

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING/BOARD WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7PM. Directors Danielle Pratt, Greg Reynolds, Chad Giebelstein, Denise McGhee and Nicole Wolf answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, Heather Sivia, Juli Miller, Catalina Critten, and Melissa Reynolds.

Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

Mission Statement/Board Goals were read by Superintendent Lonnie Luepker.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent's Report,** 1<sup>st</sup> draft of 24/25 district calendar has been sent to staff for review. FAST testing is complete and preliminary scores look great. Bennett and Cal-Wheat leadership met to discuss LETRs, SDI, and a leadership transformation book. Bennett will have an in-person author visit, Savannah Levesque-Necker, sometime in March. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend Symphony Day on February 24<sup>th</sup>. School House Jazz will be at Bennett on April 19<sup>th</sup>. STREAM Night will be Willy Wonka themed. Breakfast with a Buddy was a success. Staff will meet February 21 for table talks about Emergency Planning. ISASPs testing is coming up in March. Staff has been completing EL training. Weblink is now being used by staff. Leading for Impact was focused on trust accelerators, Decision matrix, and KDR. E-Rate forms 471 and 470 have been filed. PLCs have been working rubric writings and examples for each grade level.

**Principal's Report,** Administration met with the BEA and discussed possible handbook changes, and possibility of removing early outs if needed due to snow days. Bus inspection is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from January 8th, claims totaling \$175,258.19 and January financials. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: Director Wolf moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve Policy Review: 405.2, 405.8, 501.3, 505.10, Payroll 806.1 thru Insurance Program 810. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the Preliminary Budget Information/Timelines Budget Dates Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>, regular board meeting Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, first public hearing for budget FY2025. Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, second public hearing for budget followed by regular board meeting. Excluding March 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Whole Grade Sharing Agreements with Durant and Tipton. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Operational Sharing Agreements: Buildings and Grounds with North Scott, Transportation with Olin, Counselor with North Cedar, Superintendent with Calamus-Wheatland, and SBO with AEA. Motion carried 4/0.

8f: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve Budget Guarantee: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of BENNETT community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion carried 4/0.

8g: There were no contracts or resignations to approve.

8h: Open Enrollment/Whole Grade Sharing Document was reviewed.

8i: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve Morningside MOU. Motion carried 4/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** Support staff/snow day discussion/board policy. Current board policy does not include pay for part time support staff on snow days. Board discussed possibility of paying part time support staff for snow days. Communication etiquette amongst staff. Superintendent Lonnie Luepker will send out the Chain of Command document for staff.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 8:46PM. Motion carried 4/0.