

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. Vice President Greg Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Directors Denise McGhee, Chad Giebelstein, and Nicole Wolf answered roll call and a quorum was declared. President Dani Pratt was absent. Also present were Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, Ian Bjurstrom, Deb Storjohann, Juli Miller, Elissa Junker, Kelly Wendel, Stacey Hennings, Karen Mackey, Taylor Kress, and Shane Knoche. Superintendent Lonnie Luepker was absent.

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

The mission statement was read.

Staff/Student Forum: Kelly Wendel, Karen Mackey, and Juli Miller spoke in favor of Amplify as a new curriculum for Bennett. Karen showed a presentation highlighting Amplify's benefits. Deb Storjohann advised she had a negative experience with the trial kit however she is open to trying again. Taylor Kress spoke about her students' positive experience with the Amplify trial. Elissa Junker expressed concerns about wages. Deb Storjohann provided information about funding from the state to support paraprofessional wage increases.

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report, None

Principal's Report, Mr. Costello expressed appreciation for the summer hours. Contracts and letters of assignment have been issued to staff and many have been returned. Student report cards were mailed out. Mr. Costello has been in contact with Mr. Knoche as we transition to a new superintendent. The food pantry will continue to be open on Tuesdays with the help of staff volunteers. Summer tutoring began 6/4 and goes through 6/20. The summer food program is currently serving 100 students. All board members interested are welcome to attend the 79th annual IASB Annual Conference. We're currently projecting 78 students in seats for 2024/25 school year.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from May 13th, claims totaling \$96,416.07 and May financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Wolf to approve the Policy Review:

2nd Hearing for Safety Grant Policies for Adoption: - *see attached*

1. 401.06 General Personnel Records
2. 401.06-R(1) General Personnel Records Regulation
3. 404-R(1) General Personnel Conduct and Appearance Regulation
4. 404-R(2) Code of Rights and Responsibilities Regulation
5. 801.04 Governmental Accounting Practices and Regulations
6. 804.02 Debt Management

7. 805.01-R(1) Purchasing-Bidding - Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contracts Procedure
 8. 805.01-R(2) Purchasing-Bidding - Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts
 9. 805.08 Expenditures for a Public Purpose
 10. 805.08-R(1) Expenditures for a Public Purpose - Use of Public Funds
 11. 807.05 Internal Controls
 12. 807.05-R(1) Internal Controls - Procedures
- C. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the preschool registration fees. Motion carried 3/0.
- D. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the approve resignation of Teryn Stigers as preschool teacher. Motion carried 3/0.
- E. Director Wolf moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the EMC renewal. Motion carried 3/0.
- F. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the Amplify curriculum purchase. Motion carried 3/0.
- G. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the professional organizations: SAI, RSAI, ISFIS, IASB. Motion carried 3/0.

Announcements/Discussion: None

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Motion carried 3/0.