

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BETTENDORF, IOWA**

Unofficial Minutes of the January 23, 2020 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 January 23, 2020. 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, Eastman, Holland, Pyevich

Members absent: Directors Doerder, Lynch

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

2. Agenda Approval.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Lynch

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, Pyevich, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Lynch

Motion carried 5-0-2

Directors entered into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Director Pyevich, seconded by Director Eastman, the Board made the following findings of fact:

Having heard the witnesses and examined the exhibits presented by the parties, the Board made the

following findings:

- The student posted an image on social media of a weapon with a comment directed toward BHS staff;
- The post was considered threatening and the district and employee was concerned for her safety;
- The student has engaged in a pattern of defiance;
- The student's behavior is in violation of Rules and Regulations in the High School Parent/Student Handbook and Board Policies.

The Board further finds that the continued presence of this student would be detrimental to the best interests of the district.

Based on the findings of fact, the student is expelled through June 30, 2022. Readmission only upon approval of the Board. During such period of expulsion, the student will not be allowed on any Bettendorf School District property or be in attendance at any school event where a Bettendorf team or group 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: 5 Directors Eastman, Holland, Pyevich, Champion, Castro  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Directors Doerder, Lynch  
Motion carried 5-0-2

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Eastman to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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Adam Holland, President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Skolrood, Secretary