**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 12, 2021

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021, in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. Board president Dani Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Directors Dani Pratt, Greg Reynolds, Lisa Syring, Chad Petersen, and Kaitlin Rasdon 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 Board goals were read.

**Staff/Student Forum**: None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent’s Report:** Mr. Luepker reported that filling positions is still a struggle but will continue to advertise and do interviews; in August decisions will have to be made on positions and what the 21-22 school year will look like; the district offered a tag endorsement to our current staff, at the cost of the district, if anyone was interested, Stacey Hennings accepted; the BEA agreed to offer up to 8 years’ experience for teachers new to the district that have teaching experience; closing out all last year’s financial reports; tonight’s meeting started his 3rd year here and he appreciates being here and working with our district.

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. Costello stated that the summer tutoring has had a lot of positive feedback; summer projects are underway; attended an evaluator approval training with Lonnie and learned about the new leadership standards, TLC positions have been filled for next school year; met with Dani and Kait and discussed March feedback from staff; the book study with some support staff is going well; met with Sherri Hunt and discussed ways Bennett can connect with Cedar/Jones county team and what they can do for early childhood; met with Shannon Pasvogel and discussed what needed done so PLC’s could start at the beginning of the year; June’s meal pick up was supported by many families; they continue to work on filling staff openings.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from June 14, claims totaling $285,523.83 and June financials. Motion carried 5/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 1003-1004.4. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 5/0.

8c: The return to learn plan has 8 new criteria to meet, but those won’t be available until August 1st. After August 1st the leadership team will meet to make a return to learn plan. For information purposes only, no action taken.

8d: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the EMC insurance coverage for the upcoming year as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

8e: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the milk bid as submitted from Prairie Farms. Motion carried 5/0.

8f: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the propane bid as submitted from AgVantage FS. Motion carried 5/0.

8g: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to appoint board president Pratt as the hearing officer for the nutrition program. Motion carried 5/0.

8h: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve no increase in the instructional materials fees of $30 for preschool, for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried 5/0.

8i: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve no increase in the nutrition fees for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried. 5/0.

8j: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve no increase in the instructional materials fees of $45 for kindergarten and $50 for grades 1-6, for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried 5/0.

8k: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the wellness policy as read for the 21-22 school year.

8l: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Syring to approve the TLC contracts for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

8m: There were no open enrollments to approve.

8n: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the purchase of classroom desks for the 5th and 6th grade classrooms. Motion carried 5/0.

8o: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the curriculum purchase for grades K-2nd. Motion carried 5/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** PILOTS announced they have school supply boxes ready for order, have a new Facebook page, and will be providing rest mats for the school.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried 5/0.