval of a donation to the Bettendorf Youth Wrestling Club for new mats, in the amount of \$5000.00 from Bettendorf Bulldog Wrestling Club, P.O. Box 651, Bettendorf, IA. 52722

4.13 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment (info only)

**Into PV from Bettendorf 2017/18**

Lydia Wilson, grade 7, continuation

Taze Wilson, grade 9, continuation

**Into Bettendorf from PV 2017/18**

Parker Phillips, grade K, continuation

Wyatt Phillips, grade 1, continuation

**Into Bettendorf from North Scott 2017/18**

Cruz Archer, grade K, continuation

**Into PV from Bettendorf 2018/19**

Leah Vaughn, grade 10, new move

**Into Bettendorf from PV 2018/19**

Keneau Davilia, grade 1, continuation

Jackson Gelles, grade 4, sibling attends

Tyler Gelles, grade 6, sibling attends

**Into Bettendorf from North Scott 2018/19**

Paisley Archer, grade K, sibling attends

5. Discussion Items & Reports.

5.01 Discussion of SAVE Bond Engagement Letters (audio begins at 18m 58s).

Directors discussed SAVE bond engagement letters allowing Piper Jaffrey to obtain prospective financing for \$10M in bonds on the district's projected SAVE (\$.01 sales tax) levy for the construction of the new Grant Wood Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary and High School HVAC project. Directors want to make sure the district has the ability to pay off principal early without penalty.

5.02 Discussion of Grant Wood Furniture Purchase (audio begins at 32m 37s).

Legat Architects recommended the district award the Contract for Construction to Premier F&E for \$205,851.06. The recommendation is to approve the larger furniture purchase, which is \$105,000 above the previously approved amount. Grant Wood and other district buildings will use some of the existing furniture. The rest of the useable furniture will be sold. Director Champion said he was shocked by the condition of some of the current furniture. Directors discussed setting money aside for furniture replacements at other buildings.

5.03 Discussion of Property Sale Public Hearing (Lot 3 Old Bettendorf High School 2nd Addition) (audio begins at 53m 38s).

Directors discussed the proposed sale of district property adjacent to the AEA. A public hearing will be held on May 21, 2018 at 6 pm.

5.04 Finance Discussion (audio begins at 59m 17s).

**April Financials.**

YTD 2017-2018 revenue through April has increased \$1.73M from the previous year. State aid is up based on growth. The district received its Title I revenue on April 20<sup>th</sup> for the first three quarters of 2017-18. Payroll expenses were up slightly because the month of March had three payrolls. The April financials will be presented at the May 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting for approval.

**BMS Math Curriculum Presentation.**

Six years ago, the middle school adopted CPM as the curricular resource for middle school math. Now that each middle school student has a Chromebook, there are more interactive curriculum options, such as Math Techbook available for use. A Middle School Math Resource Selection committee was formed for the purpose of evaluating and selecting a curricular resource for use in the 6th through 8th grade math courses at Bettendorf Middle School. The committee recommended the adoption of Math Tech Book with supplementation from the Illustrative Math resource. Math TechBook and Illustrative Math are both content aligned, highly-rated curricular resources; however, each brings different strengths to the instructional plan. Illustrative Math resources are

free to use, providing us the opportunity to choose Math Techbook and supplement with Illustrative Math in order to create the best possible instruction for all of students.

**Special Ed Staffing Recommendation.**

Due to the increase in special education numbers, requirement of support in the third level science courses, and delivery of specifically designed instruction for students, the high school is requesting an additional special education teacher for next year.

**General Obligation Bond Referendum.**

Bond Issue Petition

- Estimate the dollar figure total cost of the projects. The dollar figure must be included on the petition.
- Legal counsel will draw up the petition.
- Information meetings before circulation of petitions.
- Circulate the petition making sure the petitioners sign their given names and include their address.
- At least 30% of the number of legally qualified voters voting in the last election of school officials must sign the petition. There were 2503 voters last September, so there would need to be at least 751 signatures.
- When enough signatures have been obtained, a legal voter of the district must file the petition with the president of the board or school secretary and attest to the validity of the signatures.

The district is looking at holding a special election on December 4, 2018. Superintendent Raso is checking to see if it can be held during the general election in November.

5.05 Facility Discussion (audio begins at 2h 09m 47s).

**Grant Wood Update.**

Jeff Michaels with Estes gave an update on the progress of the Grant Wood project. The project is to be substantial completed on July 31, 2018.

**Mark Twain Update.**

Bush Construction discussed the Mark Twain Project. The Conceptual Design Estimate Summary is showing a shortage of \$1,906,676 of what is needed for the project based on a \$14M budget. There are still a lot of unknowns and the number could go up and down based on a lot of different factors. Directors Castro and Holland agreed to be a part of the Mark Twain Core Team.

**Thomas Edison Update.**

Directors discussed building a new Thomas Edison building on land the district already owns at Bettendorf Middle or Bettendorf High School.

**Maintenance Software.**

Director of Operations Chris Andrus shared information on a software program that will help with long-term facilities planning and budgeting. The board requested to see a short demonstration of the software program.

6. Action Items.

6.01 Approval of SAVE Bond Engagement Letters.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the SAVE Bond Engagement Letters under the assumption we will go with a company that does not have a penalty for paying off the principal early as well as Piper Jaffrey fees not to exceed \$2,500.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

6.02 Approval of Grant Wood Furniture Purchase.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the Grant Wood furniture purchase.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

6.03 Approval of the Property Sale Public Hearing Date (Lot 3 Old Bettendorf High School 2nd Addition).

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the Public Hearing on AEA Property Sale to be held on May 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

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

Nays: 1 Director Holland

Motion carried 6-1

6.04 Approval of Proclamation: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

7. Management Report.

7.01 Superintendent's Report – Director Lynch will speak on behalf of the board at the Staff Recognition and Appreciation. Directors Lynch and Staley will hand out diplomas at graduation.

8. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Tuesday, May 8, BCSF Meeting, 11:45 pm
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Staff Recognition & Appreciation, PAC 2:00
- Thursday, May 17, Curriculum Council Meeting, Admin, 1:00

- Thursday, May 17, PRC meeting, Admin, 6:00
- Thursday, May 17, Finance Committee Meeting, Admin, 7:00 pm
- Monday, May 21, BOE Meeting, Admin, 6:00 pm

9. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary