

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2024

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Directors Denise McGhee, Chad Giebelstein, Greg Reynolds, and Nicole Wolf answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, Superintendent Lonnie Luepker, SBO Amanda Skriloff, Kelly Wendel, Stacey Hennings, Heather Sivia, Juli Miller, Karen Rohlf, and Susan Stoefen.

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

The Mission Statement was read.

**Public Forum:** PILOTS president Denise reported the Easter event was a hit and will return next year.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Principal's Report:** Siegfried Petersen Scholarship committee volunteers will be needed soon. Mill Creek catered the staff appreciation meal. ISASPs testing is complete for the year. March 28<sup>th</sup> staff members traveled to Central DeWitt to observe Amplify CKLA curriculum in action and staff was impressed. Food pantry continues to be successful. End of school year is approaching quickly and will contain several field trips and assemblies. Thank you to PILOTS for the Easter Celebration! Students and staff enjoyed the solar eclipse.

**Superintendent's Report:** Covered in general business.

**General Business of the Board:**

8a. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve consent items. Motion carried 4/0.

8b. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve change in wording to Policy Review 414.1 and 414.3 (regular review: 902 Maintenance, Operation thru 904.7 Asebstos). Motion carried 4/0.

8c. Contracts/Resignations: Kim Shuger is resigning as the part time evening cleaner. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to hire Curtis Wendel as the part time evening cleaner. Motion carried 4/0.

8d. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve FY25 Budget: move to certify 2024-2025 budget with the following spending limits: Instructional \$2,149,600, Total Support Services \$805,700, Non-Instructional \$85,400, Total Other Expenditures \$472,021 with a tax rate of 11.81590 per 1000. Motion carried 4/0.

8e. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the purchase of the new gym pads. Motion carried 4/0.

8f. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the changes made to the staff handbook. Motion carried 4/0.

8g. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve ISFIS web-hosting of board policies. Motion carried 4/0.

8h. PILOTs copy request. No longer needed.

8i. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve draft 5 of the 2024/2025 calendar. Motion carried 4/0.

8j. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Health Insurance Program/Increases to employees. Motion carried 4/0.

8k. Set hearing to amend FY24 budget, May 13, 2024 at 7pm.

**Announcements/Discussion:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Motion carried 4/0.