BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 14, 2021

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 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.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

The mission statement was read.

**Staff/Student Forum**: None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent’s Report,** Mr. Luepker reported that board elections are this November and three seats will need filled; LL Pelling will be here the first week of July to start the parking lot; Mark Boston has been working on the siding and windows; Moss Roofing plans on doing the ice guards above the heater sometime in July; Albaugh is working on their schedule for the heaters and will give us a call; Bob Dohmen and Rodney Deerberg are working on a plan to get the LP detectors put on the front of the bleachers; Jeremiah is working on a quote for mulch for the playground; Guidance for return to learn plans will be out sometime in July and a new return to learn plan will need to be submitted between August 1st and August 23rd; Legislative Session has closed down and a few consequential things for schools are: extending open enrollment options and extensions, new legislation for teacher certification to make it easier to find teachers, and teaching race and diversity.

**Principal’s Report,** Mr. Costello reported an offer was given to an applicant who was interviewed to fill the elementary special education position, we are waiting to hear back; an offer was given to an applicant who was interviewed to fill the pre-school teacher position and she declined; another interview was set up with a different applicant and she accepted a job with Tipton before we could interview; our new counselor will be here two days a week next school year; four applicants have applied to tag/title, but none of them have the correct endorsements for the position; the flag ceremony and cookout on the last day of school went well; the students enjoyed their end of year carnival day; staff interested in TLC positions are currently applying; summer meal program has a lot of meals going out with two pick up locations; summer school is in session with 20 students in tutoring.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from May 10, claims totaling $144,836.27and May financials. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 1002-1002.6. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the FY22 Agreement with Central DeWitt Partnership School. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the 28E agreement with North Cedar for Guidance counselor. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve membership in SAI, IASB, IASBO and ISFIS. Motion carried 4/0.

8f: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve amending Juli Miller’s contract from 80% to 100%. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve pay increases for nutrition staff. Motioned carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the resignation of Emilie Hein as elementary special education teacher. Motioned carried 4/0.

8g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the open enrollment of Bennett Fields to Tipton elementary school. Motion carried 4/0.

8h: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve these four priorities from IASB: mental health, supplemental state aid, sharing and re-organization, and teacher certification programs. Motion carried 4/0.

8i: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the 28E music sharing agreement with Cal-Wheat. Motion carried 4/0.

8j: Director Petersen moved, resolved that this company apply for and obtain a business credit card account. Further resolved, that each account obtained be issued one card embossed with the name of the designated Business Officer or employee that sales drafts, and other instruments for charges, be signed by the designated Officer or employee shall be valid and binding upon this company. Further resolved, that any of the following officers of this organization are empowered to authorize TCM Bank, N.A. to make any type of changes to this business account, seconded by Director Rasdon. Motion carried 4/0.

8k: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the flag pole project. Motion carried 4/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** Discussed possible exit interviews, PILOTS are taking over the plastic cap project and looking into creating a bench for outside the school, and update on climate/culture of school.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion carried 4/0.