

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2023 in the cafeteria of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Directors Kaitlin Rasdon, Denise McGhee, and Chad Giebelstein answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger.

The board goals were read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

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

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported that he will be meeting with the Tipton Police Department and the Tipton School District to discuss Operation Sharing of a School Resource Officer. Director Rasdon and Reynolds along with Mr. Deerberg, Mr. Costello and Mr. Luepker will meet with Cedar County Emergency Management to discuss the threat assessment and the \$50,000 grant. Winter Student Reporting is complete. At the present time we will continue to keep working with the AEA for SBO duties. Bennett and Calamus-Wheatland will be holding their monthly administrative meeting on Friday, January 13 as well as a Special Education meeting with the AEA. A legislative update was also given.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello thanked everyone who helped cover his absence on Monday and Tuesday and the community and board members for postponing the meeting. The Read Naturally program through the AEA Lit Consultant has less teacher interest than expected. A survey will be used to ask what additional support is needed. The trial ends at the end of January. At the upcoming professional development a survey will go out for topic selection. Working with the AEA and Kylee for payroll, AR and AP. A new paraeducator was hired. She is a senior at Tipton who takes online courses in the morning. Bennett will have a PBIS boot camp with students to refresh common building wide expectations. The FAST testing window is open and testing is expected to be completed by 1/27. STREAM Night will be 2/28 with a book fair, art display and a play put on by students. End of the trimester is 2/17. The 3rd grade class wrote persuasive essays with research on why they should get a class pet. They chose a hedgehog and welcomed Harmony the hedgehog to their class. Bennett hosted 3 other districts for LETRS training on 1/3 which was a big success. Mr. Costello received great feedback about the learning, the food, the building, and the coffee bar. Prior to winter break Bennett staff and students celebrated the holidays with many events including the Holiday Concert, Candy Grams thanks to PILOTS, Santa's Workshops thanks to PILOTS, Family Fun Night at school, and

Holiday Fun Day at school. The Preschool Desk Audit has been submitted and is waiting on review. Many members of the Bennett staff traveled to Cal-Wheat for CPI recertification at a refresher class.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director moved McGhee, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from December 12th and claims totaling \$233,853.28. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve policy review: 411 Support Personnel General thru 412.4 Support Personnel Tax Shelter Programs.

8c: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Preschool Handbook Changes. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve contracts/resignations: Lori Sparks \$14.50 for nutrition position. Brenna Wilkins elementary school associate \$11.00. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the request for Modified Supplemental amount for \$0 for At-Risk Dropout prevention and Approve at-risk dropout prevention program. Motion carried 4/0.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Whole-Grade-Sharing with Durant as is. Motion carried 4/0.

Correspondence: None

Announcements/Discussion: None

Administrative Evaluation: (closed session) Iowa Code Ch. 21.1.i. Motion could be: Move to enter into a closed session for Administrative Evaluation per Iowa Code. This will require a roll call vote. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to roll call vote. Present - Director Rasdon, Giebelstein, McGhee, Pratt. Absent - Director Reynolds. Began closed session at 8:12PM.

Adjournment: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM. Motion carried 4/0.

Board President

Board Secretary