

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2022

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022, in the gymnasium of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. Director Greg Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Directors Kaitlin Rasdon and Denise McGhee answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Danielle Pratt was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff, Lisa DuFour, Teresa Bjurstrom and Chad Giebelstein.

The board goals were read.

Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Lisa DuFour with the Tipton Police Department presented to the board a proposal to share a school resource officer with the Tipton Police Department and the Tipton Community School District.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported no transportation was taken out of service during the bus inspections, two buses did have minor fixes needing repaired, overall a really good inspection; the Iowa School report card will be out soon and Bennett could potentially be taken off the targeted list; Chapter 12 survey was sent out to families; some new policies will need to be adopted next month that came about from the recent house file about curriculum; the annual driver training will be held November 1st in Wheatland; the first round of reporting for the school year is due; and the Department of Education's risk assessment will be performed this week.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello reported two staff attended the Iowa Best Conference; picture retakes will be held tomorrow; an assembly will be held in the gym tomorrow for Sheltered Reality, a drumline helping bring positivity to children through music; Lonnie and Jeremiah went to their second out of five leadership network meetings and had good takeaways to bring back to staff; The District participated in the state healthy initiative walk last week; a meeting was held with the special education team and paraprofessionals; he has set a goal to reach out to more principals in the area for some professional development; he met with the Preschool team and they worked on the upcoming preschool survey; the Homecoming pep rallies held here with Tipton and Durant were a huge hit with all the kids, they had a great time building positive relationships with each other; Alissa Schroeder is our AEA reading consultant this year, she attended an ELA PLC and will be observing and meeting individually with teachers; parent teacher conferences are coming up and there will be no school on October 31st for a teacher comp day.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from September 12th, claims totaling \$14,921.48 and September financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 404-406.6. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve all policies as read, but updating the contract days in policy 405.5. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the resignation of Amanda Skriloff. Motion carried 3/0.

8d: The Board was informed of the Open Enrollment request from Leah Sheets for her children to attend the Tipton Community School District from Bennett. No action necessary.

8e: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve M&T Drywall's bid for the west wing window counter project. Motioned carried 3/0.

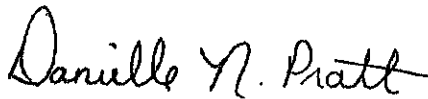
8f. The Board was informed of a quote for a bus replacement and another quote is pending. No action taken at this time.

Correspondence: None

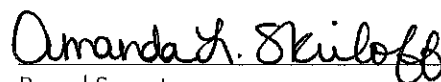
Announcements/Discussion: Mr. Luepker gave an update to the board on current enrollment and past enrollment trends at Bennett. He also gave an update on the Special Election, noting that signatures are due by 5 pm on November 18th to have your name on the ballot and not as a write in, the election will take place on December 13th and The District will cover the costs of this election. Mr. Costello and Director McGhee gave an update on the development of the preschool survey. A brief discussion was held on the upcoming annual School Board convention put on by the Iowa Association of School Boards. Mr. Luepker informed the Board the District would cover the costs of any board member interested in attending.

Adjournment: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Motion carried 3/0.

The Board entered into a work session to discuss the School Business Official vacancy and coverage.



Board President



Board Secretary