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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 13, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Kaitlin Rasdon and Spencer Hicks answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Directors Greg Reynolds and Denise McGhee were absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff, Casey Strub, Shelby Crist, Lonna Moeller, Stephanie Winters, Sherriff Warren Wethington, Deputy Alex Koch and Deputy Kevin Knoche.

Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

The mission statement was read.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Shelby Crist from the Kids Heart Challenge came to recognize Mr. Strub, and the Bennett Community School District and families, for their continued support of this organization. Bennett is one of the highest donors in the state when broken down by student ratio. The district rose over \$25,000 in their lifetime of participation.

Lonna Moeller and Stephanie Winters came as part of the Bennett Alumni. They talked about setting up an old high school classroom to look like a classroom again for use during the alumni banquet's open house. They also asked about moving their archives to a different room upstairs without a window for better safekeeping.

Sherriff Wethington, Deputy Koch and Deputy Knoche talked to the board about school safety and presented some different ideas of ways the school could better protect the students and staff from an active shooter. They also discussed different safety trainings they could do for our staff.

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Luepker reported that spring reporting is wrapping up, everything on the portal has been submitted; Amanda's working on being approved as the business entity administrator so she can pull down REAP grants from the government.

Principal's Report, Mr. Costello reported Tractorcade is happening tomorrow, around 500 riders will stop in and have lunch in the gym; a baseball tournament will be hosted on our ball diamonds this coming weekend; summer tutoring has started, we have four teachers helping; summer projects have been discussed and are underway; there will be a new IEP system for resource staff this fall; still in need of paraprofessionals and bus drivers for the 2022-23 school year; bullying and harassment investigation training and homeless liaison training has been completed by Mr. Costello; end of school year went well, had some field trips, carnival, alumni banquet and last day picnic; report cards have been sent out; and still working with neighboring districts on specials scheduling.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the minutes from May 9th, claims totaling \$327,123.14 and May financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 607 Instructional Services-609 Community Education. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: Kids Heart Challenge and recognition was moved to the public forum.

8d: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve increasing the adult lunch price to \$4.15. Motion carried 3/0.

8e: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the FY23 Agreement with Central DeWitt Partnership School. Motion carried 3/0.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve membership in SAI, IASB, IASBO and ISFIS. Motion carried 3/0.

8g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve Teryn Stigers for preschool/special education teacher. Motion carried 3/0.

Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the 2022-23 TLC contracts. Motion carried 3/0.

8h: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar after some changes were made. Motion carried 3/0.

8i: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 3/0.

8j: There were no bread bids to approve.

8k: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the school board members receiving school email addresses for communication. Motion carried 3/0.

8l: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve sharing a Transportation Director with Olin for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 3/0.

8m: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the purchase of a new copier machine. Motion carried 3/0.

8n: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the purchase of a new laminator machine. Motion carried 3/0.

8o: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Hicks to approve the purchase of early literacy books for the K-2nd grade classrooms. Motion carried 3/0.

Announcements/Discussion: Discussion was held on targeted school requirements and the possibility of Bennett being released early, due to an influx of targeted schools in Iowa. A discussion was also held on staff assignments and the possibility of increasing student's library time next year.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Director Hicks moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion carried 3/0.