

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, in the gymnasium of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. Director Dani Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Superintendent Lonnie Luepker administered the oath of office to Nicole Wolf. Directors Chad Giebelstein, Nicole Wolf, and Denise McGhee answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Greg Reynolds was absent. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, and Susan Stoefen.

The mission statement was read.

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

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** Denise McGhee provided an update for the PILOTs group. PILOTs will be hosting a large fundraiser in October to raise funds for field trips, assemblies, and other activities.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Luepker gave an update on enrollment and spoke about PD committee and LMC committees

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Costello reported thirteen staff attended the PLC Conference in Des Moines; two staff attended the Iowa Best Conference; picture retakes will be held 10/12; the District will participate in the state healthy initiative walk this week; 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; parent teacher conferences are coming up; staff continues LETRS training; Mr. Costello held a presentation for the fourth grade class on beekeeping; KCRG featured Bennett and Mr. Costello in an interview about the Kids American Heart Challenge and Costello's award for Principal of the Year.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from September 11th, claims totaling \$13,605.55 and September financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 218 Board of Director Records thru 222 Negotiations. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Special Education Allowable Growth: motion to approve the 2022-2023 Special Education deficit balance for allowable growth and supplemental state aid in the amount of \$5,858.23. Motion carried 3/0.

8d: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve naming the depositories: Libert Trust and ISJIT. Motioned carried 3/0.

8e: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to reject the bus bid received and extend the period the board is accepting bus bids to November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motioned carried 3/0.

8f. Contracts/Resignations: None

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements/Discussion:** None

**Adjournment:** Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried 3/0.

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Board President

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