

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING/ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting and organizational meeting on Monday, December 14, 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, Chad Petersen, Greg Reynolds and Kaitlin Rasdon answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Lisa Syring was absent. 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 4/0.

Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from November 9th. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 PM. Motion carried 4/0.

The organizational meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Superintendent administered the oath of office to Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon, Chad Petersen, Greg Reynolds and Amanda Skriloff. Directors Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon, Greg Reynolds, and Chad Petersen answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Lisa Syring was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff.

The board voted for president. There were four votes for Danielle Pratt. Danielle Pratt was declared president for the 2020-2021 school year.

The board voted for vice-president. There were four votes for Greg Reynolds. Greg Reynolds was declared vice-president for the 2020-2021 school year. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to appoint Amanda Skriloff as the board secretary and district treasurer. Motion carried 4/0.

The following committee assignments were made:

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to appoint Syring as representative to the Cedar County Conference Board. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to appoint Pratt as the representative to the Scott County Conference Board. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to appoint Pratt as the nutrition hearing officer. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to appoint the entire board to the negotiations committee. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Pratt to appoint Rasdon and Petersen to the health insurance committee. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Pratt to appoint Rasdon and Reynolds to the buildings and grounds committee. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to appoint Pratt and Petersen to the staff handbook committee. Motion carried 4/0.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Kait Rasdon reported the PILOTS are thankful for the school support on Santa's Workshop.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported that 2nd trimester parent/teacher conferences will be held on January 2nd; the school has received close to \$11,000 for replacement of CARES money that was spent from March to the end of December; attendance has been great since the break; possibility of reopening the gym; the bus drivers had taken their class in Cal-Wheat.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello reported that Santa's workshop will be held later this week, while keeping social distancing and safety in mind; Santa will slide down goodie bags from a fire truck to the children on the last day of school; the preschool desk audit is complete; reports cards went out; been discussing PLC's and In-service post-Holiday break.

General Business of the Board:

10a: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve claims totaling \$112865.68 and November financials. Motion carried 4/0.

10b: A review was done of board policies 800-803.7. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the policies as read. Motion carried 4/0.

10c: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Liberty Trust and Savings Bank and ISJIT as the depositories. Motion carried 4/0.

10d: There were no open enrollments to approve.

10e: There were no contracts or resignations to approve.

10g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the \$16,512 in allowable growth for increased open enrollment out of 2019 to 2020. Motion carried 4/0.

Announcements/Discussion: A discussion was held on the pros and cons of starting the holiday break early; a discussion was held on the schools decaying of drainage tiles, fixing the area where the cracks are causing water to seep into the city's sewer drainage.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Motion carried 4/0.