

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 8, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023 in the workroom of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Directors Greg Reynolds, 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 mission statement was read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

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

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker reported that May is School Board appreciation month. Mr. Luepker also reported that negotiations are completed and contracts are prepared to be issued.

Principal's Report: \$5,000.87 was raised for the Kids American Heart Challenge earning the students double PE time. Additionally, Mr. Costello and Mr. Strub slept on the roof of the school overnight. Immediately after this board meeting is the Preschool Graduation, Spring Concert, and 6th Grade Graduation. The last day of school and flag lowering is May 22nd. We have dress up days every day till the end of the year. Mr. Costello thanked the PILOTs group for helping fund some of the recent field trips which include the Niabi Zoo, Feeding America, and Roller Skating. Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated with a nacho bar, catered lunch, and recess duty coverage. Mr. Costello gave an update that he attended his last Leadership Network meeting for this year with Mr. Luepker. ISASPs preliminary report is in and results look promising. Teacher and Staff evaluations are currently in progress. We are continuing our work towards updating Goals, Roles and Responsibilities for TLC. Spring tutoring is complete and summer tutoring will begin soon. LETRS training is complete for this year. We are still accepting students for 23/24 preschool. Mr. Costello finished his report by thanking the School Board members for their service.

General Business of the Board:

8a. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein, to approve the April Minutes and claims totaling \$118,850.08. Motion carried 4/0.

8b. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein, to approve policy review: 307 Administrative Code of Ethics thru 309 Authority and Communication Channels. Motion carried 4/0.

8c. Contracts/Resignations: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to accept Melissa Reynold's resignation from the Night Custodian position. Motion carried 4/0.

8d. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Reynolds, to approve the tentative agreement with the BEA. Motion carried 4/0.

8e. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the Audit Agreement. Motion carried 4/0.

8f. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve the Lawn Mower Bid. Motion carried 4/0.

8g. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein, to approve the PE Sharing Agreement. Motion carried 4/0.

8h. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve Summer Office Hours (5/30/23 through 7/28/23 8am to 1pm Monday through Thursday, closed Friday). Motion carried 4/0.

8i. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Rasdon, to approve Summer School as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

8j. Exempt session to discuss Support Staff and Administrative raises/salaries.

8k. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the Support Staff and Administrative raises/salaries. Motion carried 4/0.

8l. Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the AEA 9 Mentor Consortium. Motion carried 4/0.

Correspondence: Thank you from the Alumni Committee for assistance with the archive room.

Announcements/Discussion: School Board Appreciation Month

Adjournment: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 5:59PM. Motion carried 4/0.

Board President

Board Secretary