

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing for Bettendorf High School - CTE Wing Roof Replacement opened at 6:00 pm. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:01 pm.

2. 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 January 12, 2023. President Rebecca Eastman called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Jayme Olson, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Karen Allison, Director of Student Services; Alan Hartley, BMS Principal; Tammy Chelf, BMS Associate Principal; Chad Uhde, MT Principal; Monica Flink, Communications Assistant; Emily Cullison, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; David Farmer, Treasurer; Dillon Tholin, Student Representative; Mikkie Schiltz, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. Communication.

4.01 **President's Statement.** Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern. Citizens wishing to address the board during public comment must complete the *Public Input at Board Meetings* form (BP 213.1) in its entirety prior to the start of the meeting, or at a minimum, prior to speaking. Please state your name and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. We caution those making public comments that what they say could violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, and if they're unsure of the legal effect of their remarks they should seek independent advice prior to their comments.

There were no comments.

- 4.02 **Board Communication.** Director Lynch congratulated all students who were invited to audition for SEIBA. He also attended the Middle School Parent Link meeting last night. He said it was nice to see what they are doing and to see some familiar faces. Lastly, IASB is in the process of beginning a search for a new Executive Director. The current Director is retiring. Director Lynch wished her well.

Director Doerder thanked all those who signed the petition. She has met with quite a few community members and parents at Mark Twain, Grant Wood, Bettendorf Middle and Bettendorf High School. She has heard nothing but great things and excitement about it.

Vice-President Champion attended Parent Link as a parent last night. He appreciates Principal Hartley's commitment to it this year. They have gotten a lot done in the last four months.

Director Smithson attended Parent Link as a parent and said it was nice to see parents involved. She has heard positive feedback about the long-term facilities plan. She said it is nice to see the community supportive of it.

Director Castro worked a table last Friday to get signatures at the boys basketball game. He said they were able to get about 135 signatures. He thanked all those who helped out.

President Eastman said the overwhelming support she has received regarding the petition has been excellent. She thanked the Facilities Committee for putting in all the work that they did.

- 4.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse thanked the leadership teams for all they continue to do. She thanked Curt Pratt, his team, and other district staff for their quick response in restoring faulty sprinkler heads at Mark Twain on Christmas night. She said because of everyone's quick actions, the damage was minimal and they were able to have school ready on January 4. She thanked Erin Pestka and her team for installing SMART Boards across the district over winter break.

Over winter break, the high school hosted, in conjunction with ImpactLife, a Blood Drive in honor of Charly Erpelding. They surpassed their goal by collecting 185 units of blood. ImpactLife and the Erpelding family chose to provide a \$435 grant to Chase Shoemaker's classroom. She thanked everyone who came out to donate.

Dr. Morse had the privilege of attending many PTA/PTO meetings. She said it is always great to connect with our families. She appreciates their ongoing support.

As of this evening, we have officially verified 761 signatures for the GO Bond. We are over halfway there. The feedback she has received has been overwhelmingly positive.

- 4.04 **BEA Report.** Emily Cullison said they had their BEA meeting last night. She said the BEA believes public funds should stay in public schools.
- 4.05 **SEISTA Honor Orchestra 2023.** SEISTA Honor Orchestra is an honor string orchestra experience for students in Southeastern Iowa. It is a one-day affair hosted at Bettendorf High School on Saturday, January 14th. This year there are two orchestras: High School and Middle School. Congratulations to the following Bettendorf students for being selected to participate in SEISTA Honor Orchestra 2023!

Middle School Orchestra (Rachel Palmer)
Violin: Sydney Coussens, Noah Hlas, Kaylie Husser, Hadley James, Ella Ripslinger, Claire Zaruba
Viola: Lena Bunttemeyer, Max Cockayne
Cello: Tyler Murray, Stephen Schwartz
Bass: Riley Susairaj
High School Orchestra (Megan Cooney)
Violin: Morgan Brokaw, Jack Cockayne, Sam Huffaker, Andrea Koehler, Xavier Potts, Audrey Scarlett, Gianna Schwartz,
Viola: Finn Boyle, Calista Rasmer
Cello: Michael Farmer
Bass: Lucas Witt

- 4.06 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said BESA believes public funds belong in public schools.
- 4.07 **Student Board Representative Report.** Dillon Tholin reported the first thing they have coming up is the High School Exchange on February 23. The Big Event for Dance Marathon will be on March 1. Spread the Love Week will be the week before Valentine's Day. Spring Dance will be on March 4. He talked about various fundraising events and gave some high school updates. Charlie mentioned Chaz Nomura's podcast on Spotify titled Unleashed. It explores topics that matter most to students.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 5.01 Approval December 15, 2022 and December 19th Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes, January 5th Board Workshop Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of January 12, 2022 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel
Certified Resignation
Steven Andresen/BHS/Art/Effective 12/20/22
Lynne Cropper/TE/Math/Effective 6/30/23
Jennifer Davis/BHS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/23
Certified Approval to Hire
Autumn Huff/BHS/Art-2nd semester/1.0 FTE/BA,2/\$20,881-96 day contract/Contract prorated to number of days/Replacing Steven Andresen/Effective 1/13/23
Schedule D Resignation
Steven Andresen/BHS/Dungeons and Dragons Club Co-Sponsor/ Effective 12/20/22
Schedule D Approval to Hire
Jacob Koepnick/BHS/Co-Team Lead-Science/\$554/Splitting remainder of stipend 50/50 with Heather Wiley-current team lead/Effective 1/13/23
Jacob Koepnick/BHS/Dungeons and Dragons Club Co-Sponsor/\$671- stipend will be prorated to number of days/Replacing Steven Andresen /Effective 1/13/23
Paxton Loquist/BHS/Technical Director/\$5,699/New position/Effective 1/13/23

- 5.04 Approval of Heartland Phone Server Upgrade Contract
- 5.05 Approval of Varsity Group Advertising Contract 2023-2026
- 5.06 Approval of BHS Airgas PSA Contract
- 5.07 Approval of Additional Early Graduate - Quarter 2 - 2022-2023
Lucas Soncarty
- 5.08 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only)
The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf for 21/22
1 - PV
Out of Bettendorf 21/22
3 – CAM

6. Informational/Actions.

- 6.01 **At-Risk Program Update & Budget.** Karen Allison gave an update on the At-Risk Program and budget. She talked about the risk factors and identification thresholds for dropout prevention. Outreach Members Mica Frandsen and Holly Shaw shared how they help support families in the district.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Smithson, to approve the 2023/2024 at risk program as presented and the 2023/2024 maximum MSA of \$1,288,656 to support this program.

Ayes: 7 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Champion
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

- 6.02 **BHS CTE Wing Roof Replacement.** Director of Operations Curt Pratt reported sealed bids for replacement of the roof at Bettendorf High School CTE Wing will be received on Thursday, February 2, 2023. The work will be done over the summer.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the scope of work and proposed budget of \$625,000 for the Bettendorf High School CTE Wing Roof Replacement.

Ayes: 7 Directors Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Champion, Doerder
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

- 6.03 **First and Final Read of Policies.** The following board policies have been updated to align with changes in law and IASB recommendations.

- 501.14 Open Enrollment as a Receiving District
- 501.15 Open Enrollment as a Sending District
- 711.2 Student Conduct on School Transportation

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Smithson, to approve the following policies as presented.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman
Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

7. Future Events and Informational Items.

- January 26, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- February, 9, 6:30 pm - Board Meeting (later start due to BHS conferences)
- February 23, 6:30 pm - Board Meeting (time change)
- March 9, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- March 2, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- April 6, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting (date change)
- April 20, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting (date change)

8. Closed Session.

8.01 Motion to enter into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Smithson, to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c), which allows for a closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into a closed session at 7:15 pm. Directors returned to an open session at 7:55 pm.

9. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary