**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Chad Petersen, Greg Reynolds, Lisa Syring, and Kaitlin Rasdon answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Pratt and Director Petersen attended virtually. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff. Mr. Costello attended virtually.

Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8e: request for allowable growth. Motion carried 5/0.

The mission statement was read.

**Staff/Student Forum**: None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent’s Report,** Mr. Luepker complimented Mr. Costello, the leadership team, and staff for having a plan in place and putting it into action when virtual learning became necessary; Bennett is borrowing a few hotspots from Cal-Wheat while some students are virtually learning, Cal-Wheat will bill appropriately.

**Principal’s Report,** Mr. Costello reported the standards based report cards were updated and have a new look for grades K-3; a virtual title meeting was held and was well attended; the e-rate application has been submitted and approved; we have a new bus driver, just waiting for the state to add him to the state portal; picture retakes are complete, Lifetouch is still working on fixing our composites; during teacher in service, teachers worked on using common language and expectation throughout building for PBIS, improving our scores and our standard writing, and appropriating our priority standards; Fall BEDs report is ready to be submitted.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the minutes from October 12, claims totaling $103,925.18 and October financials. Motion carried 5/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 701.3-702.11. Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 5/0.

8c: Board goals to be approved next month after rewritten.

8d: No one interested in IASB Delegate or Convention, no approval necessary

8e: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to authorize the district’s administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of $55,124 for MSA for increasing enrollment in Fall 2020. Motion carried 5/0.

8f: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve a mask mandate for Bennett Community School. Motion carried 4/1.

**Announcements/Discussion:** discussion was held on school facilities rental, which have been suspended at this time; the financial audit went well; certified enrollment is complete, we have increased enrollment; no early retirement policy will be offered this year; the AEA will be hosting a Legislator Day for those interested.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. Motion carried 5/0.