

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the November 11, 2021, 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 November 11, 2021. President Rebecca Eastman 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, Doerder, Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich
Members absent: None

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Brietta Collier, Director of Finance; Curt Pratt, Director of Operations; Celeste Miller, Director of Communications; Robert Boley, HS Principal; Karen Allison, HH Principal; David Farmer, Treasurer; Mary Heeringa, BEA Rep; Melissa Laufenberg, BESA Rep; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Champion, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

3. Communication.

3.01 **Recognition of Retiring Board Members.** The Board and administration recognized retiring Director Adam Holland. Director Holland thanked all the members of the community that afforded him the privilege of representing the district over the past four years. He said it has been an honor and privilege and he has enjoyed working with the members of the community, fellow board members and staff. He wished all those parties the best going forward.

3.02 **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.

Stephanie Sambdman, President of BSSA, congratulated the newly elected board members. She said everyone goes above and beyond at Bettendorf Schools and she thinks it is a tremendous value to our district. She would like to see the district unions partner with the district to try and figure out what we can do to retain our amazing current staff and to make Bettendorf jobs more attractive to the best talent we can find.

- 3.03 **Board Communication.** Director Pyevich wished a Happy Veterans Day to all those who served.

Director Doerder had the opportunity to volunteer at the Buddy Breakfast and Book Fair at Mark Twain. She was impressed with how well run and organized it was. She thanked everyone for supporting the book fairs. She noted each school honored our veterans and she loved the one at Edison.

Director Champion assisted at the Herbert Hoover Fall Fest and said it was wonderful to see the PTA activities back in full force again.

Director Lynch is looking forward to IASB next week and representing our district at the Delegate Assembly. He thanked our veterans for their service.

Director Castro thanked our buildings for having something to honor our veterans.

President Eastman will be attending the IASB conference next week and is looking forward to that. On Sunday, she had the opportunity to attend the final performance of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. She said she is blown away after every production and they did not disappoint this time around either. She congratulated all those involved.

- 3.04 **Superintendent's Report.** Dr. Morse thanked Director Holland for serving our families, district and staff for the last four years. She thanked Director Castro and all of our veterans in the district that have served.

Dr. Morse attended Saturday's performance of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and echoed what President Eastman said. She cannot thank all of those involved enough for the time they dedicate to provide our community with such a wonderful experience in the arts.

She wished Coach Ahrens and the swim team the best of luck at the state swim meet that starts tomorrow.

Thirty-five students, staff, parents and community members joined us for the first SIAC (Student Improvement Advisory Council) meeting of the year. She said the energy in the room was outstanding. She thanked Celeste Miller, Monica Flink and Erica Dalburg for all that they did to make sure it was well organized. The feedback was very positive and they appreciated having the opportunity to collaborate with others and give input. Dr. Morse looks forward to the next meeting in January.

Dr. Morse had the opportunity to have round tables with BEA and BESA over the last couple of days. She thanked them for their partnership and collaboration.

- 3.05 **Director of Finance Report.** Brie Collier reported we have opened our flex enrollment period for employees. They have received a lot of feedback from the initial offering.

Ms. Collier had the opportunity to attend the IASBO conference last week. She said it is always nice to get out and network with peers and see what is going on. They had some lively keynote speakers.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

4.01 Approval of October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.02 Approval of November 11, 2021 Bills Recommended for Payment

4.03 Approval of Administrative Recommendations - Personnel

Certified Approval to Hire

Stacey Jemison/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/MA+45,13/Start date TBD/Salary prorated from start date/Pending background check, licensure and

verification/Replacing Jason Hamann/Effective date TBD

Kirk Stevens/BHS/Special Education/1.0 FTE/BA+30,13/\$38,599 prorated from 11-22-2021/Pending licensure and verification/Replacing Lindsey Jimenez/Effective 11-22-2021

Schedule D Resignation

Mackenzie Voss/BHS/Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach/Effective 11/8/21

4.04 Approve Jones Foodservice Contract

4.05 Mayville State University Student Teaching Agreement

4.06 Board of Directors Handbook

4.07 Approve the \$500.00 donation to the BCSD Outreach Program from West End Investment Group, Scott Hutter, 4626, E. 48th Place, Davenport, IA. 52807

4.07 Open Enrollment Request - Denial

Into Bettendorf

2 - Davenport

Out of Bettendorf

1- Iowa Connections Academy

4.08 Open Enrollment Requests. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The following students have been approved for open enrollment:

Into Bettendorf 2021/2022

4- Davenport

Out of Bettendorf 2021/2022

1 - Davenport

5. Informational/Actions.

5.01 **2021 School Board Election Results.** Andrew Champion received 1,464 votes, Richard Lynch received 1,261 votes and Linda Smithson received 1,209. They received the most votes and have been elected for office of Bettendorf Schools Board Director for the term of four years.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the Scott County Auditor's office as the official results of November 2, 2021, School Board election, certifying Andrew Champion, Richard Lynch, and Linda Smithson as elected directors.

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

Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0

- 5.02 **Approve October Financials.** Director of Finance Brie Collier presented the monthly financial reports for October 2021. Through October, General fund revenue totaled \$14,337,265 and expenses totaled \$11,011,883. The fund balance in the General Fund at October 31, 2021 was \$15,421,456.

The following variances were noted: The decrease in Federal revenues comes from a change in ESSER funding. Last fiscal year, the district received an advance in payment. This year, we are seeking reimbursement for expenses.

Activity Fund revenues have increased compared to last year. This is mainly due to fall sports, such as football, returning to capacity. Sales Tax expenditures are up as we continue our work at Hoover. The Nutrition program is operating at a surplus at the end of October. This is due to higher Federal reimbursement rates and full student attendance in our buildings. The increased revenue is extremely important as food prices have increased by 48% and pizza prices have increased by 173%. Last October, nutrition supply expenditures were at \$179,156. This October, they are at \$245,796.

Our overall cash position is up from the same period last year. The increase in overall position is largely due to changes in PPEL and Self Insurance funds. The decrease in SAVE comes from our bond proceeds being exhausted.

Motion by Director Holland, seconded by Director Lynch, to approve the October Financials as presented.

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

- 5.03 **Legacy Hall Update.** Directors asked Dr. Morse and Terry Paustian to work on a formal statement of support at the last board meeting.

The statement of support is as follows: The BCSD Board of Directors supports the BHS Legacy Hall Project, and other affiliated groups (i.e. alumni, fine arts, athletics, parents/guardians, staff, etc.), in their effort to move forward to raise funds for the construction of the project, and potential ongoing costs associated with the project. Support by the Board of Directors does not include the allocation of any district resources (fiscal or staff) for fundraising purposes.

Director Castro said that the ongoing costs associated with the project part of the statement was added after he and Terry Paustian agreed to it. Director Castro was told that they would be responsible for the heating/air conditioning, maintenance, etc. of the building. He does not feel like they should be involved in that and does not know of another community project where they were asked to pay ongoing costs of that project. Director Pyevich thinks this clause changes the spirit of the statement of support.

Chuck Nolting, former Bettendorf Activities Director, said he does not recall anyone asking for continuation of maintenance costs after someone gave a gift to the district and

would like the ongoing costs clarified. Director Lynch said he knows large gifts like this usually include an endowed fund. Director Champion recollects a prior conversation about an ongoing endowment or support for it. He is supportive of this project, but thinks there needs to be a formalized agreement for ongoing costs.

It was noted that the district staff would not be involved for fundraising purposes only. Directors did not think that there would be separate costs for heating and cooling of the building, but a discussion regarding potential ongoing costs would need to be discussed.

Motion by Director Champion, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve BCSD Board of Directors' Statement of Support for the Legacy Hall Project as presented.

Ayes: 6 Directors Eastman, Holland, Lynch, Pyevich, Champion, Doerder
Nays: 1 Director Castro
Motion carried 6-1

6. Adjournment.

Director Champion motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary