

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Minutes of the April 20, 2023, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A public hearing for FY 2023-24 Budget opened at 6:00 pm. There were no comments and the 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 April 20, 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; Celeste Miller, Director Communications; Jayme Olson, Director of Curriculum; Erin Pestka, Director of Technology; Kait Burke and Emily Cullison, BEA Representatives; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; David Farmer, Treasurer; Dillan Tholin, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:10 pm.

3. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

4. Communication.

4.01 **Fall Letter Of Intent Signings 2022.** The following athletes will be signing a letter of intent on Wednesday, April 12, 2023:

Trent Allen Cross Country/Track & Field at Coe College

Justin Anderson Football at Iowa Western

Luke Bohonek Baseball at Iowa Central Community College

Connor Chase Baseball at Luther College

Spencer Del Vecchio Football at UW Platteville

Natalie Hitt Softball at Coe College

Joseph Hutter Miller Volleyball at Mount Mercy

Isaiah Martinez Football at UW Platteville

Elijah Mendoza Football at Wartburg College
Malachi Moore Football at Wartburg College
Xavier Potts Soccer at University of Purdue NW
John Powell Football at University of Dubuque
Jordan Roberts Wrestling at Life University
Haley Scholbrock Cheerleading at St. Ambrose University
Ammiah Wynn Bowling at Alabama State University

4.02 **BHS Student Council Award.** Congratulations to our student council. They have received the 2023 National Gold Council of Excellence. Winning the National Gold Council of Excellence Award is testament to the highest standards of quality that a council consistently demonstrates in its operation, and its projects and activities.

4.03 **BHS Solo and Ensemble Results.** This past Saturday over 50 Band Orchestra and Choir students participated in the Iowa High School Music Association's State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Davenport West High School. Below are the ratings received by all the students who participated, in a variety of events including solos, duets, trios, quartets and quintets. Special shoutout to Kaelee Wolf (Trumpet Solo) and Jack Cockayne and Jalyn Thorsen (String Duet) who received Best of Center designation and have been invited to perform at the IHSMA Outstanding Performance Recital in May.

Division I Ratings

Jack Cockayne- *Vocal Solo* Division I
Gianna Schwartz- *Clarinet Solo* Division I
Tyler Fink- *Vocal Solo* Division I
Liam Rehnberg- *Clarinet Solo* Division I
Jack Cockayne and Grace Moore- *Vocal Duet* Division I
Kaelee Wolf- *Trumpet Solo* Division I *Best Of Center*
Angelina Wu- *Vocal Solo* Division I
Emma Pearson- *Clarinet Solo* Division I
Grace Moore- *Vocal Solo* Division I
Michael Farmer - *Cello Solo* Division I
Jack Cockayne and Jalyn Thorsen - *Violin/Viola Duet* - Division I *Best of Center*
Jack Cockayne, Andrea Koehler, Audrey Scarlett, Xavier Potts - *Violin Quartet* Division I
Gianna Schwartz, Morgan Brokaw, Jalyn Thorsen, Michael Farmer, Lucas Witt - *String Quintet* Division I
Jack Cockayne - *Violin Solo* Division I
Jalyn Thorsen - *Viola Solo* Division I
Ben Gillette - *Cello Solo* Division I
Treday Dunn - *Vocal Solo* Division I
Morgan Brokaw, Alayna Mull, Lilian Perez, Gracie Pruitt - *Vocal Quartet* Division I
Danny Stephens - *Trumpet Solo* Division I
Baxter Schadt - *Alto Sax Solo* Division I
Alayna Mull - *Vocal Solo* Division I
Alex Driever, Jaiden Jones, Baxter Schadt, Ammiah Wynn - *Sax Quartet* Division I

Division II Ratings

Eli Young- *Clarinet Solo* Division II
Noah Leavitt- *Trumpet Solo* Division II
Jenna Farwell- *Flute Solo* Division II
Jessica Young- *Vocal Solo* Division II
Mia Hinds- *Euphonium Solo* Division II
Robert Kennedy- *Vocal Solo* Division II
Jenna Farwell and Katelyn Farmer- *Flute Duet* Division II

Loukia Constantinides- *Flute Solo* Division II
Savannah Harris and John Rowe- *Vocal Duet* Division II
Ivan Iverson and Jordan De Simone- *Percussion Duet* Division II
Payton Terronez, Robert Kennedy, Calista Rasmer, Kaija Anderson - *String Quartet*
Division II
Sam Huffaker - *Violin Solo* Division II
Morgan Brokaw - *Vocal Solo* Division II
Loukia Constantinides and Jaylynn Kerr - *Flute Duet* Division II
Aila Koivisto - *Vocal Solo* Division II
Julisia Vallejo - *Vocal Solo* Division II
Josh Campbell - *Tuba Solo* Division II
Treday Dunn, Amarie Williams, and Elijah Wittenauer - *Vocal Trio* Division II
Natalie Everding - *Vocal Solo* Division II
Audrey Seneli - *Vocal Solo* Division II

Division III Ratings

Elijah Obomanu- *Vocal Solo* Division III
Shannon Gilbraith and Jess Young 3:22 - *Vocal Duet* Division III

- 4.04 **BHS Boys Swimming Team All-Metro.** Congratulations to our boys swimming team. Seven BHS Boys Swim Team Members made the Quad Cities All-Metro Swim Team! The Bulldogs made up nearly half of the first team, with Senior Keaton Weaver, Juniors Drew Gasper and Ricky Zillmer, and sophomores Jacob Mitvalsky, Kiefer Roemer, and Hudson Weaver. Mateo Surma (sophomore) made honorable mention.
- 4.05 **BHS FBLA State Leadership Conference.** Congratulations to our FBLA students and their performance at the State Leadership conference.
Charles Silver with 1st place in Impromptu Speaking
Maxwell Rantilla with 1st place in Client Service
Brooklyn McNeil and Delainey Sullivan with 1st place in Public Service Announcement
Brooklyn McNeil and Winston Shaner with 1st place in Marketing
Maxwell Rantilla, Maya Miller, Charles Silver with 1st place in Vocabulary Relay
Charles Silver and Maya Miller 2 nd place in Hospitality Management
Jason Lin with 3rd place in Help Desk
Joseph Hutter Miller with 6th place in Insurance and Risk Management
Joseph Hutter Miller and Winston Shaner with 8th place in Sports and Entertainment
Brent Teter with 8th place in Business Calculations
Mia Lescano and Brent Teter with 9th place in Business Ethics
Maxwell Rantilla with 9th place in Public Speaking
Seth Rashid with 9th place in Intro to Financial Math
Brent Teter, Joseph Hutter Miller, and Jason Lin with 9th place in Vocabulary Relay
- 4.06 **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.

- 4.07 **Board Communication.** Director Castro attended the Volunteer Recognition event prior to the Board meeting. He thanked the volunteers for all that they do.

Director Smithson stopped by Bettendorf Middle School this morning and said it was nice to see that the focus of the building was all on ISASP testing. She said it was really well organized.

Vice-President Champion echoed what Director Castro said regarding the volunteers.

Director Lynch attended the Students First Banquet. He said it is always a pleasure to see students succeeding in all kinds of ways. He attended the Art Show at the Figge that had on display art work of BCSD elementary students and saw lots of inspiration.

Director Doerder attended the Students First Banquet. She said there are so many kids doing so many great things. She donated at the BMS Blood Drive. She attended the Volunteer Recognition event tonight. She is attending, along with other board members, a Summit on Student Success next week. It is a two-day event in Des Moines.

President Eastman attended the Volunteer Recognition event and thanked Celeste Miller for putting together the video.

- 4.08 **BEA Report.** Kait Burke said they appreciate the parents who attended conferences at the elementary and middle schools over the last couple of weeks. High School conferences are next week. High school has finished with ISASP testing, the middle school is finishing up tomorrow and the elementary buildings will start tomorrow and go through next week. BEA is looking forward to negotiations on May 4.
- 4.09 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said there is a lot going on district wide. The high school musical Addams Family opens tonight at 7:00.
- 4.10 **Student Board Representative Report.** Dillan Tholin reported on the latest happenings at the high school. They have a lot of upcoming events for Student Council.
- 4.11 **Superintendent Report.** Dr. Morse gave a shout out to the entire planning committee, staff and partners from the AEA and University of Iowa Mental Health Center. They were able to provide staff, on their professional development day on April 10, a couple of hours where they could come to the high school and be engaged in activities of their choice. She received positive feedback.

The spring musical kicks off tonight.

Dr. Morse thanked Hailey Hoyt for the College Financial Planning night that was offered to parents and guardians in our district. She said it was full of great information.

Dr. Morse thanked the high school staff and office team for all they did to put on the Students First Banquet. She said it is a special event for students and teachers.

Dr. Morse presented at the Lions Club Meeting last Thursday and shared the great things happening in the district.

They held their last SIAC meeting this past Monday. Dr. Morse gave a shout out to Jayme Olson for her leadership that night.

Dr. Morse attended the Parent Executive Council last night and said it is a great

opportunity to learn and get better from each other. She appreciates all that they are doing for the district.

She attended the Volunteer Recognition event tonight. She thanked those who planned the event and the volunteers for their countless hours and said words do not express the gratitude.

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 of April 6 , 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5.02 Approval of 20, 2023 Bills Recommended for Payment

5.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations

Administrative FYI

David Kietzman/District/Summer School Administrative Intern/5 days a week/\$3,000 stipend/New temporary position/Effective 4/20/23

Certified Resignation

Dawn Edwards/PN/Kindergarten/Effective 6/30/23

Amber Mraz/BHS/Vocal Music/Effective 6/30/23

Edith Perion/BHS/Special Education/Effective 4/25/23

Debbie Thomas/BMS/Family and Consumer Science/Effective 6/30/23

Certified Transfer

Beth Thompson/From BHS to District/From Special Ed to Instructional Coach-Special Education/1.0 FTE/New position/Effective 2023-24 school year

Sheala Wentink/From BMS to District/From Special Ed to K-8 Instructional Coach-Special Education/1.0 FTE/New position/Effective 2023-24 school year

Certified Contract Modification

Daniel Drexler/BHS/Industrial Technology/From 106 days to 101 days/ Decrease in days due to IPERS criteria/Effective 4/6/23

Certified Approval to Hire

Matthew Johnson/BHS/Special Education-Level 2/1.0 FTE/MA,2/ \$48,885 (2022-23 salary schedule)/Pending licensure/Replacing Kirk Stevens/Effective 2023-24 school year

Emma Kuebler/BMS/School Nurse/1.0 FTE/BA,6/\$48,717(2022-23 salary schedule)/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Megan Richmond/ Effective 2023-24 school year

Victoria Schrage/BHS/Language Arts/1.0 FTE/MA,12/\$65,648(2022-23 salary schedule)/Pending verification/Replacing Rodger Wilming/Effective 2023-24 school year

Schedule D Resignation

Ann Bitter/Elem/Team Leader Special Education/Effective 6/30/23

Lora Hayes/BMS/Head 8th Grade Volleyball Coach/Effective 6/16/23

Megan Hayes/BMS/Assistant 8th Grade Volleyball Coach/Effective 4/13/23

Megan Hayes/BMS/Assistant 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach/Effective 4/13/23

Katherine Masterson/BMS/Head 8th Grade Volleyball Coach/Effective 4/11/23

- 5.04 **Amber Mraz/BHS/Vocal Director-Show Choir/Effective 6/30/23**
Request for Open Enrollment. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf 2023/2024
2 - North Scott
7 - Pleasant Valley
28 - Davenport
Out of Bettendorf 2023/2024
2 - Davenport
1 - Iowa Virtual Academy

6. Informational/Actions.

- 6.01 **Parent Organizations (PTA/PTO, Parent Link, BHS Athletic Boosters, BHS Fine Arts Boosters).** Jennifer Boedeker, GW PTA Co-President and Annie Thomas of BMS Parent Link gave an update on the great work that our parent organizations are doing throughout the district. Dr. Morse said they are a great group to work with and do so much to make our schools better.
- 6.02 **Approval of Proposed Budget FY 2024.** The board had an opportunity to look in depth at the FY 2024 proposed budget at the April 6 board meeting. Tonight is the required budget that needs to be posted, have a public hearing on and sent to the state. Dr. Morse noted the district's levy is staying stable this year.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the FY 2024 proposed budget as presented.

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

7. Future Events and Informational Items.

- May 8th, 6:00 pm - Board Workshop
- May 11th, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- May 25th, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- May 28th, 1:00 pm - BHS Class of 2023 Graduation
- May 30th, 6:00 pm - Board Workshop
- June 8th, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- June 22nd, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting

8. **Closed Session - Disciplinary Hearing.** Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, that the Board enter into closed session to conduct a hearing to suspend or expel a student, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(e), and to review and discuss records that are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, as allowed by Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a).

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

Directors entered into a closed session at 6:37 pm. Directors returned to an open session at 7:28 pm.

9. **Approval of Disciplinary Action.** Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, that the Board makes the following findings of fact:

- The student has continued to engage in a pattern of disruptive behavior and noncompliance.
- The most recent incident involved the student making a threat of a shooting at Bettendorf High School.
- The student's conduct caused a substantial disruption to Bettendorf High School.
- The student's conduct continues to be in violation of Board Policy 503.1, Student Behavior and Discipline.

Based on the findings of fact, the Board accepts the administration's recommendation as to the discipline of the student. The student is expelled for the remainder of the school year and the 2023-2024 school year. If the student comes back to the area and lives in the district, the administration and IEP team will work out a plan to serve her during the expulsion per her IEP. At the end of the student's expulsion and prior to returning to school no earlier than August 2024, the student and parent will meet with administration to determine a reentry plan.

During the period of expulsion the student is not allowed on any Bettendorf Community School District property or at any school event where a Bettendorf team is participating. The student is directed not to have contact or take action with regard to any student or staff member who provided adverse testimony or information in this case.

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

10. **Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation.** Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Champion, to enter into closed session to conduct a hearing to suspend or expel a student, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(e), and to review and discuss records that are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, as allowed by Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a).

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

Directors entered into a closed session at 7:39 pm. Directors returned to an open session at 9:14 pm.

11. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary