

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the June 8, 2022, Special 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 a special Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on June 8, 2022. President Rebecca Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. 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, Smithson

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Associate Principal; Kevin Skillet, BHS Associate Principal; Matt Poirier, Bettendorf Police Department – Incident Investigation; Wendy Meyer, Legal Counsel; Cathy Weis, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

2.01 Motion to Approve the Agenda.

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

3. Closed Session - Disciplinary Hearing.

3.01 Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into closed session at 7:26 pm. Directors returned to open session at 9:13 pm.

4. Return to Open Session.

4.01 Approval of Disciplinary Recommendation.

Motion by Director Smithson, seconded by Director Lynch, that after having heard the witnesses and examined the exhibits presented by the pirates, the Board makes the following findings:

- During a physical altercation at Bettendorf High School involving the student's brother and other students, Student became elevated and verbally aggressive. Attempts were made to de-escalate Student.
- Student became physically and verbally aggressive with staff members and struck a staff member. The student continued to be combative with staff and scream obscenities as they walked towards the main office and Student refused to leave.
- Bettendorf High School staff, administration and Bettendorf Police were all required to intervene to restore order.
- Student has a prior incident involving assault on a staff member.
- The student's conduct materially and substantially disrupted the school environment and the orderly and efficient operation of the school district; it disrupted the rights of other students to participate in or obtain their education; it presented a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and it interrupted the maintenance of a disciplined educational atmosphere.
- The student's conduct was in violation of district policy 503.1 regarding student conduct.
- Based on the findings of fact, the student is expelled for the 2022-2023 school year. Prior to returning to school, the student and parent will meet with administration to determine a reentry plan. The reentry meeting will specifically outline what is expected of the student.
- 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: 6 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Smithson, Castro, Champion

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary