

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the April 5, 2021, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing. A public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.
2. Public Hearing. A public hearing on the Herbert Hoover Addition and Remodel - Phase I opened at 6:01 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.
3. 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 5, 2021. President Rebecca Eastman called the meeting to order at 6:02 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; David Farmer, Treasurer; Mary Heeringa, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Pyevich arrived at 6:05 p.m.

4. Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Holland, to approve the agenda with one change that we table 7.01, First and Final Read of Policies. There are a couple of questions that need to be followed up on before they are ready.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Communication.

5.01 **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 to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. Please refer to policy 213.E1 - Public Input At Board Meetings.

There were no comments.

- 5.02 **Board Shared Communication.** Director Holland thanked Mark Friemel of IntegraSoft for the donation to help support the Students 1st Banquet.

Director Lynch saw a number of Bettendorf students art on display last week at the Figge Museum. He said his favorites were the Pablo Picasso inspired self-portraits.

Director Castro recognized Mr. Friemel's donation.

- 5.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse noted we officially started 4th quarter today. They had the opportunity to meet with staff on Thursday, April 1 for some professional development. The Director of Student Services coordinated bringing a speaker in from the AEA that looked at trauma informed practices. The feedback she has received has been quite positive. She thanked all staff for making that transition from 3rd quarter to 4th quarter so seamless.

- 5.04 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier had nothing to report.

- 5.05 **BEA Report.** Mary Heeringa reported they have their monthly BEA meeting this Wednesday and Round Table meeting next Tuesday. They took last week off from negotiations due to conferences. They resumed those talks this afternoon and had a very productive conversation.

One last reminder, the BEA Scholarship is available to any BHS graduating student who is intending to go into education. The application can be found on the district website and is due April 9.

She continued to ask the community to help us by following CDC guidelines and getting vaccinated when able. She thanked the community for their continued support throughout the year.

- 5.06 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg announced that BESA has officially transitioned our union affiliation from the Service Employees International Union to the Iowa State Education Association. They look forward to working with their sister unions BSSA and BEA in the future. They had contract negotiations last week and will continue those discussions later this week. She asked the community to please continue to support our mitigation efforts in our buildings.

- 5.07 **Student Board Representative's Report.** There was no Student Representative report.

- 5.08 **BHS StuCo Wins National Gold and Meritorious Distinction.** Congrats to Bettendorf High School StuCo for winning the National Gold Council of Excellence and Honor Council with meritorious distinction at State. Sam Barnes was also recognized as a district officer & Aidan Goerdt as the outgoing state president.

- 5.09 **Bett Students Earn Recognition in National History Day Competition.** Bettendorf Middle School (junior division) and Bettendorf High School (senior division) students compete against other eastern Iowa schools in the National History Day Mississippi River District Virtual Competition. Two and in some cases three projects were selected to move on to the virtual State of Iowa competition in mid-April.

National History Day offers year-long academic programs that engage middle- and high-school students in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students

enter their projects at local and state contests, with top students advancing to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Bettendorf School District Awardees

Sophia Lynch – 6th Grade - *Three Lines in History: How a Jewish Resistance Group Communicated Their Defiance of the Nazis*. Best in Holocaust/Jewish History Award

State Qualifiers

6TH GRADE

- **Willa Halfhill** - *Cher Ami: The Pigeon Who Saved the Lost Battalion with a Single Message*
- **Lucy Wolf & Lilah Rasche** - *The Pony Express: The Record Shattering Communication Service that Blazed the Trail for Today's United States Postal Service*
- **Ishika Motwani** - *War Drums: Echoes from the American Civil War*
- **Skye Jungwirth** - *Louis Braille: Bringing Light to the Darkness*

7TH GRADE

- **Kelsi Smith, Makenna Miller, & Charlotte Nigey** - *John Brown: Utilizing Violence to Express Racial Injustice*
- **Cecelia Spector** - *Communicating for Christ: Richard Wurmbbrand and the Underground Church*
- **Joseph McDermott & William Barquist** - *The Navajo Code Talkers: Communicate to an American WWII Victory*
- **Ben Gillette** - *Comics in the Crosshairs: The Comics Code Authority*

8TH GRADE

- **Amelia Hinds** - *Slave Songs: Generations of Sorrow, Joy, Inspiration and Hope*
- **Baxter Schadt & Camren Raskin** - *Secret Communications: Story of the Navajo Code During WWII*
- **Braulio Cardona Esteves & Corbin DeDecker** - *Movie Animation: Communicating Complex Storylines*
- **Luceena Susairaj** - *Therapy Dogs: The Unbreakable Bond Between Man and His Best Friend*
- **Finley Haberman & Matthew Gardner** - *American Communication Satellites: Revolutionizing Worldwide*. Also awarded The Arthur and Rachel Serianz Award for Excellence in the History of Science
- **Grace Li** - *Doria Shafik: A Voice For Change*

9TH GRADE

- **Kaelee Wolf & Alivia Isaacson** - *Rachel Carson: Communicating Environmental Concern in the Face of Sexism, Greed, and an Uninformed Public*. Also awarded the Best in Conservation History Award.

11TH GRADE

- **Clarisse Roscio** - *The Battle of Antietam: The Battle that Decided the Fate of America*
- **Eric Newton** - *Alan Turing: Nazi Code Breaker and Father of Modern Computing*. Also awarded The Arthur and Rachel Serianz Award for Excellence in the History of Science.

Motion by Director Lynch, 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

6.01 Approval of March 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

6.02 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Certified Resignation

Rachel Bails/GW/Special Education/Effective 6/30/21

Amanda Hutchinson/BMS/Social Studies/Effective 6/30/21

Lindsey Jimenez/BHS/Special Education/Effective 6/30/21

Jordann Lehman/GW/Kindergarten/Effective 6/30/21

Certified Approval to Hire

Patrick Galvin/BHS/Academic Interventionist/1.0 FTE/ MA,9/Salary pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/pending licensure and verification/New position/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Molly Mitola/BHS/Language Arts/1.0 FTE/BA,0/Salary pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Amanda Nichols/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Matthew Seabold/BHS/Academic Interventionist/1.0 FTE/BA,3/Salary pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/pending licensure and verification/New position/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Chase Shoemaker/BHS/Vocal Music/1.0 FTE/MA,3/Salary pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Mariah Chapdelaine/Effective 2021-2022 school year

Schedule D Resignation

Craig Kinzer/BMS/Assistant 7thGrade Volleyball Coach/Effective 3/26/21

Jacob Koepnick/BHS/Assistant Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach/ Effective 3/24/21

Jill Kull/BMS/Team Leader 6thGrade House 3/Effective 6/30/21

Deb Temperly/BMS/Club Sponsor-Computer(Yearbook)/Effective 6/30/21

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Chase Shoemaker/BHS/Vocal Director Prep Choir-Musical/Stipend pending 2021-2022 salary schedule/Replacing Mariah Chapdelaine/Effective 2021-2022school year

6.03 Approval of April 5, 2021 Bills Recommended for Payment

6.04 Approval of Luther College MOU

6.05 Approval of UNI Cooperative Agreement

6.06 Approval of Donation of \$600.00 for our Students 1st Banquet from Mark Friemel at integraSoft, 2547 Tech Drive, Bettendorf, IA. 52722

6.07 Approval of tuition application for seventh grade student coming from Davenport, IA for the 2021-2022 school year

6.08 Request for Open Enrollment. Denial of the Open Enrollment Request:

Out of Bettendorf

1 - into Clayton Ridge

6.09 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only)

The following students have been approved for open enrollment:

20/21 Into Bettendorf

1 - from Davenport

21/22 Into Bettendorf

6-Davenport
1-Pleasant Valley
21/22 out of Bettendorf
1-Pleasant Valley

7.0 Informational/Action Items.

7.01 **First and Final Read of Policies.** This item was tabled.

7.02 **Approval of Proposed Budget FY 2022.** Director of Finance Brie Collier said this is the exact same publication that was reviewed at the last board meeting.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the FY2022 proposed budget.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

7.03 **Approval of Herbert Hoover Addition and Remodel - Phase I.** Director of Operations Curt Pratt said in this phase we are adding three additional classrooms, but we will not be gaining three classrooms in later phases. Some classrooms will be turned into collaboration areas similar as to what is at Mark Twain and Grant Wood. Dr. Morse said overall in the scope of the project there is not a net positive gain of three additional classrooms. We need to build these three new classrooms so that as we reconfigure the space in what then will become collaboration spaces, students will have classrooms to go into.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the scope of work and proposed budget of \$3,216,953 for the Herbert Hoover Addition and Remodel - Phase I.

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

Nays: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-1

7.04 **Approval of Banking RFP's.** Ms. Collier said the district sent an RFP in February for Banking Services to ten qualified banks. They received five responses. Ms. Collier, Dr. Morse and the district accountant reviewed and ranked responses and recommend Quad City Bank & Trust.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve Quad City Bank & Trust to provide banking services for the District for an initial three-year period with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

7.05 **2021-2022 BOE Dates.** Dr. Morse said they are proposing changing the board dates from Monday nights to Wednesday nights and they are proposing that in July, August,

December and January that there is one meeting instead of two. They have received some feedback from staff in terms of having an extra couple of days to get the agendas posted. They also looked at when holidays and breaks fall and there are quite a few Mondays that will need to be moved to Tuesday. Tuesdays tend to be a heavy night for district activities.

Director Pyevich said he is for any night of the week except for Wednesdays because he is on call. President Eastman said the board had the opportunity to discuss this with Dr. Morse prior to the meeting tonight.

Dr. Morse said they will look at this further and bring back a proposal at a future board meeting. The action item was tabled.

8. Future Events and Informational Items.

- April 19, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- May 3, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm
- May 17, 2021, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

9. Exempt Session – Negotiations.

- 9.01 Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to enter into exempt session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 20.17(3) and 20.9 for the purpose of discussing strategies for negotiations.

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

Directors entered into exempt session at 6:35 pm and returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

10. Closed Session – Real Estate.

- 10.01 Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Pyevich, to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(j), to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the school district would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the school district would receive for that property.

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

Directors entered into closed session at 7:06 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

11. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary