

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the February 25, 2019, 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 a Board Work Session at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on February 25, 2019. President Adam Holland called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. 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, Sean McGinn, Director of Technology; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:03 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Discussion Items and Reports.

3.01 Discussion of 2019-2020 Preliminary Line Item Budget and Certified Budget.

The certified budget is a document showing the amount of taxes to be levied for each fund and/or program and the aggregate revenues and expenditures. This report is certified by the board no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> each year for the upcoming fiscal year after holding a public hearing and adoption. The district is certifying the maximum they can spend in all funds and the property tax rate from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The district is looking at approximately \$900,000 in new money for 2019-2020.

Finance Director Dallon Christensen noted the tax rate numbers are for discussion only. Nothing has been finalized yet. Directors agreed the levy rate should be as low as possible without short-changing the district. Mr. Christensen said the district is able to lower the tax rate because the district does not need a cash reserve levy and has no general obligation bonds, but he said we do not want to have our property taxes fluctuate a great deal year-over-year. Other changes for this year include about a 6 ½ percent increase in benefits and a slight decrease in general fund revenues.

Mr. Christensen reviewed School Finance 101. There is a separate fund for general operating expenditures in a school district. There is a different fund that pays for insurance, legal expenses, and early retirements. There is a separate fund that collects

sales tax dollars that allows the district to do major infrastructure projects. There is another fund that allows the district to do capital maintenance and repairs on a smaller scale which is funded by property taxes. There is also a fund that is used in order to administer food services in the district.

Directors will approve the publication of the certified budget at the committee of the whole meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

4. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary