

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 in the gymnasium of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Directors Kaitlin Rasdon, Greg Reynolds, and Denise McGhee answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff, Nicole Wolf, Jennifer Slater, Kevin Rasdon, Steven Yoerger, Chad Giebelstein, Kournay Bishop, Jessica Idlewine, Taylor Kress, Brooklyn Koranda, and Kylee Yoerger.

The school mission statement was read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

Approval of agenda was moved by Director Reynolds and seconded by Director Rasdon. Motion carried 4/0.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** On behalf of the PILOTS, Kaitlin Rasdon proposed Santa's Workshop to be 12/14, set up to be 12/13. Wrapping will happen after students are finished. PILOTS currently has 3 members, Sarah Costello, Denise McGhee, and Kaitlin Rasdon, and is looking for additional members wanting to join. Bomber Cards have been ordered and will be on sale again this year.

Kaitlin Rasdon addressed the board voicing concerns about behavioral issues and discipline at school. She has requested that the board conduct a review of the administration's ability to meet IEP requirements and discipline philosophy. Director Pratt will gather information to review.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Luepker reported that the District had its threat assessment completed by the State of Iowa and will wait for the report to come back. The original Nutrition audit has been moved to April. The District's audit was completed and went well, the only note was segregation of duties. All of the October bus deficiencies have been corrected. Mrs. Heilig, Mrs. Yoerger and Mr. Costello will be meeting with Fusion Forward about updating the website. The Partnership School in DeWitt which Bennett is a member of is looking to find a new location in DeWitt. November 30, 2022 the Annual Bus Driver Training will be held in Wheatland. The December Board of Directors meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on December 12, 2022 due to the concert being that evening.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Costello reported that Veterans Day was extremely successful. The preschool survey was sent out and an update will be provided to the subcommittee. The school's ESSA designation has been updated to acceptable. Thank you to the fire department for their participation in fire prevention week at school. All fire, tornado and bus drills are completed for this fall. AEA support for school: Melissa B IEP and Behavior Support, Alissa S. Literacy support, Melissa O New Teacher Support, and Jennifer and Crew SBO support. CW

and Bennett Admin PLC. The holiday meal was well attended and it was great to see parents out playing with their children on the playground at recess. The SIT team has been meeting to implement/monitor tier 2 and 3 plans for student concerns. Professional development included PLC's Math - Shared resources, Math unit, ELA - LETRs - Observations and collaboration with AEA, Read naturally, SEB - SIT and Staff Self Care. Red Ribbon Week included dress up days for staff and students. Halloween was celebrated with our parade, classroom parties, and a staff costume contest. The Fall Beds Staff is complete and certified. Kim Huckstead came and presented a Jeff Maurer print. A Bennett student attending Tipton High School, Genevieve Stewart, was recognized at a supervisors meeting with a letter from Kim Reynolds and Bobby Koftman for her bravery during the bus incident. Fall conferences went very well. PILOTS provided meals for staff both nights and is much appreciated. Picture retakes are done. Observation cycles have started.

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

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the minutes from October 10th and claims totaling \$36,757.75. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: Policy review was tabled until December.

8c: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to amend Kylee Yoerger's hourly pay to \$16.00 an hour. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: There were no open enrollments.

8e: The Board heard the first reading of House File 802/Transparency Policies.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to purchase a bus through School Bus Sales for \$123,424.00. Motion carried 4/0.

8g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Districts request for Modified Allowable Growth Districts may request MSA for students open enrolled out (OEO) in the current year for whom the district is required to pay tuition in the current year and were not included in the certified enrollment count of the prior year, for the amount of \$44,084.70. Motion carried 4/0.

8h: Information was received on security camera upgrades.

8i: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve Kylee Yoerger as the new Board Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried 4/0.

8j: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agreement with the AEA for SBO duties. Motion carried 4/0.

### **Correspondence:** None

**Announcements/Discussion:** Mr. Costello and Mr. Luepker gave an update to the board on the District being removed from the targeted list on the State of Iowa Performance Profile. A special thank you to students, staff and the board for their dedication to making this happen. Mr. Luepker gave an update on the Special Election that all signatures must be received by Friday, November 18, 2022 at 5:00PM.

**Adjournment:** Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM. Motion carried 4/0.

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