

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

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023 in the work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Dani Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Directors Chad Giebelstein, Denise McGhee, Nicole Wolf and Greg Reynolds answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also Present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Jean Semsch and Susan Stofen. Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger was not present.

Approval of the agenda was approved with the minutes showing a 5:30 start time due to the concert. Motion by Director Giebelstein and seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 4/0.

Approval of the Minutes was approved with a start time of 5:30 due to the concert. Motion by Director Giebelstein and seconded by Director Wolf. Motion carried 4/0

Mr. Luepker gave the review of the Canvass of Votes: Director Pratt received 156 votes, Director Wolf received 162 votes, a scattering of 12 votes.

Adjournment of the retiring Board. Motion by Director Giebelstein and seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 4/0

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FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Luepker called the Organizational Meeting to order.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Board Members.

Roll Call

Election of Officers:

Nominations for President: Motion for Pratt by Director Reynolds and seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 4/0

Nominations for Vice President: Motion for Reynolds by Director Pratt and seconded by Director McGhee. Motion carried 4/0

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Denise McGhee provided an update on behalf of the PILOTs about Santa's Workshop and Christmas in Bennett.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Luepker reported the following. Bennett and Calamus-Wheatland would like to continue the shared Superintendent position. Director Pratt and Reynolds met with a few CW Board members to interview potential search firms for Superintendent opening. Congratulations to Ms. Teresa and her staff on a successful Nutrition Review.

Principal Report: Mr. Costello provided information about utilizing Weblink for employee leave requests. Two staff members attended the PLC for Small Schools and Singleton conference. Mr. Costello discussed his professional learning through the AEA's Leading for Impact series. Fall reporting has been completed. Teachers have worked hard to prioritize standards, completing the first step in the PLC process. We had two successful holiday meals and have several events between now and winter break. Teacher in-service on the 3rd of January to include CPI and LETRS trainings.

General Business of the Board:

9a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the General Business of the Board; Consent items. Motion Carried 4/0

9b: Resolution naming depositories: Approval of affidavit of Depository Bank, Liberty Trust and Saving Bank \$10,000,000 and ISJIT \$15,000,000 Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee. Motion Carried 4/0

9c: Board Policy Review; Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve 800 thru 803.7 Series. Motion Carried 4/0

9d: Contracts/Resignations: None

9e: Annual Equity Report was presented: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee. Motion Carried 4/0

9f: Committee Assignments; Cedar County Conference Board Director McGhee, Scott County Conference Board Director Pratt, Nutrition Committee Director Pratt, Negotiations Board, Health Insurance Board, Building and Ground Director Reynolds and Director Giebelstein, Whole Grade Sharing Director McGhee and Director Pratt. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee. Motion Carried 4/0

9g: Wall Pad for gym were tabled for more information.

9h: Approved Model Discipline Policy per required legislation: Director Wolf moved, seconded by Director Reynolds. Motion Carried 4/0

Correspondence: None

Discussion: The District is waiting on a sharing agreement with the City of Tipton and Tipton CSD before moving forward with a School Resource Officer sharing agreement. We should have this looked over by the school attorney before our next meeting.

Adjournment: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion Carried 4/0