

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the March 31, 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 March 31, 2022. President Rebecca Eastman called the meeting to order at 9:04 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, Pyevich, Smithson
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Gillotti; Robert Boley, BHS Principal; Kevin Skillet, BHS Associate Principal; Kristy Cleppe, BHS Associate Principal; Matt Poirer, School Resource Officer; Mikkie Schiltz, Legal Counsel; 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, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

Director Champion left at 9:04 pm.

3. Closed Session - Disciplinary Hearing.

3.01 Motion to go into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Pyevich, 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 Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into closed session at 9:05 pm. Directors returned to open session at 11:13 pm.

4. Return to Open Session.

4.01 Approval of Disciplinary Recommendation.

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

- The student demonstrated behavior causing a substantial disruption to the school and exhibited a pattern of behavior creating a disruption or physical aggression.
- 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 and by encouraging violence, disruption, and other misconduct by others.
- There are no special circumstances applicable here which warrant and exercise of the Board's discretion to impose a lesser penalty than expulsion.
- The student is expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Expulsion will continue for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year unless the student provides evidence of enrollment in another school district.
- During such period of expulsion, the student is not allowed on any Bettendorf Community District Property or at any school event where a Bettendorf team is participating.
- In the event the student re-enrolls after the expulsion period, the student must participate in a re-entry conference with the administration and provide educational updates and status.
- The student is further directed not to have any inappropriate contact with any witness providing statements or evidence in this case.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Pyevich to adjourn at 11:15 pm.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary