

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 in the workroom of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 the agenda was moved by Director Rasdon and seconded by Director Giebelstein. Motion carried 3/0.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported that bus inspection went well and we are working on finding the registration to the 2019 Traverse. Negotiations have started and we are getting close to completing. The end of the year will still be the same as the original calendar. Ms. Yoerger and Mr. Luepker will be attending a training for Board Secretaries about the upcoming school board election in November, Bennett will have three vacancies at that time. The District will advertise for a part-time Art position and reach out to potential schools about sharing opportunities.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello reported the Siegfried Petersen Scholarship Committee awarded 6 scholarships totaling \$30,000 this year, 4 to Bennett residents and 2 to Cedar County residents. The TLC update is in process and was discussed during the teacher inservice day. Possible changes to the Science Curriculum was also discussed on inservice day. Mr. Costello reported there is one remaining 12pm dismissal for LETRS training, April 19th. Bennett has kicked off the Kids Heart Challenge. The Conditions of Learning survey has been sent to staff and parents with the student survey set to happen in the near future. Bennett had two early dismissals in the last month due to the storms. Mr. Costello is currently working to complete the necessary staff observations/evaluations. Bennett's bus inspection was passed successfully. After completing the E-Rate 471, Mr. Costello advised Twin States will manage services. ISASPs are completed. The Spring FAST window opens April 24. PILOTs has agreed to help support Spring field trips. The May 8th board meeting will be early due to the Spring Concert/Graduation/PreK Graduation. May 22nd is the last day at Bennett and is a half day.

General Business of the Board:

8a. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to amend and approve the March Minutes and claims totaling \$156,665.87. Motion carried 3/0.

8b. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve policy review: 304.1 Administrative Positions thru 306.3 Administration in Absence of Policy. 2nd reading therapy dog policies. Motion carried 3/0.

8c. Contracts/Resignations: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to accept Laura Coppage's resignation from the art department. Motion carried 3/0.

8d. FY24 Budget Public Hearing

8d1. Approve FY24 Budget: move to certify the 2023-2024 budget with the following spending limits: Instructional \$2,087,600, Total Support Services \$717,000, Non-Instructional \$79,300 Total Other Expenditures \$423,479, with a tax rate of \$11.19732 dollars per thousand. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve the FY24 Budget. Motion carried 3/0.

8e. 2023-2024 School Calendar Public Hearing

8e1. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein, to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Motion carried 3/0.

8f. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve the FY22 Audit Report. Motion carried 3/0.

8g Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the removal of Solar Panels. Motion carried 3/0.

8h. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the therapy dog for 23-24 school year. Motion carried 3/0.

8i. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the PLC at Work Institute. Motion carried 3/0.

8j. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the 2023-24 Preschool Tuition. Motion carried 3/0.

8k. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the 2023-24 Registration Fees. Motion carried 3/0.

Correspondence: None

Announcements/Discussion: (negotiations)

Adjournment: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. Motion carried 3/0.

Possible exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy.

Board President

Board Secretary