

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Due to weather conditions the Bennett Board of Education moved the originally scheduled meeting time of Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2021 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon and Lisa Syring answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Directors Greg Reynolds and Chad Petersen was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff.

Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

The mission statement and board goals were read.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent's Report,** Mr. Luepker reported we've had three snow days so far and we'll get through February before deciding what to do with the calendar; Deb Storjohann and Mr. Luepker wrote a letter opposing the voucher bill to our legislature.

**Principal's Report,** Mr. Costello reported January 18<sup>th</sup> was teacher in-service and they worked on their PLC's and PBIS; 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester conferences took place on January 14<sup>th</sup> by telephone and went well; hearing screens are completed; dental sealants have been rescheduled due to weather; winter FAST testing is about done; staff that opted for the COVID vaccine have received their first dose; bus inspection passed with minor fixes; working on updating our Special Ed delivery plan; PBIS walk-throughs have been rescheduled due to the weather; E-rate has been filed and we are currently accepting bids for managed internet services; looking into providing tutoring sessions for kids; we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup> grade visits to Durant and Tipton are coming up; end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester will be on February 26<sup>th</sup>; ISAP testing will be done in April; and an emergency evacuation Hide, Fight, Run training scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from January 4th, claims totaling \$84,737.50 and January financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies Payroll Procedures thru Insurance Program. Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 3/0.

8d: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the 2020-2021 district calendar. Motion carried 3/0.

8e: No contracts to approve.

8f: No resignations to approve.

8g: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the discontinuation of sharing a building and grounds director with North Cedar. Motion carried 3/0.

8h: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to continue sharing a counselor with Olin. Motion carried 3/0.

8i: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to continue sharing a physical education teacher with Durant. Motion carried 3/0.

8j: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to continue sharing a music teacher with Tipton. Motion carried 3/0.

8k: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the proposal of after school tutoring. Motioned carried 3/0.

8l: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to not renew with Lifetouch for school pictures. Motion carried 3/0.

8m: First reading of Title IX policies and procedures. No action taken.

8n: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the bid from Per Mar for the installation of LP alarm detectors.

8o: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve our SAVE agreement with Durant.

8p: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve renewing the whole grade sharing agreement with Tipton. Motion carried 3/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** Discussed the budget timeline; the return to learn plan, masks will continue to be worn, our gym/cafeteria is open for public use; discussed the climate and culture of the school; Bennett has been asked to be a part of a free pilot program UPAR (Universal Protocol for Accommodations in Reading), there will be a meeting with the administration of participating schools to discuss how to roll this out.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. Motion carried 3/0.

