

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the December 19, 2016 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 their regular Board meeting at the Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on December 19, 2016. 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, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Members absent: Directors Justis, Pyevich

Other officials present: Mike Raso, Superintendent; Maxine McEnany, Director of Financial and Business Services; Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services; Heather Stocking, Director of Human Resources; Monica Flink, Communications Assistant; Lana LaSalle, TJ Principal; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

Director Justis arrived at 6:42 p.m., Treasurer Tim Perkins arrived at 6:42 p.m., and Director Pyevich arrived at 6:51 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Struck, to approve the agenda as modified. Discussion item 7.04 was moved before Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 5 Directors Castro, Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Justis, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

3. Comments & Suggestions from Audience.

President's Statement. On behalf of fellow Board members, at this time I would like to invite any member of the audience to step to the microphone with comments about items of interest or concern that do not appear on the agenda this evening. Please begin by stating your name and address. It would be most appreciated if you would limit your comments to three minutes so that we can keep the meeting moving in a timely fashion and allow others an opportunity to speak. We ask that you remember that Iowa law prohibits us from discussing specific employees or their job performance. If you have thoughts to share about items that are included as topics for tonight's meeting, we would invite those comments when we reach that point in the meeting. Thank you for your support of our school district.

There were no comments.

4. Commendations & Special Invited Guests.

- 4.01 Edison Students/Staff Win 1st Place at Festival of Trees (info only). The Edison I-JAG (Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates) students and the BCSD Outreach team tree were awarded a first place ribbon at the Festival of Trees. Their tree was titled "I can bearly wait for Christmas". It sold for \$400. The proceeds went to support the Quad City Arts.
- 4.02 SEISTA Honor Orchestra (info only). Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the South Eastern Iowa String Teacher's Association Honor Orchestra. They will be joining other talented string players from South Eastern Iowa, spending a day in rehearsals and concluding with an evening concert.
Middle School Accepted:
Violin - Rayanne Brackey, Ryan Harris, Emmersen Haugland, Andrea Koehler, Audrey Scarlett, Grace Schuetz
Viola - AnnaBell Farley
Cello - Isabelle Appel, Preston Martens, Stephanie Rice
High School Accepted:
Violin - Dennis Davis, Sheldon Deng, Joe Frommelt, Hannah Trudell
Viola - Marina Hess, Becca Kuhel, Josh Turner
Bass - Peter Hurd
- 4.03 Bettendorf Robodogs (info only). Congratulations to Aaron Maurer, Dan Drexler, Shannon Budde, and the Robodogs for all their hard work and countless hours. It really paid off.
- The 6th-grade team earned a 2nd place amongst 31 teams and an invitation to the state competition.
 - The 7th-grade team won the Global Innovative Award and an invitation to the state competition.
 - The 8th-grade team earned the Grand Champion Award and an invitation to the state competition.

5. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Struck, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Director Castro noticed a lot of teachers recently attended a NCTM conference. He asked if the board would be getting any feedback on the conference.

Ayes: 5 Directors Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Directors Justis, Pyevich

Motion carried 5-0-2

- 5.01 Approval of December 5, 2016 Regular Board Minutes and December 6 & 7, 2016 Special Board Minutes
- 5.02 Approval of November Financials
- 5.03 Approval of December 19, 2016 Bills Recommended for Payment
- 5.04 Approval of Administrative Recommendations – Personnel
Certified Resignation
Tricia Cichosz/BHS/Teacher Librarian/Effective 6/30/17
Certified Approval to Hire
Anna Roeder/BHS/Spanish/1.0 FTE/BA+30,0/\$40,465 prorated/Pending

licensure/Replacing Anna Opgenorth/Effective 1/3/17

Schedule D Resignation

Shannon Budde/BMS/Lunchroom Supervision/Effective 6/30/17

Classified Resignation

Zachary Stiles/MT/Youth Mentor/Effective 12/20/16

Classified Recommendation for Employment

Theresa Harris/BMS/Paraeducator/\$16.11 per hour/6.75 hours-Day 1/Replacing Jade McWilliams/Effective 12/12/16

Classified Letter of Assignment Modification

Jade McWilliams/BMS/Paraeducator/Same rate of pay/From 6.75 (Day 1) to 5.75 hours per day/Replacing Sherry Stone /Effective 12/12/16 Allison

Nelson/BHS/Nutrition Services-Cook/\$13.72 to \$14.57/From 5.75 to 8.0 hours per day/Replacing Jacque Krause/Effective 12/09/16

Community Action Plan Fund MOA

5.05 Solution Tree Agreement

5.06 Forecast 5Maps Agreement

5.07 Approval of Requests for Open Enrollment

5.08 FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment.

Into Bettendorf, 2016/17

Alexandria Adams, grade 7, from Pleasant Valley, continuation

Brooklyn Clark, kindergarten, from Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Ainyshia Johnson, grade 6, from Davenport, continuation

Allyona Jones, grade 2, from Davenport, continuation

Daniel Jones, grade 5, from Davenport, continuation

Demya Jones, kindergarten, from Davenport, continuation

Dakota Polton, grade 3, from Davenport, continuation

Logan Polton, grade 6, from Davenport, continuation

Khamale Russell, grade 7, from Davenport, continuation

Khamari Russell, grade 5, from Davenport, continuation

Xavier Russell, kindergarten, from Davenport, continuation

Out of Bettendorf, 2016/17

Andre James, grade 11, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

Jade James, grade 11, to Pleasant Valley, good cause due to change of residence

6. Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

6.01 Board Shared Communication & Committee Reports.

There was no shared communication.

6.02 Student Representatives' Report.

There was no student representative report.

7. Old Discussion.

7.01 Elementary Facilities Finance Discussion (audio begins at 19m 21s).

Directors discussed financing options for elementary facilities. They have a rough idea of finances, but until they know the size and scope of the projects, they cannot make a determination.

The Finance Committee recommended looking at building new if renovation costs exceed a certain percentage.

7.02 Elementary Facilities Discussion (audio begins at 24m 54s).

Directors discussed proposed elementary facilities projects. In looking at Grant Wood, Thomas Jefferson, and Mark Twain, the board will need to determine if it makes financial sense to build three new elementary buildings. They will also need look at where it makes the most sense to build a new school. The Finance Committee recommended keeping the costs of Grant Wood, Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson projects around \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. This would leave approximately \$15,000,000 for Paul Norton, Herbert Hoover, and Neil Armstrong.

Superintendent Raso discussed a couple of different options. The board will need to look at what is best for the school district, not just one school. The next steps will be to look at redistricting using Forecast 5 and costs. The board will schedule another work session with Estes Construction and architects.

7.03 Approval of Parameters for Preconstruction Services - MT, TJ & Meier Park.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Justis, to approve the following parameters for Director of Operations Chris Andrus, Finance Director Maxine McEnany, Board President Gordon Staley, and Superintendent Mike Raso to approve owner costs for Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson renovation projects:

- \$10,000 – Mark Twain
- \$9,000 – Thomas Jefferson
- \$9,000 – Meier Park

Ayes: 6 Directors Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Trahan, Castro, Justis

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Pyevich

Motion carried 6-0-1

7.04 Special Education Update (audio begins at 1m 36s).

Bettendorf High School special education teacher Justin Lauer presented information on Project Search. Project SEARCH is a Work Immersion Transition Program seeking to achieve meaningful employment for Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

7.05 Superintendent Evaluation Discussion (audio begins at 47m 32s).

Director of Human Resources Heather Stocking discussed the superintendent evaluation process with directors. The directors prioritized the Standards:

- Standard #1: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by

facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community. (Shared Vision)

- Standard #3: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by ensuring management of the organization, operations and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment. (Management)
- Standard #5: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by acting with integrity, fairness and in an ethical manner. (Ethics)
- Standard #2: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by advocating, nurturing and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional development. (Culture of Learning)
- Standard #6: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by understanding the profile of the community and responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal and cultural context. (Societal Context)
- Standard #4: An educational leader promotes the success of all students by collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs and mobilizing community resources. (Family and Community)

7.06 Second & Final Reading of Board Policies - 300 Series.

Director Castro said he thought a lot about Board policy 301.2 and feels it limits the board. IASB does not have this policy. He is willing to compromise and keep the policy, but asked directors to consider removing the last sentence in the first paragraph and the first sentence in the second paragraph.

Motion by Director Castro, seconded by Director Pyevich, to table Board policy 301.2 until further discussion.

Ayes: 3 Directors Trahan, Castro, Pyevich
Nays: 4 Directors Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Justis
Motion denied: 3-4

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Tinsman, to approve of the following Board policies for a second & final reading:

- 300 Role of School District Administration
- 301 Administrative Structure & Relationships
 - 301.1 Management
 - 301.2 Administration & Board of Directors
 - 301.3 Administration & District Personnel
 - 301.4 Administration & Adjoining District Administrations
 - 301.5 Administration & Area Education Agency -
 - 302 Superintendent of Schools
 - 302.1 Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment & Appointment
 - 302.2 Superintendent Contract & Contract Renewal
 - 302.3 Superintendent Salary & Other Compensation
 - 302.7 Superintendent Civic Activities
 - 302.8 Superintendent Consulting/Outside Employment

Ayes: 5 Directors Staley, Struck, Tinsman, Justis, Pyevich
Nays: 2 Director Castro, Trahan
Motion carried 5-2

Director Trahan voted no because she was not able to state her reasons why she is opposed to board policy 301.2.

8. New Business.

8.01 Calendar Discussion - 2017/18 and 2018/19 (audio begins at 1h 44m 07s).

Superintendent Raso discussed possible calendars for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 school years.

- The district start date remains August 23rd
- Neil Armstrong Elementary joins the district calendar
- A district fall break in October has been added for upcoming years
- Early Release for Staff Development is being proposed every Wednesday

8.02 Approval of SBRC Application - Increased Enrollment.

Motion Director Tinsman, seconded by Director Justis, to approve a request for maximum one-time funding for modified supplemental amount for increasing enrollment in the amount of \$514,538.

Ayes: 7 Directors Tinsman, Trahan, Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

9. Superintendent's (Management) Report.

9.01 Superintendent's Report – BHS Iowa Assessment – Though Iowa Assessment is only one test and a student or system should not be judged by one data point, the results for the high school were great to see. There were improvements in both proficiency and growth in most of the subgroups and content areas.

9.02 Director of Finance Report – Maxine had nothing further to report.

10. Board Requests for Information.

- Director Trahan requested a discussion of data on different testing.

11. Future Events and Informational Items.

- Monday, December 19, Armstrong Winter Break begins
- December 22 - January 2, Winter Break
- Monday, January 9, Board of Education, 6:00 pm, Admin
- Tuesday, January 10, BCS Foundation, 11:45 am, Admin
- Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King Day, No School/District Offices Closed

12. Closed Session - Potential Litigation.

12.01 Motion to Enter into Closed Session.

Motion by Director Struck, seconded by Director Tinsman, to enter into closed session, as provided in the Code of Iowa section 21.5(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of this school district in that litigation.

Ayes: 7 Directors Trahan, Castro, Justis, Pyevich, Staley, Struck, Tinsman

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Directors entered into closed session at 8:08 p.m. Directors returned to open session at 10:27 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

Director Castro motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Gordon Staley, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary