

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the cafeteria of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Directors Greg Reynolds, Kaitlin Rasdon, Denise McGhee, and Chad Giebelstein, Nicole Wolf, and Jennifer Slater answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger.

The school mission was read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

Approval of agenda was moved by Director Giebelstein and seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 5/0.

Staff/Student Forum: Mrs. Sivia and Mrs. Miller Winter Fast Update

Public Forum: A concerned parent requested that board meeting times be adjusted to an earlier time.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker gave a preliminary budget report, which included information about different financial categories and what they can be used for. He also explained the Budget Guarantee and well as tax history and tax comparisons to neighboring schools. The BEA and district are starting to prepare for negotiations.

Principal's Report: Staff and students participated in a two day review of PBIS common area expectations. Melissa with the AEA continues to provide mentoring services. Kindergarten round up is scheduled for April. This is being collaborated on by Mrs. Stigers, Mrs. Sivia, and Mr. Costello. All IEPs and 504s were reviewed. Due to a shortage in driving staff Mr. Costello has been covering driving the shuttle to Durant. Mr. Costello has worked with Twin States to increase Web Filtering. Additional action was determined by the threat assessment team to increase security. Kitchen staff members received additional training including PBIS strategies and Positive and Pleasant Mealtime. Mr. Costello is working with staff to increase parent involvement. Currently parents are invited to read to 3rd grade, help with classroom parties, and help in the library. The Preschool Committee met to discuss the future ideas for the program. The AEA Lit Consultant has been conducting individual teacher coaching, assisting with the Read Naturally trial, FAST data review and MTSS. Mr. Costello thanked everyone for the birthday wishes and work coverage during his absence. The recent LETRS training took place in Calamus. This week is Kindness Week at school including dress up days for each day and kindness activities throughout the week for staff and students. Paras reviewed BIPs at their training session. As part of the new security cameras Open Eye training was received by members of staff who monitor the cameras. Upcoming Mr. Costello is looking forward to tutoring

starting this week, 504 Basic Class this week, ISASPs testing, and Durant and Tipton 6th grade visits.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the minutes from January 12th and claims totaling \$245,592.93. Motion carried 5/0.

8b: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve policy review: 413.1 Support Personnel Resignation thru 415 Support Personnel Substitutes. Motion carried 5/0.

8c: Contracts/Resignations: None.

8d: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve Operational Sharing with North Scott for Buildings and Grounds. Motion carried 5/0.

8e: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve After School Tutoring. Motion carried 5/0.

8f: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve PE agreement with Durant. Motion carried 5/0.

8g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Budget Guarantee Resolution: **RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of BENNETT community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.** Motion carried 5/0.

8h: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve Special Education Contract with Durant. Motion carried 5/0.

8i: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve Preschool Committee Recommendation for 2023-2024 School Year. Motion carried 5/0.

8j: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve Central City Electric bid (to replace Fire Damper Actuators in 2000 addition). Motion carried 5/0.

Correspondence: None

Announcements/Discussion: Cafeteria/Nutrition Program.

Adjournment: Director moved Giebelstein, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM. Motion carried 5/0.

Board President

Board Secretary