

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING/BOARD WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 17, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Greg Reynolds, Kaitlin Rasdon, Denise McGhee and Spencer Hicks answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff and Tammi Drawbaugh.

Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent's Report,** Mr. Luepker reported that SSA has been set to 2.5%; Amanda and Lonnie attended an AEA conference budget; the labor management committee met at the end of January and will meet again the first week of March; the legislation information shared with the board members has some good talking points and legislatures want to hear from the taxpayers; met with the BEA and worked on a costing worksheet for negotiations; the Wellness Committee plans to meet in March to look over the schools Wellness policy.

**Principal's Report,** Mr. Costello reported that sixth grade visits to Durant and Tipton are coming up; this week is kindness week which includes dress up days and activities, today the kids wrote compliments on post-it notes and handed them out; Lonnie and Jeremiah are taking an SAI class that addresses student behavior; ISASP testing will take place in March, teachers finished their ISASP online training yesterday; Bennett will be a lunch stop for Tractorcade in June, the gym has been reserved for this event.

### **General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the minutes from January 10th, claims totaling \$332,347.10 and January financials. Motion carried 5/0.

8b: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Operational Sharing Agreement with North Scott for Building and Grounds Director. Motion carried 5/0.

8c: There were no contracts or resignations to approve.

8d: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the open enrollment request from Melissa Klingaman for her daughter to attend North Scott Junior High. Motion carried 5/0.

8e: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the proposal of after school tutoring. Motion carried 5/0.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the selling of old Chromebooks and iPads. Motion carried 5/0.

8g: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the nutrition equipment upgrades. Motion carried 5/0.

8h: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve an increased pay rate for paraprofessionals working with IEP behavioral students. Motion carried 5/0.

8i: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Hicks to continue the physical education teacher sharing agreement with Durant. Motion carried 5/0.

8j: Resolved, that the Board of Directors of BENNETT community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 5/0.

8k: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Letrs Learning Loss program and training. Motioned carried 5/0.

8l: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the special education contract with Durant. Motion carried 5/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** No discussions were had.

**Correspondence:** None

The board entered into a work session with Tammi Drawbaugh, a representative from the Iowa School Board Association.

**Adjournment:** Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Motion carried 5/0.