

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the November 14, 2019 Special Session
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 November 14, 2019. President Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Holland, Geifman, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley

Members absent: None.

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Kevin Skillet, BHS Associate Principal; Colin Wikan, BHS Associate Principal; John Galanits, BHS Security Officer; Matt Poirier, Police Liaison; Mikkie Schiltz, Legal Counsel; Maegan Gorham, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Geifman, to approve the agenda as printed.

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Geifman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3. Closed Session.

Motion by Director Geifman, seconded by Director Lynch, to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a discipline hearing to consider the actions of a student.

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Geifman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Pyevich, that the Board made the following findings of fact:

- The student was in possession of a weapon, a knife, on school grounds on November 4, 2019;
- The student was at school under the influence of drugs;
- The student was at school and in possession of tobacco and illegal drugs;
- The student's conduct led to an altercation and disruption, along with injury to a Bettendorf Officer;

- This behavior is in violation of the BHS Parent/Student Handbook and BCSD Board policies.

Based on the findings of fact, the Board further finds that the continued presence of this student would be detrimental to the best interests of the school by endangering the safety of other students, disruption of the student body and public, and other misconduct by others.

There are no special circumstances applicable here which warrant an exercise of the Board's discretion to impose a lesser penalty than expulsion. The student is expelled indefinitely, through the end of the 2019-20 academic school year. The student will be allowed to complete the remaining three classes required for graduation online so long as they are completed according to coordination and agreement with BHS Administration and online by the end of the 2019-20 school year. If completed on time, the student may be allowed to be issued a BHS diploma but will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

During such 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 further directed not to have any inappropriate contact with any witness providing statements or evidence in this case.

Ayes: 7 Directors Geifman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Castro, Champion
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary