

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023 in the workroom of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Denise McGhee, Greg Reynolds and Chad Gibelstein answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, Jean Semsch, Susan Stoeffen, and Nicole Wolf.

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

Mr. Luepker read the mission statement.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: PILOTs president Denise reported the Whitney's Wings Superhero event in Tipton was a large success and the PILOTs booth had nearly 100 kids stop by to make a DIY superhero mask.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Luepker thanked the staff for their patience and flexibility during the roof issue and the rain. A huge thank you to Rodney for checking the building on a hunch during the rain on Sunday evening and everyone else who was there to help out. Bus inspection is this Wednesday and the new bus got in last Tuesday, and will be ready to use after the inspection on Wednesday. The first big deadline for State reporting is this Friday and Bennett is about 80% complete and ready to submit. School Board Papers are due to Kylee by 9/21/23 at 5PM. We have had no opposition to the notice in paper about appointing a potential Board member. It was published on August 21, 2023.

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello reported Actually Clean has been working in combination with staff and volunteers to continue clean up in the Elementary School after the rain storm caused water to leak into the building through the roof. The new school bus has arrived and bus inspection is set for Wednesday. The Community Food Pantry is set up and ready to begin this week. The first food order will be delivered tomorrow. Staff enjoyed speaker Frank Grijalva from Midwest Trauma Service Network. The speaker focused on trauma research and effective strategies for dealing with trauma. School picture is done and went well. Halverson was able to accommodate our PM preschool kids. Picture retake day is October 12th. Mr. Costello has been continuing professional development as well including Leading for Impact, meeting with Cal-Wheat and AEA administrators, and attending the Principal Alliance. Staff began LETRS training again on the 17th. CPI training was on the 21st. The first month of the school year has been successful so far.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Gibelstein moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the minutes from August 14th and claims totaling \$39,361.72. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policy 212 Open Meetings thru 217.5 Board of Directors and Elected Officials. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the policies as read with the exception of changing November to October in policy 215.2. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the mandatory requirements as presented: School Attorney (Ahlers and Cooney), Level I Investigators (Mrs. Shuger and Mr. Costello), Level II Investigator (Warren Wethington), Title IX and Equity Coordinator (Superintendent), Homeless Liaison Coordinator (Ms. Koranda). Motion carried 3/0.

8d: Contracts/Resignations: None

8e. Appoint a Board Member: Action to approve School Board Member Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6. Nicole Wolf nominated for appointment to School Board. Directors Danielle Pratt, Greg Reynolds, Denise McGhee, and Chad Giebelstein all unanimously voted yes to appointing Nicole Wolf to the open School Board seat.

8f. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried 3/0.

8g. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the Wellness Policy. Motion carried 3/0.

8h. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve the Board Policy #203 Conflict of Interest. Motion carried 3/0.

8i. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve putting Bus #8 out for bid. Motion carried 3/0.

8j. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Partnership School Agreement. Motion carried 3/0.

9. Correspondence: Bennett has completed

Announcements/Discussion: None

Adjournment: Director Geibelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 7:27PM. Motion carried 3/0.