

BETTENDORF COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BETTENDORF, IOWA

Unofficial Minutes of the January 6, 2022 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 18th Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, on January 6, 2022. President Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:52 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, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson

Members absent: Director Champion

Other officials present: Dr. Michelle Morse, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Gillotti, Associate Superintendent; Alan Hartley, BMS Principal; Jim Bennett, Bettendorf Police Officer; Wendy Meyer, Legal Counsel; Colleen Skolrood, Board Secretary.

2. Agenda Approval.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to approve the agenda as printed.

Ayes: 6 Directors Castro, Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

3. Closed Session.

Motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Doerder, to enter into closed session to conduct a hearing to suspend or expel a student, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(e), and to review and discuss records that are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, as allowed by Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a).

Ayes: 6 Directors Doerder, Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

Directors entered into closed session at 7:54 p.m.

4. Return to Open Session.

Directors returned to open session at 9:18 p.m.

4.01 Approval of Disciplinary Recommendation.

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

The student made serious threats against other students using a falsified social media account.

Within this account, he impersonated another BMS student.

The student's behavior is in violation of the BCSD Parent/Student Handbook and Board policy.

The student's conduct caused a great disturbance to the students, staff, and community.

Based on the findings of fact, the student is expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Prior to returning to school, the student will meet with administration to determine a reentry plan.

During the period of expulsion, the administration will determine appropriate special education services to provide to student and contact the family to arrange for such services.

During the period of expulsion the student is not allowed on any Bettendorf Community School District property or at any school event where a Bettendorf team 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: 6 Directors Eastman, Lynch, Pyevich, Smithson, Castro, Doerder

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Director Champion

Motion carried 6-0-1

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Director Castro to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Rebecca Eastman, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Skolrood, Secretary