

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

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the workroom 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, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, and Karen Mackey.

The board goals were read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

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

Staff/Student Forum: Ms. Mackey PBIS and CPI presentation

Public Forum:

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported how we have handled virtual Professional Development Days. Current last day of school for Bennett is as scheduled. The rest of his report was given throughout the agenda.

Principal's Report: Pi Day is March 14th and Bennett is collecting loose change to pie one staff member in the face. We celebrated Kindness Week by doing many activities including painting rocks, writing a book about kindness, and creating bookmarks. We celebrated Read Across America Week with dress up days and by reading for 10 minutes randomly every hour. Our staff has been very appreciative of our virtual PD days on our 3 snow days, 1 early out, and 1 late start. We are continuing to prepare for ISASPs testing. This year's testing is on March 21, 23, 28 and 30 and will have virtual monitoring. Mr. Costello has begun classroom observations. Our 6th graders visited our whole grade share schools to help decide where they will attend next year. April 6th we will have a TLC review during in-service. Mr. Costello is working on E-Rate to evaluate bids. Mr. Costello attended a leadership conference where Dr. Peters spoke. Our STREAM Night was a huge success with plays, a student art show, STREAM activities, and supper from TJs. Our Preschool Program for next year has been shared with parents and we are receiving names for next year's preschool waitlist. Kait Noel and Mr. Costello both attended 504 Basics Class. Huge thanks to everyone who has helped in the kitchen. As always we have received overwhelming support!

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from February 13th and claims totaling \$566,820.74. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve policy review: 300 Role of School District Administration thru 303.8 Superintendent Consulting/Outside Employment with revision of 301.1 District Organizational Chart. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: Contracts/Resignations: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to accept Diane Covington's resignation from the nutrition department. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve Operational Sharing with N. Cedar (Counselor) and Olin (Transportation Director), AEA (School Business Official). Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Discussed board Meeting Start times, Board Policy (not an action item)

8f: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve to have a public hearing on the FY24 budget for April 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM Board meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

8g: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve to set hearing for public meeting on the 23-24 school calendar for April 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM Board meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

8h: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve school attorney change. Motion carried 4/0.

8i: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve AEA purchasing agreement. Motion carried 4/0.

8j: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve roof quote. Motion carried 4/0.

8k: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve MOU with Morningside College. Motion carried 4/0.

8l: Therapy dog recommendation and next steps.

8m: Preschool fees.

Correspondence: None

Announcements/Discussion: (negotiations, insurance increases)

Adjournment: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:16PM. Motion carried 4/0.

Possible exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy.

Board President

Board Secretary