

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING/  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 9, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for a budget amendment hearing and its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the budget amendment hearing and regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon, Denise McGhee and Spencer Hicks answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Greg Reynolds was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff.

Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks 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 we have filled some positions but still have more to fill; spring reporting has started; the nutrition department was awarded a \$10,000 grant that Teresa wrote, for a new convection oven; met with building and grounds director today and will have a list of long term and short term recommendations; already preparing things for next year.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Costello reported spring conferences went well and Easter break was nice; conditions of learning survey was taken, we are still waiting on results; the Siegfried Petersen scholarship committee met and awarded five applicants a total of \$30,000; tutoring ended last Thursday, we had 14 kids participating; finishing up teacher evaluations; met to discuss our ESSA plan and what next steps should be.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from April 11th, claims totaling \$175,321.49 and April financials. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 605 Instructional Materials through Insufficient Classroom Space. Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the policies as read. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: As there was no public comment, Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the FY22 budget amendment. All years, Director Reynolds was absent. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the classified/support staff hourly increases for 2022-2023. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the salary increase for the building/board secretary for 2022-2023. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the salary increase for the principal for the 2022-2023. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Approval of the laminator machine was tabled until June.

8f: Approval of library books was tabled until June.

8g: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the summer office hours of 8-1 pm, Mon-Thurs., with the office being closed on Fridays. Motion carried 4/0.

8h: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the resignation of Kaitlynn Capper as Special Education/Resource teacher. Motion carried 4/0.

Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the contract of Brooklyn Koranda as Special Education/Resource teacher. Motion carried 4/0.

Director McGhee moved, Seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the resignation of Dave Wilson as bus driver. Motion carried 4/0.

Director McGhee moved, Seconded by Director Hicks to approve the resignation of Catalina Critten as bus driver. Motion carried 4/0.

8i: Director Hicks moved, Seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the open enrollment request of Ethan and Samantha Wulf for their son, Weston, from Bennett to Tipton. Motion carried 4/0.

Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the open enrollment request of Hilary Lafrenz for her daughter, Hadley, from Bennett to Tipton. Motion carried 4/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** In observance of school board recognition month, Mr. Luepker presented each board member with a certificate and thanked them for their service. Discussion was held on selling or keeping bus 8.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Motion carried 4/0.