

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING/  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 13, 2024

The Bennett Board of Education met for a budget amendment hearing and its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the budget amendment hearing to order at 6:47pm. Directors Danielle Pratt, Chad Giebelstein, Denise McGhee and 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, Heather Sivia, Juli Miller, Deb Storjohann, Stacey Hennings, and Jean Semsch.

FY24 proposed budget amendment reviewed. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Regular meeting called to order at 7pm.

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

The mission statement was read.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** A member of the public spoke about legislation regarding weapons in schools.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Luepker advised he and Mr. Costello met with the BAE for negotiations.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Costello advised the school is looking into purchasing a school wide curriculum for the 24/25 school year. Teachers have tested it, provided feedback, and visited another school that uses the curriculum. Spring concert and prek/6<sup>th</sup> grade graduations were a success! Thank you to PILOTs for celebrating teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The Alumni Banquet was well attended and we received many compliments on the building. The last two weeks of school are packed with events; several field trips, mini golfing at school, plant sales, EMS day, carnival day, and our last day picnic. Thank you to our board members for their dedication to our district! Everyone enjoy their summer break!

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the minutes from April, claims totaling \$25,668.85, and April financials. Motion carried 3/0.

8b. Reviewed Policies: 1000 Principals and Objectives - 1001.02 Board of Directors and Community Relations. 1st Hearing for Safety Grant Policies for Adoption:

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
- 8c: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the resignation of Teresa Wulf from full time to part time. Motion carried 3/0.
- 8d: As there was no public comment, Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the FY24 budget amendment. All yeas, Director Reynolds was absent. Motion carried 3/0. (Director Reynolds arrived at 7:22pm)
- 8e. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the 24-25 Lunch Prices. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8f. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Solar Panel Quote. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8g. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the Wireless Touch-points. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8h. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to approve the 24-25 Registration fees. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8i. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the Summer Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, closed on Friday. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8j. Director Reynolds moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the Flex Spending Benefit Elimination. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8k. Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the FY23 Audit Report. Motion carried 4/0.
- 8l. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the use of Asset Services for Fixed Asset Inventory. Motion carried 4/0. (Director Reynolds left at 8:10pm)
- 8m. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to enter into an Exempt Work Session to discuss FY25 Support Staff and Principal wages. Motion carried 3/0.
- 8n. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to approve the support staff and principal wages for the FY25 school year. Motion carried 3/0.

**Announcements/Discussion:** In observance of school board recognition month, Mr. Luepker presented each board member with a certificate and thanked them for their service. Discussion was held on bussing for preschool in town for the 24/25 school year.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director McGhee moved, seconded by Director Giebelstein to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion carried 3/0.

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Board President

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Board Secretary