

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JULY 8, 2024

The Bennett Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024 in the staff workroom of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. Vice President Greg Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7pm. Directors Denise McGhee, Chad Giebelstein, and Nicole Wolf answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Also present were Superintendent Shane Knoche, Principal Jeremiah Costello, Board Secretary Kylee Yoerger, Jean Semsch, Ian Bjurstrom, Teresa Bjurstrom, Stacey Hennings, and Susan Stoefen.

The mission statement was read.

**Staff/Student Forum:** None

**Public Forum:** A member of the public brought up concerns about support staff turnover and the effect it has on students in the district with 504's or IEP's.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Knoche advised he will be attending the following trainings in the next month: Grundmeyer Learning Services 7/9, SAI Training for New Superintendents 7/10, Title IX Training 7/12, SAI State mandated mentoring, Leadership Team Building 8/6 12-4pm, SAI Annual Conference 8/7 and 8/8. Mr. Knoche also recommended to do a first reading for Title IX Discrimination Policies 106.1(5 Procedures) and then hold on the 2nd reading to see what the courts determine.

**Principal's Report:** Welcome Mr. Knoche! Our custodian Mr. Deerberg has been working hard to get the school ready for the 2024/2025 school year cleaning rooms, getting ready to wax the halls, and preparing the gym. Mr. Deerberg and Mr. Hermesen put up the new Bomber gym pads and they look great. School registration is July 15th-August 9th and families can make online payments with no fee during this time. The summer lunch program is now serving over 160 meals each Tuesday.

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

**General Business of the Board:**

8a: Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the minutes from June 10th, claims totaling \$466,906.42 and June financials. Motion carried 3/0.

B. Policy Review: None

C. Carpet bids: Carpetland, Martin Floorworks: waiting for an additional bid to compare pricing.

D. Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director Wolf to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms Dairy.

E. EOP moved to August board meeting.

F. Contracts/Resignations: None

**Announcements/Discussion:** There will be a board work session on July 23, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm. Denise McGhee suggested bringing back High Five Fridays. Nicole Wolf asked for an update on preschool bussing and an idea of the yearly cost for preschool bussing.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Director Giebelstein moved, seconded by Director McGhee to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried 3/0.