

## Unofficial Minutes

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023 in the workroom of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Directors Greg Reynolds, Chad Giebelstein, and Denise McGhee answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Kaitlin Rasdon was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello and Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger.

The board goals were read.

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

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** On behalf of the PILOTS, Denise McGhee provided an update on the upcoming Superhero event in Tipton. Denise also advised PILOTS has many fundraising ideas for the upcoming year.

**Superintendent's Report,** Mr. Luepker reported that, bus inspection will take place on September 13, 2023. He gave an update on new legislation that went into effect on July 1, 2023. Building is in great shape and ready to welcome students and staff back over the next few weeks.

**Principal's Report,** Mr. Costello reported that the new school year is well under way with LETRS training on the 17<sup>th</sup>, a Welcome Back Staff Cookout on the 17<sup>th</sup>, CPI Training on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Open House on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Welcome Back Staff Breakfast on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and students first day back on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. All community members are welcome to the Flag Raising Ceremony on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am. Mr. Costello advised that the school will be the new coordinators and location for the HACAP Food Pantry. Mr. Costello and the transportation staff met to address bus routes and driver needs for the new school year. All summer work is wrapping up; new carpet, paint, floor waxing, new shelving, etc. The roof replacement is scheduled for the first of September. Mr. Costello worked with staff to update all handbooks. Mr. Costello advised he had a great summer and is extremely excited for the new year!

### **General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from July 10th and claims totaling \$510,071.88. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 210.1 Development of Policy Board of thru 211.8 Method of Voting. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee, to approve the policy review. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: First hearing Board Policy Discussion; Conflict of Interest Code #203

8d: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve all handbooks with the suggested changes. Motion carried 3/0.

8e: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Michelle Samuels as Nutrition Helper from 7AM to 11AM and Kevin Rasdon's resignation to sub Bus Driver. Motion carried 3/0.

8f: Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Legislative Priorities selected: Early Lit, Mental Health, TLC, and Oppose Unfunded Mandates.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements/Discussion:** Mr. Leupker announced that Director Kaitlin Rasdon is resigning her position with the school board. A discussion was held to fill the board vacancy. A discussion was held to add School Board Official and Board President signatures to checks to expedite business procedures with the AEA.

**Adjournment:** Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion carried 3/0.