

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the November 25, 2019 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 November 25, 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, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch

Members absent: Director Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Joy Kelly, BHS Principal; Matt Poirier, Bettendorf Police Officer; Wendy Meyer, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

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

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Closed Session.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Eastman, to enter into closed session as provided in Chapter 21.5 (1.e) of the Open Meetings Law to discuss whether to conduct a hearing to determine whether to suspend or expel a student.

Ayes: 6 Directors Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into closed session at 6:05 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 6:55 p.m.

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

- The student engaged in an assault on district property;
- The student has previous history of verbal and physical aggression against students and staff and other inappropriate conduct on school property;
- The student was previously advised that continued inappropriate behavior would result in a recommendation of expulsion.

The board recommends the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. The student will be provided with services as determined by administration (not to exceed 10 hours of tutoring per week). The board will not allow student access to district property or use of district equipment during expulsion.

If in administration's opinion the student is not participating in the offered services during the first thirty days of the services being offered, services will be discontinued. It is anticipated the student will complete his six remaining credits by the end of the 2019/2020 school year (by May 29, 2020). If the student does not, this expulsion shall continue during the time the student is eligible for enrollment in a public school district. If, however, the administration determined the student is making good progress on completing his graduation requirements, the principal may advise the board and the board may determine to allow for continued services (though the expulsion will continue).

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, Holland, Lynch, Champion, Castro
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Director Pyevich
Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Doerder to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary