BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2020

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon, Greg Reynolds, Chad Petersen, and Lisa Syring answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

The mission statement was read.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum**: None

**Superintendent’s Report,** Mr. Luepker reported he would give most of his report in the announcement part of the meeting.

**Principal’s Report,** Mr. Costello reported that online registration is up and running for current students, overall it has been a success, next year we will keep progressing with online registration; staff meeting went well, questions and concerns for the upcoming school year were discussed; met with the leadership team, discussed parent communication and staff expectations; posted a couple videos on Facebook about information for the upcoming school year; bus inspections are happening this month; decided on an after school custodian; working with Tipton and Durant to finalize bus routes so they can be communicated.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from July 13 and claims totaling $67,628.86, financials not ready at time of meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 210.1-211.8. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve the policies as read, with the exception of policy 210.3 “in each school attendance center in the administrative office” will be replaced with “in each office and online.” Motion carried 5/0.

8c: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the student handbook with changes discussed. Motion carried 5/0.

8d: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the student handbook with minor changes discussed. Motion carried 5/0.

8e: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the preschool handbook with minor changes discussed. Motion carried 5/0.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the fire alarm inspection quote from Atech Monitoring. Motion carried 5/0.

8g: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve payout of Lonna’s unused vacation time. Motion carried 5/0.

8h: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Lynch Dallas as school attorney. Motion carried 5/0.

9i: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Kim Shuger and Bobbi Havill as affirmative action investigator. Motion carried 5/0.

8j: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve Warren Wethington as level II investigator. Motion carried 5/0.

8k: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve PerMar Security adding a camera capturing the outside preschool/roof area, which was not previously visible in current cameras. Motion carried 4/0 with Director Reynolds abstaining.

8l.1: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the resignation of Liz Schroeder. Motion carried 5/0.

8l.2: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the hiring of Melissa Reynolds as an after school custodian. Motion carried 4/0 Director Reynolds abstaining.

8m: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the open enrollment request of Ethan Boedeker from Tipton to Bennett, and whole grade shared to Durant for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** discussed the ready to learn plan for back to school; two, possibly three, students will participate in Edgenuity; discussed the cost of adding air purifiers to air-conditioning units; discussed plans for COVID19 safety; Department of Education has provided some PPE and more has been purchased.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion carried 5/0.