

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

The mission statement was read.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Kaitlin Rasdon reported, on behalf of the PILOTS, Bennett Bomber logo stickers will be available for purchase at the Liberty Trust & Savings bank in Bennett. Two sizes will be available. The larger ones will sell for \$4 each and the smaller ones will sell for \$3 each.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported the bus inspections went well overall, with only a couple thirty day repairs needing made; currently many reports are being worked on with the certified annual report, special education supplement report, and annual transportation report being a few; staff mandatory trainings have been completed; continuing to advertise for teaching positions; board paperwork for those interested in running for school board are due Thursday September 16th by 5:00pm.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello reported the school year is off to a great start with a successful unpack your backpack night; due to weather the annual flag raising ceremony took place on the second day of school; staff members participated in CPR training for certification; a special education schedule has been worked out to ensure we are meeting the needs of our special education students; continuing to piece together bus routes and when necessary can combine to one route; many important dates are coming up: parent/teacher conferences on Oct. 5th and 7th, no school on Oct. 8th, picture day on Oct. 26th, and teacher in service on Oct. 29th.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from August 10, claims totaling \$90,646.22 and August financials. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: A review was done of board policy 1006.3. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the policy as read. Motion carried 4/0.

A review was done of board policy 1006.4. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve wording changes to the policy as recommended by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker. Motion carried 4/0.

A review was done of board policy 1007. Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the policy as read. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: Open Enrollments – none.

8d: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve Mary Morris as an elementary Special Education Paraprofessional. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve Melissa Reynolds as evening custodian. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve Paul Jones as Special Education Driver. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the substitute bus driver compensation recommendation. Motion carried 4/0.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the technology quotes for ten smart boards and sixteen laptops. Motion carried 4/0.

8g: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the instructional support levy resolution of intent. Roll call vote was Directors Pratt, Reynolds, Petersen, and Rasdon all ayes; no nays with Director Syring absent. Motion carried 4/0.

8h: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the special education compensation recommendation. Motion carried 4/0.

8i: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Petersen to approve the staff stipend recommendation. Motion carried 4/0.

8j: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the quote for air purifiers. Motion carried 4/0.

Announcements/Discussion: October 15th is the fall certified enrollment deadline; Trevor Ragan will be speaking at an area board administrator meeting for those interested in attending; Iowa Association of School Boards will hold its annual Convention in November for those interested in attending.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Director Petersen moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion carried 4/0.