

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 in the work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Chad Giebelstein, Denise McGhee, Nicole Wolf 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, Jean Semsch and Susan Stoefen.

The school mission statement was read by Principal Jeremiah Costello.

Approval of agenda was moved by Director McGhee and seconded by Director Giebelstein. Motion carried 3/0.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Denise McGhee provided an update on behalf of PILOTs that over 200 letters have been mailed out requesting fundraising donations from local businesses. Santa's Workshop will be held December 13th. PILOTs is working to make sure all students will be able to shop. If anyone is interested in volunteering to wrap gifts please contact a member of PILOTs.

Superintendent's Report:

Principal's Report: Mr. Costello advised that currently he is working on fall reporting including the Universal Desk Audit, Preschool Desk Audit, and the Nutrition Report. Induction new teacher support, every other week this year. Teachers have been meeting regularly about prioritizing standards. The SIT team is focusing on attendance and engagement. Mr. Costello was a spotlight reader in 3rd grade. The Halloween walk was a success. Bennett hosted LETRs training on the 1st. Hearing screenings for necessary students have been completed for fall. The Veteran's Day program was well attended and successful. The SIAC meeting was today and the team set goals. Friday the staff will be allowed to bring personal pets to school for an emotional support day. The school day after Thanksgiving one of the bus routes will change. The December 11th board meeting will start earlier than normal due to the Winter Concert.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from October 9th and claims totaling \$42,338.42. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve Board Policy Review: 700 Series School Food Program thru Payroll Deductions. Motion carried 3/0.

8c: Director Wolf moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee. Motion carried 3/0.

8d: Director Wolf moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the SAIC goals. Motion carried 3/0.

8e: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the bus bids. Motion carried 3/0.

8f: Contracts/Resignations: None.

8g: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Modified Growth requests: Open Enrollment Out

Current Enrollment (CY) Preliminary FTE	Open Enrollment Out (OEO) Certified Enrollment Increase	Final Eligible FTE	DCPP Previous Year	Maximum MSA Request (Final FTE x Previous Year DCPP)
15.20	0.00	15.20	7227.00	109850.40

Motion carried 3/0.

8h: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the AEA Board of Director Ballot choice of Paul Brooks. Motion carried 3/0.

Correspondence: None

Announcements/Discussion: Nicole Wolf and Dani Pratt were both elected to serve on the school board.

Adjournment: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Motion carried 3/0.

Board President

Board Secretary