

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Minutes of the August 25, 2022, Regular Meeting
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 their regular Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on August 25, 2022. 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:

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Karen Allison, Director of Student Services; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director Communications; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Principal; Alan Hartley, BMS Principal; Emily Cullison, BEA Representative; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Representative; David Farmer, Treasurer; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3. Communication.

3.01 **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.

Melissa Zumdom said the communication has been excellent this year. She had a couple of questions regarding curriculum.

Cyndi Diercks said Watch D.O.G.S. at the middle school has been amazing. She said the district has put together an incredible leadership team at the middle school. She had questions about a form that a student received.

- 3.02 **Board Communication.** Director Doerder attended the All Staff Welcome Back on Monday and she said it was a great morning. She also attended the Hoover PTA this evening and said they had a great turnout at their Ice Cream Social.

Director Lynch enjoyed himself at the Middle School Open House last week.

President Eastman thanked the fourteen parents, grandparents and guardians that have come forward and completed the process to participate in the Parent Support Program at BMS. She said it sounds like things are off to a really good start. She had the opportunity to be at the high school on Monday for Freshman Orientation. She thanked the SELL Program for being there giving tours.

Vice-President Champion attended the Renewal of the BMS Parent Link meeting last night. He said it was an outstanding group and a lot of progress was made. He thanked Mr. Hartley for being there and representing the district.

Director Smithson had the opportunity to attend the Makers Festival. She said it was a nice event. She also attended the Middle School Open House and thought it went really well.

Director Castro reported the Southeast Little League team competed in the Little League World Series. The head coach of the team is a 2000 graduate of Bettendorf High School. One of the kids on the team is Jeremiah Griese and he is an incoming 7th grader at BMS.

- 3.03 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse shared some data on professional learning and exit ticket data.

She thanked board members for attending the Community Expo and Makers Market. The Student Council hosted the Makers Market and raised approximately \$600. The sophomore class raised almost \$500 and that money will go toward paying for prom the year they graduate. She thanked all the community partners that came out to share their programs and services with our families. She gave a huge shoutout to Celeste Miller for coordinating the event and the Operations team for all their assistance with setting up and taking down tables and chairs.

Strength and Conditioning Coach Matt Seibold hosted the first Lift-a thon last Saturday and raised almost \$9,000 for new equipment.

The All Staff Welcome Back went well and Dr. Morse thanked Director Doerder for representing the board. She thanked Bettendorf Schools Foundation for providing breakfast for all of the staff and t-shirts for the new staff. She thanked the Optimist Club and a generous anonymous donor for their donations toward the staff luncheon. She thanked Celeste Miller, the Admin Team and Operations for all of their time and energy into making sure the event went off without a hitch.

Dr. Morse said it has been an amazing start to the 2022-2023 school year. She thanked all of our teachers and staff for all they have done over the last few months to make sure we are ready. She thanked the volunteers at middle school and appreciates their time.

Just a reminder that Run with Carl is on September 5. Please come out and support this

event if you are able to do so.

- 3.04 **Director of Technology.** Sean McGinn gave an update on what the technology department has been up to the last few months.
- 3.05 **BEA Report.** Emily Cullison said they have had a great start to the school year. At the All Staff Welcome Back, the BEA was able to support a local business, Coffee Oasis and offered coffee to all of their members. She said it was delicious. She is looking forward to an exciting year.
- 3.06 **BESA Report.** Melissa Laufenberg said we are off to a great start. She noted one challenge we continue to face is shortage of classified staff and guest teachers and encouraged anyone who is interested to check the district website for the latest openings.
- 3.07 **Student Board Representatives Report.** Dillon Tholin congratulated Mr. Skillet on Iowa Association of Student Councils High School Administrator of the Year. The Student Council has had two successful lock-ins, which are meant for training new members, new procedures and welcoming the freshman. He gave a huge shout out to the SELL Crew. Most clubs are meeting this week and the marching band is excited to perform next week at the football game. The homecoming theme is Hollywood's Homecoming. Details on homecoming and spirit week will be announced on Monday.
- 3.09 **BMS National History Day Contest.** Out of the top 100 junior documentaries in the United States that advanced to the June 2022 National History Day National Contest in Washington D.C., Lilah Rasche and Lucy Wolf finished in 6th place. Their final entry was titled **Failed Diplomacy in the Black Hills: *The Ongoing Debate for the Sioux Nation's Sacred Land.***

4. 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

4.01 Approval of August 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.02 Approval of August 25, 2022 Bills Recommended for Payment

4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel

Schedule D Resignation

Melissa Darnold/BMS/Musical Director/Effective 8/17/22.

Erin Law/BHS/Club Sponsor-German/Effective 8/16/22

Scott Lammers/BMS/Head Coach 7th and 8th Grade Girls Track/Effective 8/19/22

Desiree Rowland/BHS/Club Sponsor-Science/Effective 8/17/22

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Steven Andresen/BHS/Club Sponsor- Dungeons and Dragons/\$671/ Splitting stipend 50/50 with Bradley Bannerman/Effective 8/26/22

Hannah Dillon/GW/Safety Patrol/\$1,342/Replacing Colleen Matos/ Effective 8/26/22

Margaret Hamilton/BMS/Musical Director/\$1,509/Full stipend/Effective 8/26/22

Emily Henneman/BHS/Club Sponsor-Spanish Club/\$1,342/Replacing Cristina

- Zimmerman/Effective 8/26/22
Carrie Heiting/BHS/Club Sponsor-German/\$1,342/Replacing Erin Law /Effective 8/26/22
Mitchell Hines/BMS/Assistant 7th and 8th Grade Wrestling Coach/\$2,012 /Replacing Kevin Roling/Effective 8/26/22
Nick Meyers/BMS/Assistant Coach 7th and 8th Grade Girls Track/\$2,012/ Replacing Beth Douglas-Hafner/Effective 8/26/22
- 4.04 BHS Fine Arts Donation - BHS Fine Arts Booster for \$500.00 from: Hy-Vee at 1823 East Kimberly, Davenport, IA 52807
- 4.05 Staff Luncheon Donation to the Bettendorf All Staff Luncheon on August 22nd for \$1000.00 - Anonymous
- 4.06 Staff Luncheon Donation - a donation to the Bettendorf All Staff Luncheon on August 22nd for \$300.00 from the Optimist Club
- 4.07 Open Enrollment Request - denial of the Open Enrollment Request.
Into Bettendorf
2 - Pleasant Valley
2 - Davenport
- 4.08 Open Enrollment Requests (Info Only) - The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf for 22/23
5 - Davenport
2 - Pleasant Valley
Out of Bettendorf 22/23
4 - Iowa Connections Academy
1 - Clayton Ridge
2 - Davenport

5. Informational/Actions.

- 5.01 **VPPEL Presentation.** Bettendorf School District has had Voter PPEL (Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy) since 1975. The levy helps the district maintain its infrastructure and keep up with changing technology. It also helps keep BCSD school facilities in top condition, the equipment up-to-date and the technology integration plan moving forward for students.

Residents of the Bettendorf Community School District are being asked to vote on a 10-year extension of the voter-approved PPEL. Funds from the levy, which would raise \$2.3 million per year, would be used to renovate and maintain existing school facilities, technology purchases, school buses, and equipment upgrades. This is not an increase in taxes. The amount of the levy will remain the same.

The referendum will be on the ballot during the Tuesday, September 13 local election. A simple majority of votes (greater than 50%) is required to approve the measure and pass the referendum.

- 5.02 **July Financials.** Director of Finance Brie Collier presented the monthly financial reports for July 2022. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2022 was \$35,702,029.15. The district is still processing year-end entries for FY22. Because of this, only a cash statement was presented for the month of July. We are still very early in the year and many of the discrepancies are due to year-end adjustments and reconciling items.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the July Financials as presented.

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

6. Future Events and Informational Items.

- September 1, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop (rescheduled)
- September 8, 6:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting
- September 19, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- September 29, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- October 13, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- October 17, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- October 27, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- November 14, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting (Monday)
- November 16-18, Iowa Association of School Boards 77th Annual Convention in Des Moines
- December 5, 6:00 pm - Board Development Workshop
- December 15, 6:00 pm - Board Meeting

7. Adjournment.

Director Castro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary