

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the May 15, 2017 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 May 15, 2017. President Gordon Staley 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, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Director Justis

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance and Business Services; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Kayla Leu, Director of Nutrition Services; John Cain, GW Principal; David Hlas, NA Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; Julie Trepka, PN Principal; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Jeff Johannsen, HH Principal; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Kristy Cleppe, Associate Principal; Lisa Reid, BMS Principal; Jayme Olson, BMS Associate Principal; Lorelei Andedo, BMS Associate Principal; Travis Hansen, Technology Coordinator; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Justis arrived at 6:27 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Castro, seconded by Director Pyevich, to remove the motion which was made on March 1, 2017 to table the March 2017 Financials.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Justis

Motion carried 6-0-1

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Castro, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Justis

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Comments & Suggestions from Audience.

President's Statement. On behalf of fellow Board members, at this time I would like to invite any member of the audience to step to the microphone with comments about items of interest or concern that do not appear on the agenda this evening. Please begin by stating your name and address. It would be most appreciated if you would limit your comments to three minutes so that we can keep the meeting moving in a timely fashion and allow others an opportunity to speak.

We ask that you remember that Iowa law prohibits us from discussing specific employees or their job performance. If you have thoughts to share about items that are included as topics for tonight's meeting, we would invite those comments when we reach that point in the meeting. Thank you for your support of our school district.

There were no comments.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 4.01 BHS PRIDE Presentation. Staff and students from Bettendorf High School made a presentation to the Board on PRIDE time. Students were surveyed at the beginning and end of the school year on PRIDE. The responses were very positive.
- 4.02 BHS - National Student Council Award (info only). For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Bettendorf High School Student Council has been awarded a 2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by National Association of Student Councils (NASC). This marks the ninth consecutive year BHS has been honored by NASC. "A tradition of accountability, excellence and commitment has been established in BHS Student Council over the years. The students are well-deserving of this honor and it is nice for them to be recognized for their hard work throughout the year," says Katie Hansen, Advisor of BHS Student Council.

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve the consent agenda printed.

Director Castro believes an opportunity was missed to place someone who is extremely qualified with homegrown talent in a leadership position. He referenced the administrative recommendations under 5.05.

Director Castro talked about the student teaching agreement listed in 5.06. He feels the colleges are getting a deal. Under 5.09, Contract for Services, Director Castro asked if the district could save money by purchasing a DVD instead.

Ayes: 6 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Justis

Nays: 1 Director Castro

Motion carried 6-1

5.01 Approval of May 1, 2017 Regular Board Minutes

5.02 Approval of March 2017 Financials

5.03 Approval of April 2017 Financials

5.04 Approval of May 15, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment

5.05 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel

Administrative Approval to Hire

Karen Allison/HH/Principal/1.0 FTE/\$100,000 annual base/Replacing Jeff Johannsen/Effective 7/1/17

Brian Walthart/PN/Principal/1.0 FTE/\$100,000 annual base/Replacing Julie Trepa/Effective 7/1/17

Certified Approval to Hire

Chris Adams/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA+15,3/\$43,269/Pending verification/Replacing Beth Thompson/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Regina Knobloch/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA+15,7/\$55,417/Pending verification/Replacing Judy Redmond/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Ellen Luebken/BHS/Math/1.0 FTE/BA,2/\$40,154/Pending verification/Replacing Evan Hartman/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Angela Reiners/GW/5th Grade/1.0 FTE/BA,3/\$41,711/Pending verification/Replacing Erin Flynn/Effective 2017-2018 school year Contract Modification

Lisa Orwitz/PN/Nurse/From 0.60 to 0.70 FTE/Student need/Effective 2017-2018 school year

Schedule D Resignation

Kaitlin Burke/BMS/Team Leader, 8th Grade #1/Effective 6/30/17

Beth Douglas-Hafner/BMS/Team Leader, 6th Grade #3/Effective 6/30/17

John Landon Fry/BMS/Team Leader, 6th Grade #1/Effective 6/30/17

Fenner Hengst/BHS/Assistant Varsity Swimming, Boys Coach/Effective 4/28/17

Fenner Hengst/BHS/Assistant Varsity Swimming, Girls Coach (.50)/ Effective 4/28/17

Karma Kelly/BHS/Head Varsity Bowling Coach (.50)/Effective 5/2/17

Schedule D Approval to Hire

Adam Hopkins/BHS/Costa Rica Exchange Sponsor/\$1,776/Replacing Keith Bonnstetter & Kimberly Rojas/Effective 7/1/17

Rachel Medina/BHS/Head Sophomore Volleyball/\$3,863/Replacing Pamela Hughes/Effective 7/1/17

Classified Resignation

Jessica Beene/BMS-MT/Paraeducator-Youth Mentor/Effective 05/05/17

Amanda Miller/GW/Paraeducator/Effective 06/02/17

Jonathan Tester/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 06/02/17 Recommendation to Hire

Kevin Saelens/District/Network Administrator/\$25.11/\$26.44 (after 90 days) per hour/8.0 hours per day/Replacing Beau Huber/Effective 06/12/17

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

Angela Nielsen/GW/Paraeducator to Secretary B/5.5 hours per day/\$15.81 per hour/Replacing Kelly Witcraft/Effective 2017-2018 school

- 5.06 Student Teaching Agreement - St. Ambrose University
- 5.07 Approval of 2016/17 Graduates
- 5.08 CS Technologies Phone Service Renewal
- 5.09 Contract for Services - Diane Heacox
- 5.10 Approval of Food Service Bids
- 5.11 Approval of District Fees for 2017/18
- 5.12 SAI Mentoring Agreement

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

- 6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports (audio begins at 32m 35s).

Director Trahan noted the District Behavioral Instructional Coach was not listed in the

recent staffing needs. Superintendent Raso said it was not, but there is a real need for dealing with behaviors in the classroom. This would be a Teacher Leadership position and TLC will be used to pay for it. Dallon Christensen will provide a TLC 2017 update.

Director Trahan attended the Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta Race. She said it was a fun time.

President Staley attended the Staff Recognition and Appreciation Celebration and said all the administrators did a great job. He said there are some wonderful people retiring from the district. Herbert Hoover Principal Jeff Johannsen was acknowledged because he is retiring, but Paul Norton Principal Julie Trepa is also leaving the district. President Staley said she will be missed and thanked them both for everything they have done for the district.

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 Strategic Plan Vision Cards: Principals' Data Presentation (audio begins at 50m 52s).

Principals responded to board questions on achievement data. The focus is not just proficiency anymore, but how much growth students are making. The focus is changing how they look at data.

The middle school will have a four period day with a Bulldog block. There will be 85 minute periods on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 38 minute periods on Wednesday. Language Arts will meet every day. The Bulldog Block is for all grade levels. The reason for the new schedule at Bettendorf Middle School:

- Request made by many staff members and students
- Opportunity to meet learning of all students
- Instrumental practices have changed resulting in the need for more concentrated time
- Demographic changes
- PLC's

Joy Kelly talked about ACT scores. The high school ACT scores are above the national average and state average, but they have dipped slightly since 2012. She talked about looking at course offerings, particularly in social studies for the 2018/19 school year. The curriculum is set for 2017/18. Director Trahan asked about math and would like to see the number of D's and F's reduced. Joy Kelly said that is a building goal and noted they have made some good gains this year. Director Tinsman said he is in favor of the current math program and thinks it is the right solution. He said the staff is still learning it and going through the training, but he thinks it is what is needed at the collegiate level.

8. New Business.

8.01 CPD Report on ASCD Conference (audio begins at 2h 39m 50s).

Curriculum & Professional Development Leaders Chris Like, Kaye Meyers and Marty Beck shared information on the ASCD conference they attended.

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

- 9.01 Superintendent's Report – will go through the current hiring process at a future board meeting. High School graduation is on May 28 at 1 p.m.
9.02 Director of Finance's Report – nothing further to report.

10. Board Requests for Information.

There were no requests for information.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Thursday, May 18, Board Facilities Committee, 4:00 pm, Admin
- Thursday, May 18, Board Finance Committee, 5:00 pm, Admin
- Thursday, May 25, Parent Executive Council, 12:00 noon, Admin
- Thursday, May 25, Board Policy Review Committee, 4:45 pm, Admin
- Sunday, May 28, BHS Graduation, 1:00 pm, BHS Gym
- Monday, May 30 - District Holiday: Schools and Offices Closed
- Friday, June 2, Last Day of School (except Armstrong), early release
- Monday, June 5, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin
- Monday, June 19, Last Day of School for Armstrong, Early Release

12. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary