

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the March 2, 2020, Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education
(pending Board approval)

1. Public Hearing.

A Public Hearing on the Herbert Hoover Library Roof Replacement opened at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.

2. 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 March 2, 2020. President Adam Holland 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, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum; Karen Allison, HH Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Brian Walthart, PN Principal; David Farmer, Treasurer; Lorelee Cole, BEA Representative; Emma Teach, Student Representative; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

3. Amend March 2, 2020 Agenda

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Castro, to amend the agenda with the addition of the exempt session for negotiations.

Ayes: 7 Directors Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

4.01 Student Presentation: Paul Norton. Kathy Hayward presented on dance in elementary P.E. along with PN students.

4.02 Curriculum Update: Student Achievement. Jillian Dotson, Director Curriculum and the district's curriculum professional development teacher leaders shared an overview of the Iowa Statewide Assessments of Student Progress (ISASP), district results and goals.

- They also discussed the BCSD results of the 2019-2020 Iowa School Rankings.
- 4.03 SIAC Update. SIAC met on January 28, 2020. They discussed the district's Iowa Assessment results and the variety of assessments used by the district as well as how the assessment results are used to help improve the success of students.
- 4.04 BHS Students Selected for All-State Festival & Concert. The following Bettendorf High School students attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa high school music by being selected as members of the following 2019 All-State ensemble:
- All-State Band
Kristin Boyler - Flute (alternate)
Logan Delacy - Clarinet (4th yr)
Jaylon Foster - Bass Clarinet
Kristin Manion - Clarinet
Owen Weimer - Trombone (4th yr)
- All-State Chorus
Alex Berkenbosch - Bass Alternate
Talia Cary - Alto
CJ Elliott - Tenor
Havyn Fish - Soprano
Jon'a Levi - Soprano (2 year)
Alex Obert - Tenor Alternate (2 year)
Ava Rowland - Alto
Simon Tracy - Tenor
- All-State Orchestra
Layken Bytnar - (2nd yr) Bass
Emma Cleveland - Viola
Peter Hurd (4th yr) - Bass
Ethan Shepherd - Bass
Jalyn Thorsen - Viola

5. Comments & Suggestions from Audience.

5.01 President's Statement.

Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance. Please refer to policy 213.E1 - Public Input At Board Meetings.

Jennifer Ruggles, *2812 Eagle Heights Ct., Bettendorf*, addressed the board on the lack of discipline policy enacted and enforced and the lack of communication and empathy for victims.

Lauri Harsh, *4014 Kathleen Way, Davenport*, addressed the board on an incident with her daughter several years ago at Grant Wood.

6. Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 6.01 Approval of February 18, 2020 Regular Board Minutes and February 22, 2020 Negotiations Meeting Minutes
- 6.02 Approval of March 2, 2020 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 6.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
Classified Resignation
Paula Carlson-Parrella/HH/Paraeducator/Effective 03/06/20
Jennifer Szegda/NA/Paraeducator/Effective 03/11/20
Lynn Thompson/BMS/Paraeducator/Effective 03/06/20
Robin VanKeulen/HH/Paraeducator/Effective 02/28/20
Administrative Approval to Hire
Jill Cirivello/Admin Center/Director of Human Resources/1.0 FTE/ \$110,000 annual base, prorated to start date/Replacing Heather Stocking/ Effective 3/9/20 Certified Resignation
Deborah Daniels/GW/Instructional Coach/Effective 6/30/20
Schedule D Resignation
Rachel Medina/BHS/Head Sophomore Volleyball Coach/Effective 6/30/20
Administrative Leave of Absence
Michael Raso/Admin Center/Superintendent of Schools/Effective 2/23/20 thru 6/30/20 – Leave Type - Personal
- 6.04 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment
FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.
Into Bettendorf 2019/2020
Annaliese Gheer, grade 1, continuation (DAV)
Out of Bettendorf 2019/2020
Leslie Bluhm, grade 9, continuation (Dav)
Maguire Lyons, grade 8 continuation (PV)
Richard McBride, grade 5, continuation (Dav)
Audrey Seneli, grade 7 Continuation (Dav)
Into Bettendorf 2020/2021
Elijah Johnson, grade 6 (PV)
Colin Kilcoin, grade 11, (PV)
Aubrey Pick, grade 1 (PV)
Jadon Pick, grade 8 (PV)
Nehemiah Rivers, grade 7 (PV)
Josephine Signer, grade 9 (PV)
Out of Bettendorf 2020/2021
Alycia Bendix, grade 5 (CAM)
Ethan Bitner, grade 2, (PV)
Ava Brandel, grade 9 (PV)
Sophie Brandt, grade K (PV)
Amani Daniels, grade 6 (PV)
Alexandria Dyer, grade 1 (PV)

Daniel Dyer, grade 3 (PV)
Finn Enzler, grade 11 (Clayton Ridge)
Julia Houghton, grade 12 (PV)
Chloe Jean-Simon, grade 4 (PV)
Marcus Jean-Simon, grade 7 (PV)
Hannah Kinzenbaw, grade 2 (PV)
William Leftwich, grade K (PV)
Arella Locke, grade 11 (CAM)
Savanna Lovell, grade K (NS)
Chase Macey, grade 10 (PV)
Renee Nock, grade 11 (NS)
Jason Olutade, grade K (PV)
Vera Ries, grade 4 (CAM)
Cassie Rinehart, grade 11 (CAM)
Jordan Roman, grade 11 (PV)
NaTayvien Simmons, grade 8 (Clayton Ridge)
Addison Spediel, grade 7 (PV)

7. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Castro attended the math textbook adoption and said it was great to see a bottom-up process.

Directors Doerder and Eastman met with Chad Uhde at BMS. They had a great conversation on improving behavior and ways to improve culture and communication.

Director Doerder reported the Wellness Committee met. They discussed several things to implement for next year.

Vice President Champion visited 2nd grade at Grant Wood. He thanked Brie Collier and Jillian Dotson for taking on extra responsibilities with no additional pay. He said every administrator has had to step up.

Director Lynch attended MakerFest at BMS. He said he was thoroughly impressed with the variety and creativity of the projects.

Director Eastman attended MakerFest and learned how to finger weave. She also noted Kindergarten Roundup is this Friday and she will be spending the day at Neil Armstrong. She said many community members stepped up and provided books for Kindergarten Roundup at Neil Armstrong.

Director Pyevich thanked Jillian Dotson and Brie Collier for what they have done over the last several days.

President Holland thanked everyone who pitched in to help during the transition.

7.02 Student Representatives' Report.

Student Council is working in NHS to plan their Chapter Project. They are also working on collecting donations for Pennies for Patients and the Class of 2021 is working on plans for March Madness.

7.03 BEA Report.

The BEA will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday and Round Table next week. Loralee Cole gave a shout out to Brie Collier, Jillian Dotson and the rest of the administrative staff for their work during the transition. They welcomed Dr. Spelhaug and Ms. Cirivello and look forward to working with them.

8. Discussion Items.

8.01 Director of Operations Update.

Bids are due for the Paul Norton Secure Entry Addition/Renovation project on March 12th, 2020.

FEH has scheduled a Thomas Edison project kick-off meeting on Thursday, March 5th where they will discuss the goals for the project, constraints, and the schedule.

As we begin to plan for the 2020-21 school year, Director Pratt would like to convene a transportation committee. This committee will be comprised of parents, administrators and transportation staff. They will look at reducing ride times, improving student behavior on the bus, and lowering or maintaining existing level of district resources in regards to transportation. This committee will meet for a series of three to four meetings.

8.02 Finance Update.

Director of Finance, Brie Collier reported the budget with the Herbert Hoover Roof replacement was \$150,000. The state legislature has not set an SSA amount yet. They are looking at 2.3%, which would be a little over \$550,000 worth of new money for the district. If they end up at the original Governor's recommendation of 2.5%, that would be around \$610,000 in new money for the district. They will discuss certified budget at the next board meeting. The public hearing on the budget will be on April 6th.

8.03 Discussion of BHS, BMS and Elementary Staffing Review.

Elementary is requesting one FTE for 5th grade at Grant Wood to support class size reduction policies. There are no recommended changes at the middle school. The high school is requesting an additional FTE for World Language based on schedule requests. The high school would like to pull the Social Studies FTE request for now and revisit it again at the next board meeting.

8.04 Appointment of Interim Superintendent Discussion.

Last Friday Superintendent Raso announced he would be taking a personal leave of absence through the remainder of the 2019/20 school year. This left the district with the

need for an interim. Dr. Jim Spelhaug will serve as Interim Superintendent through June 30, 2020. He will officially start with the district on Tuesday, March 3rd. Dr. Spelhaug said his efforts will be focused on rebuilding trust and creating a safe learning environment.

9. Action Items.

9.01 Approval of Herbert Hoover Library Roof Replacement.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Pyevich, to approve the Herbert Hoover Library Roof Replacement.

Ayes: 7 Directors Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9.02 Approval of the BHS, BMS and Elementary Staffing Recommendations.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the BHS World Language FTE and Elementary Staffing Recommendations.

Ayes: 7 Directors Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9.03 Approval of Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Castro, to approve Jim Spelhaug as the Interim Superintendent.

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

10. Management Report.

10.01 Superintendent's Report. Dr. Spelhaug said he would like to learn more about how things work operationally.

10.02 Director of Finance's Report. Brie thanked all the staff during the transition. She said they are gearing up for the hiring season.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, March 9, Board Agenda Planning, 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10, All Admin meeting, 1:00 pm
- Spring Break March 16-20
- Monday, March 23, BOE meeting, 6:00 pm

12. Exempt Session.

12.01 Motion to Enter into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Doerder, seconded by Director Eastman, to enter into exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.9, to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Castro, Champion, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into exempt session at 7:59 p.m. They returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary