

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing on the High School Dust Collector Replacement Project opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments and the hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.

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 May 3, 2021. 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, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Jill Matherly, Director of Human Resources; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Jayme Olson, NA Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; David Farmer, Treasurer; Mary Heeringa, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; Ethan Geifman, Student Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

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

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. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments and written statements to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. Please refer to policy 213.E1 - Public Input At Board Meetings

David Fuglseth, 3060 Willow Drive, Bettendorf, addressed the board on COVID-19 mitigation steps.

Jodee Murcia, 1610 Elmwood Ave., Bettendorf, addressed the board on the district's mask policy.

Emma Folland, *2703 Oak Street, Bettendorf*, addressed the board on the district's mask policy.

Dave Murcia, *1610 Elmwood Ave., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on the district's mask policy.

Anna Isley, *1406 26th St., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on the district's mask policy.

Melissa Zumdomme, *3328 S. Hampton Dr., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on removing the masks mandates from our kids and letting parents choose.

Nicole Hagen, *Davenport*, addressed the board on the district's mask policy.

Andrew Hovey, *2931 Windsor Dr., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on discontinuing wearing masks during recess and P.E. class.

Rob Isley, *1406 26th St. Bettendorf*, addressed the board on the mask mandate for children in school.

Erin Hamilton, *2960 Willow Dr., Bettendorf*, sent an e-mail to be read at the board meeting. She shared her thoughts on the district's mask mandate.

4.02 **Board Communication.** Director Pyevich said he agreed with a lot of what was said tonight and would like to see this on the agenda at the next meeting. He noted the board cannot vote on anything tonight since it is not on the agenda because of open meeting rules.

Director Doerder thanked everyone for coming and making public comments. She said this is really hard because they want to be able to honor all of the choices that everyone feels their entitled to, the choice to wear a mask and the choice to have safety.

Director Holland thanked everyone for saying everything that he wanted to say tonight. He said we cannot vote on it tonight, but would be in favor of this coming to an end sooner rather than later.

Director Champion watched the spring orchestra concert via YouTube. He said he always appreciates the personalized invitation that they send. Regarding the public comments tonight, he said he stands by administration and the decisions they have made. He encouraged eligible people to get vaccinated.

Director Lynch said he enjoyed the 5th, 7th, 8th grade orchestra concerts. He acknowledged Ms. Craig and said it is a very big deal to be awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and said he is impressed.

Director Castro said he appreciates those who attended tonight. He said he learned some things that he was not aware of it.

President Eastman thanked the high school and all of the custodial staff, parents and everyone involved in putting together a wonderful prom last weekend.

- 4.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Thanked all the parents and students that came out tonight. She said she appreciated their willingness to come and share.

Dr. Morse recognized the school board. It is School Board Month. She thanked them for the work that they do. She recognized all of our amazing teachers, staff and support staff. It is Teacher Appreciation Week. Without our teachers and support staff, Bettendorf would not be as great of a district as it is.

She echoed the events of last week and said she had the privilege of attending the orchestra, choir and band concerts.

Dr. Morse gave a shout out to the girls' soccer team for their win over #1 PV last Friday night as well as Coach Pennington, boys' soccer coach, for his 600th win.

There are still a couple of weeks left of ISASP testing and they are starting to prepare for summer school, which will kick-off on June 15th.

- 4.04 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier had nothing to report.
- 4.05 **BEA Report.** Due to the amount of people in the board meeting unmasked, Mary Heeringa did not feel comfortable or safe coming in and giving her report. President Eastman read her report. Emma Steiner was selected as this year's recipient of BEA's Scholarship. They have their monthly BEA meeting this Wednesday and Round Table meeting next Tuesday. The elections for the BEA Executive Board will be this week. As always, they ask the community to continue to support our staff and students by following the CDC guidelines and wearing masks and getting vaccinated when you can.
- 4.06 **BESA Report.** Due to the amount of people in the board meeting unmasked, Melissa Laufenberg did not feel comfortable or safe coming in and giving her report. President Eastman read her report. BESA held their elections this evening and our new officers will begin their term on July 1. Melissa welcomed the new Executive Board for the 2021-2022. They have their final Round Table meeting on May 13 and they look forward to continuing to work with our district team on developing some new things for next year. Our building staff are working diligently every day to ensure that we can all finish up the year in-person and safely and we need the continued efforts of the school community and our QC community to help make this happen. She wished all of our teachers a happy Teachers Appreciation Week.
- 4.07 **Student Board Representative Report.** Ethan Geifman talked about the BHS Saturday Market on Saturday, May 8. The proceeds from this event will go toward providing a free prom for all students next year. He said prom was last weekend and all went well. He thanked the Iowa National Guard for providing a free DJ. He thanked all of those who helped out with the after prom. He congratulated Ella Schmidt for Ms. Wrestler of the Year. He thanked Dr. Morse for coming to the high school and having a round table discussion twice in the last couple of weeks.
- 4.08 **Trebuchet Contest.** Big Shout out to all the great spectators that came to the Trebuchet contest on Friday, April 16th. Your support was greatly appreciated. Team "Million Dollar Arm" took first place in the event. Team members included Finley Bagby, Avery Dubberstein, Tyree Fennelly, Layton Pribyl. and Ethan Willis.

Team "Better late than Never" had the longest toss of the day of 223 ft. Team members included Terry Dunn, Ryan Sherman, & Robert Schwan

- 4.09 **BCSD Students Selected as National History Day State Finalists.** Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a state finalist in the National History Day project.

First Name	Last Name	Grade	Project Type	Project Title
Kelsi	Smith	7	Group Website	John Brown: Utilizing Violence to Express Racial Injustice
Makenna	Miller			
Charlotte	Nigey			
Willa	Halfhill	6	Individual Exhibit	Cher Ami: The Pigeon Who Saved the Lost Battalion with a Single Message Process Paper & Annotated Bibliography
Ben	Gillette	7	Individual Documentary	Comics in the Crosshairs: The Comics Code Authority Process Paper & Annotated Bibliography
Skye	Jungwirth	6	Individual Exhibit	Louis Braille: Bringing Light to the Darkness Process Paper & Annotated Bibliography
Ishika	Motwani	6	Individual Website	War Drums: Echoes from the American Civil War

- 4.10 **Ella Schmit Awarded Dan Gable Ms. Wrestler of the Year Award.** Congratulations to BHS Junior Ella Schmit for being awarded the 2021 Dan Gable Ms. Wrestler of the Year. Fareway Stores, Inc. and BodyArmor Sports Drink annually present the Dan Gable Ms. & Mr. Wrestler of the Year Awards in coordination with IA wrestle and the Iowa High School Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA).

Bettendorf standout Ella Schmit capped off a historic season in 2021 putting her in elite company in the state of Iowa. In January she became a three-time IWCOA state finalist and won her second title by pinning her way through the bracket. In February, she became the third girl's wrestler to qualify for the boy's state tournament and then became the second girl to win a match at the tournament. Her other accomplishments include a 2020 AAU state title and runner-up finish the year prior. She joins Bettendorf graduate Fredy Stroker in award winners from her school.

Three finalists from each of the three state wrestling classes, regardless of their year in school and weight class, were selected by fan and IWCOA committee votes for Mr. Wrestler of the Year. In addition, three women finalists were selected for the Ms. Wrestler Awards.

- 4.11 **Bettendorf's Pennington claims win No. 600.** Ben Pennington secured his 600 win in Boys Soccer last night by beating Iowa City Regina. Congratulations to Coach Pennington and the BHS Soccer Team!
- 4.12 **Chrissy Block Receives Artsonia Art Education Leadership Award.** Congratulations to Neil Armstrong Elementary Art Teacher Chrissy Block for being selected as one of 15 art teachers from across the nation to receive the Artsonia's Art Education Leadership Award! The award recognizes visionary teachers who continually inspire their peers in the

art education community through their online school gallery on Artsonia. Award winners are nominated by their peers for their demonstration of outstanding leadership and innovation within the art education community on Artsonia.

- 4.13 **BMS Art Teacher Ellen Craig Awarded Fulbright Scholarship.** BMS Art Teacher Ellen Craig was recently selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad. She will be traveling to Iceland this summer to study and develop curriculum projects.

The Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad program provides short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. The Department of Education funds commissions in various countries to pay the costs associated with administering seminars.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

5.01 Approval of April 19, 2021 Regular Board Minutes

5.02 Approval of May 3, 2021 Bills Recommended for Pay

5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Certified Resignation

Breanna Chumbley/NA/3rd Grade/Effective 6/30/21

Sebastian Polhill/TE/Math/Effective 6/30/21

Brennen Schmertmann/BHS/Math/Effective 6/30/21

Certified Retirement

Susan Owen/BMS/Language Arts/Effective 6/30/21

Certified Approval to Hire

Jamie Schanz/BHS/Social Studies/1.0 FTE/MA,9/Salary pending 2021- 2022 salary schedule/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Kelly Ager/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Brandon Tolle/BHS/Industrial Technology/1.0 FTE/MA+30,17/Salary pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Joseph Phillips/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Certified Contract Modification

Florence Awoukeng/BMS/Modern Language-German/From 1.0 to 0.38 FTE/Reduction in FTE for enrollment needs/Effective 2021-2022 school year **Amanda**

Hoffman/BMS/Modern Language-Spanish/From 0.70 to 0.17 FTE/Reduction in FTE for enrollment needs/Effective 2021-2022

Certified Leave of Absence

Maria Pieper/BMS/Online Teacher/Effective 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 – Leave Type - Personal

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Taylor Johnson/BMS/Assistant 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach/\$1,959/ Replacing

- Alec Clark/Effective 2021-2022 school year
Kelly Turner/BMS/Assistant 8th Grade Volleyball Coach/\$1,959/Replacing Taylor Johnson/Effective 2021-2022 school year
- 5.04 Approve Level I and Level II Investigators. Approve the following investigators for school year 2021/22:
Level I – David Hlas, Jillian Dotson and Jill Matherly
Level II – James McDonald, McDonald Services, Windsor Heights, IA
- 5.05 Approve Drivers Education Contract 2022-2023
- 5.06 Approve Iowa Wesleyan Cooperative Agreement 2021-2022
- 5.07 Approve St. Ambrose University Cooperative Agreement 2021-2022
Approve two donations in the amount of \$500.00 from Autumn Gray, 2220 St. Andrews Circle Bettendorf, IA and \$1000.00 from Bridgeview Homes (Olde Town Roofing), 1211 35th Ave, Moline IL. 61265 for the BHS Girls Golf Team
- 5.08 Approve the tuition applications for an 11th grader from Silvis, IL., and a 12th grader Rock Island, IL
- 5.09 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only)
Into Bettendorf 2021/2022
1 - from Pleasant Valley
2 - from Davenport
Out of Bettendorf 2021/2022
1- into Pleasant Valley

6. Informational/Actions.

- 6.01 **Approval of Bids for the BMS Roof Restoration.** Three bids were received. After reviewing the bids, Curt Pratt recommended awarding the contract for construction to the apparent low bidder, Sterling Commercial Roofing, Bettendorf, Iowa. Sterling's bid was \$333,000, which is over the budgeted amount by \$60,000. A portion of this overage is due to fluctuations in material costs. It was recommended approving the base bid as is, as material costs are not likely to decrease in the next year. The project is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 7 and be substantially complete on Friday, August 12.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Castro, to approve Sterling Commercial Roofing in the amount \$333,000 for the C Wing Roof Restoration at Bettendorf Middle School.

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

- 6.02 **Herbert Hoover Bid Contracts.** The project was bid as one prime contract to general contractors. Four bids were received. Director of Operations Curt Pratt was hoping to have between 6-8 bids.

The overall project budget was approved at \$3,087,633. The current estimate with bid results and other costs projected awaiting additional quotes stands at \$3,146,330, which includes \$135,325 in construction contingency funds. The largest remaining projected costs are playground equipment and furniture.

After reviewing the bids, it was recommended to award the contract for construction to

Bill Bruce Builders Inc., for the apparent low base bid of \$2,640,000. They also recommended approving all four alternates for a total additional cost of \$70,500, bringing the total cost for construction to \$2,710,500.

Work on the site and exterior of the building will begin on Monday, June 7. Interior renovation work will begin upon completion of asbestos abatement.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Castro, to approve Bill Bruce Builders Inc. low base bid of \$2,640,000 and Alternates 1, 2 3, and 4 for an additional cost of \$66,500 for the Herbert Hoover Addition and Renovation.

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

- 6.03 **Approval of Bus Bids.** Three bids were received from two different companies. The difference between the two bids from School Bus Sales is a 2022 model built this summer with a different engine than was specified versus a 2022 stock model that is already complete that features a different seat color. The 2022 bus would be delivered in October, while the stock unit could be delivered in July prior to the start of the school year.

It was recommended rejecting Hoglund's bid as non-conforming to the specifications and accept the bid for the stock units from School Bus Sales for \$208,304, less the trade-ins valued at \$5,600, for a total cost of \$202,704.

The 2021-22 PPEL budget allotted \$240,000 for the purchase of these buses.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded as Director Castro, to approve the purchase of two buses from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$202,704.00 as presented.

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

- 6.04 **First and Final Read of Policies.**

- Policy 502.4: Student Complaints and Grievances
Add "school days".
- Policy 502.5: Student Lockers
No change.
- Policy 502.6: Dangerous Weapons
Remove "It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy" and match IASB.
- Policy 502.7: Smoking-Drinking-Drugs
Remove "It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy."
- Policy 502.9: Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
Update to reflect IASB's recommended policy.

- Policy 502.10: Student Use of Motor Vehicles
Replace “legitimate reason” with “school-related reason” in the second paragraph.
- Policy 502.11: Student Use of Bicycles
Delete. Add to the parent/student handbook.
- Policy 502.12: Work Permits
Delete. No longer relevant.
- Policy 606.1: Class Size
No change. Reapprove
- Policy 606.6: Insufficient Classroom Space
Update with IASB
- Policy 700: Purpose of No instructional and Business Services
No change. Reapprove
- Policy 701.1: Depository of Funds
No change. Reapprove
- Policy 701.4R: Governmental Accounting Practices & Regulations
Delete. Not required.

Policies 701.2, 701.3, and 701.4 were removed until the next board meeting in order for proposed changes by Director Lynch to be made.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded as Director Castro, to approve the board policies listed above for a first and final reading.

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

- 6.05 **Approval of BHS Dust Collector Replacement.** This is a PPEL project that is noted on the five-year plan. The replacement of the woodshop dust collector at Bettendorf High School will be done over the summer.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded as Director Castro, to approve the scope of work and proposed budget of \$109,250 for the Bettendorf High School Woodshop Dust Collector Replacement.

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

7. Future Events and Informational Items.

- May 17, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- May 30, BHS Graduation, 1:00 pm
- June 4, End of the Year Staff Recognition, 2:00 pm
- June 7, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- June 21, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

8. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary