

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the February 20, 2018 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 a regular Board meeting at the Bettendorf Community School District Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on February 20, 2018. President Gordon Staley called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck

Members absent: None

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Dallon Christensen, Director of Finance; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Jennifer Like, Director of Instructional Technology & Data Management; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Caroline Olson, MT Principal; John Cain, GW Principal; Megan Kannenberg, Teacher Rep; Nyah Block, Student Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Struck, to approve the agenda as modified. The Director of Finance Report was moved before the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3. President's Statement

3.01 Any member of the audience may address the board with comments about items of interest or concern that do not appear on the agenda. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance.

Carrie Henson, 4035 E. 61st Blvd., asked the board to put the facilities plan back on the table for a vote and fairly represent the entire 4,580 students in the district.

Pepper Trahan, 6328 Patrick Pointe Rd., had questions regarding a bill from Premier Furniture and Equipment and asked to see copies of the bills. She mentioned several recent credits to Legat and asked how much they were overpaid and who is overseeing this. Lastly, she said there is nothing on the agenda regarding academics.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 4.01 Student Presentation by Mark Twain Elementary. Mr. Berg presented the 2 Act Tasks.
- 4.02 District Employees of the 2nd Quarter. Congratulations to the Bettendorf Community School District Employees of the 2nd Quarter: Jen Wikan, Jill Montgomery, and Betsy Swearengen. The Employee of the Quarter award recognizes district employees that inspire exceptional service and attitude. Recipients also demonstrate a commitment to their job or school involvement that goes above and beyond expectations.

5. Board Learning.

- 5.01 Board Committee Discussion (audio begins at 37m 22s).

Directors discussed the possibility of Committee of the Whole meetings replacing the Finance and Facility Committees. There was some discussion on whether it is best to have finance and facilities discussions in public. Some directors felt the current committee structure is working and keep the committees as they are. Others thought transparency is important and they do not want to be in violation of open meetings law. The Policy Committee will discuss this at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the board.

6. Consent Agenda.

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

Ayes: 7 Directors Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

- 6.01 January 31, 2018 Disciplinary Hearing Board Minutes, and February 3, 2018 Facility Update Meeting
- 6.02 Approval of January 2018 Financials
- 6.03 Approval of February 20, 2017 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 6.04 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
 - Classified Termination
 - Billie Holmberg**/NA/Paraeducator/Effective 02/13/18
 - Certified Resignation
 - Bette (Jo) Mecham**/BMS/Nurse/Effective 6/30/18
 - Schedule D Approval to Hire
 - Robert Wood**/BHS/Head Sophomore Baseball Coach/\$3,863/Replacing Mitchell Peterson/Effective 4/30/18
- 6.05 Approval of Donations from The Benevity Community Impact Fund (Deere & Co.) in the amount of \$1000.00, A Fund of the American Online Giving Foundation. P.O. Box 1010, Safety Harbor, FL. 34695 to BMS for Science Olympiads. The Benevity Community Impact Fund (Deere & Co.) is also donating \$775.00 to Grant Wood Elementary for their new building needs
- 6.06 Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
 - Into North Scott from Bettendorf 2017/18
 - Cain Morrison**, grade 1, continuation

Peyton Morrison, grade 6, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Davenport 2017/18
Ayden Haskins, grade K, continuation
Sophia Haskins, grade 1, continuation
Into Bettendorf from Pleasant Valley 2018/19
Samaria Dale, grade 9
Megan Reynolds, grade 12

8. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

7.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

Director Pyevich would like to know where we are with the Facilities Plan. President Staley said he would like to put it on the March 5th agenda. Superintendent Raso said the timeline has always been to have a decision by March 5th. He said we will keep going until something is approved.

8.02 Student Representatives' Report.

- The Little Leaders held a Leadership Conference last Saturday for elementary students
- High School Girls and boys basketball playoffs have begun
- High school students and staff are working on spreading kindness after the recent Florida shooting

8.03 BEA Report.

Elementary and Middle School teachers finished up conferences last week. Iowa Assessments wrapped up at the middle school.

8. Discussion Items & Reports.

8.01 Discussion of Sales Tax Bond Resolution (audio begins at 1h 08m 30s).

Superintendent Raso discussed pursuing the project funding for the construction of the new Grant Wood Elementary and the Bettendorf HVAC reconstruction projects, and the bid process to approve the bonds.

8.02 Strategic Plan/Vision Cards: HUMANeX Survey Results (audio begins at 1h 11m 52s).

Superintendent Raso shared the results of the HUMANeX survey results related to district goals of staff development and district-wide engagement. Approximately 67% of the district staff participated in the survey. The dream box score of satisfied and engaged staff was 69.1%, a decrease 3.6% from 2016, but much higher than the 2013 percentage of 48.7. Buildings will use the survey results to help develop improvement plans and will give a short presentation to the board.

8.03 First Reading of Policies (400's and 102.E4) (audio begins at 1h 29m 47s).

- 400, 401-1, 401-1E1 rev 1, 401-1E2, 401.1E3 rev 1, 102-E4 - rev 1, 401-2 rev 1,

401.3, 401.4, 401.5, 401.5R1 rev 1, 401.6

There was a question regarding Board Policy 401.1E2, Compliance Violation Grievance Procedure for Title IX, on whether parents should be added to filing grievances. Right now it states only students can file. The Policy Committee will look into this.

8.04 Second & Final Reading of Policies.

- 303.5E1, 303.5E2, 303.5E3, 303.5E4, 303.5E5, 303.5E6, 303.5E7, 303.5E9, 303.5E11, 303.5E12, 303.5E13, 303.5E14, 303.5E15, 303.5E16, 303.5E17
- 604.7 rev1
- 303.5 renumber to 302.4
- 304.5 renumber to 303.5 rev 1
- 309 renumbered to 307 rev
- 304.5E7 renumbered to 303.5E8

Under Board Policy 303.5E1, Administrative Duties – Director of Finance and Business Duties, Director of Operations to be removed from the supervises section.

9. Action Items.

9.01 Approval of the Sales Tax Bond Resolution.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve continue pursuing the project funding for the construction of the new Grant Wood Elementary and the Bettendorf HVAC reconstruction projects, and begin the process for sales tax bond issuance.

Ayes: 5 Directors Holland, Lynch, Staley, Struck, Champion
Nays: 2 Directors Pyevich, Castro
Motion carried 5-2

There was a misunderstanding of what was being voted on. Directors Castro and Pyevich would have voted yes.

9.02 Approval of First Reading of Policies (400's and 102.E4).

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Struck, to approve the first reading of the policies listed below.

- 400, 401-1, 401-1E1 rev 1, 401-1E2, 401.1E3 rev 1, 102-E4 - rev 1, 401-2 rev 1, 401.3, 401.4, 401.5, 401.5R1 rev 1, 401.6

Ayes: 7 Directors Lynch, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9.03 Approval of Second & Final Reading of Policies.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Lynch, to remove the motion which was made on February 13, 2018, to table the following board policies for a second and final reading:

- 302.2- Superintendent Contract and Contract Non-Renewal

Ayes: 7 Directors Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Champion to approve a second and final reading of the policies listed below.

- 303.5E1, 303.5E2, 303.5E3, 303.5E4, 303.5E5, 303.5E6, 303.5E7, 303.5E9, 303.5E11, 303.5E12, 303.5E13, 303.5E14, 303.5E15, 303.5E16, 303.5E17, 604.7 rev 1, 303.5 renumber to 302.4, 304.5 renumber to 303.5 rev 1, 309 renumbered to 307 rev , 304.5E7 renumbered to 303.5E8

Ayes: 7 Directors Staley, Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

10. Management Report.

10.01 Superintendent's Report. The district has a comprehensive crisis plan developed in cooperation with Bettendorf police and local emergency management agencies. The plan is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

10.02 Director of Finance Report. The 2016-2017 financial audit is in the final stages of editing with Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson. The final draft will be available to the administration during the middle of next week, and the audit will be on the March 5 agenda for approval.

Regarding Pepper Trahan's earlier questions, there was no overpayment to Legat. Dallon has been in close communication with Legat regarding the credit memo. Legat has been adjusting the credit memo based on the percentage of completion. He asked the board if there needs to be an administration rule or board policy on how credits are to be applied.

11. Future Events & Informational Items.

- Wednesday, February 21, SIAC - School Finance Meeting, 4:30-6:00 pm
- Thursday, March 1, Curriculum Council Meeting, 1:00 pm
- Thursday, March 1, PRC Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, March 1, Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Friday, March 2, Kindergarten Round Up

12. Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Holland, to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(i), for the purpose of evaluation the professional competency of individuals whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge are being considered, when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to those individuals' reputations and those individuals request a closed session.

Ayes: 7 Directors Struck, Castro, Champion, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Staley
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into closed session at 7:47 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 9:11 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

Director Holland motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary