

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the December 9, 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 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on December 9, 2019. President Holland called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, Eastman, Holland, Lynch

Members absent: Directors Doerder, 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 Champion, seconded by Director Eastman, to approve the agenda as printed.

Director Eastman made a statement regarding an incident that followed the open session portion of the disciplinary hearing held last Thursday, December 5, 2019. She had concerns regarding the inappropriate outbursts from former Board Director Staley. She asked that Mr. Staley conduct himself in an appropriate, respectful manner if he attends future board meetings. She was equally concerned with the conduct of Director Castro. Director Castro discussed the decision of the board with Mr. Staley immediately following the vote. She said it was inappropriate and asked that Director Castro conduct himself with integrity and professionalism. She also addressed administration and their role in the disciplinary process. She asked administrators to be better prepared to provide current academic progress pertaining to graduation as well as suitable options for consequences allowable by Board Policy.

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Champion, Eastman, Holland, Lynch

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Closed Session.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Eastman, to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor; and 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds.

Ayes: 5 Directors Champion, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

Directors entered into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Eastman, that the board rescind the board action from the student hearing on December 5, 2019 as to the student discipline.

Ayes: 4 Directors Champion, Eastman, Holland, Castro

Nays: 1 Director Lynch

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Pyevich

Motion carried 4-1-2

Motion by Director Eastman, seconded by Director Champion, that based on the findings of fact as determined on December 5, 2019, the student is suspended through the end of second quarter, January 14, 2020 with the expectation that the student will have met all of his requirements to graduate and will graduate early as provided by Board Policy 505.6. This suspension is contingent on early graduation at the end of second quarter. If graduation requirements are not completed by January 14, 2020, the board will reconsider disciplinary action. The student will not be allowed on school grounds during the 2019/2020 school year except for participation in commencement and any commencement rehearsal.

Ayes: 4 Directors Eastman, Holland, Castro, Champion

Nays: 1 Directors Lynch

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Pyevich

Motion carried 4-1-2

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Eastman to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary