

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS OF ISL HEARING/REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Bennett Board of Education met for an ISL hearing/regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 in the staff work room of the Bennett Community School, Bennett, IA. President Danielle Pratt called the instructional support hearing to order at 7:00 pm and the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Directors Danielle Pratt, Greg Reynolds, Lisa Syring, and Kaitlin Rasdon answered roll call and a quorum was declared. Director Petersen was absent. Also present were Principal Jeremiah Costello, and Board Secretary Amanda Skriloff. Superintendent Lonnie Luepker was absent.

Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

The board goals were read.

Staff/Student Forum: None

Public Forum: Kaitlin Rasdon, speaking on behalf of the PILOTS, said Santa's Workshop will be December 15th in the gym. The PILOTS plan to have a craft night on December 2nd and will be selling a plate of cookies at the town's Holiday Walk.

Principal's Report, Mr. Costello reported that our counselor started working his two days a month; a para was hired, but later declined the position; a new classroom teacher has been hired and will start after winter break; Lonnie Luepker, Karen Mackey and Jeremiah Costello attended the Iowa Best Conference in Des Moines on social and emotional learning and plan to present what they learned to the teachers; Miss Iowa came to visit our school and read to the children; standards based grading will be a part of teacher in-service this week and what the report cards will look like; hoping to start sending report cards electronically; our 6th graders took the Iowa Youth Survey; attended a meeting with the United Way of Eastern Iowa about resources available in Cedar County; Veteran's Day ceremony will be this Thursday; December 17th will be our holiday meal and each student can invite up to two guests to eat with them.

General Business of the Board:

8a: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the minutes from October 11, claims totaling \$16,003.23 and October financials. Motion carried 4/0.

8b: A review was done of board policies 502.1-502.8. Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 4/0.

A review was done of board policy 502.9. Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve wording changes to the policy as recommended by Principal Jeremiah Costello. Motion carried 4/0.

A review was done of board policies 502.10-502.13. Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve all policies as read. Motion carried 4/0.

8c: There being no audience comment with regard to the ISL, Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve the ISL. All Ayes, motion carried 4/0.

8d: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to table the request for allowable growth until December. Motion carried 4/0.

8e: Return to learn plan was discussed, no action taken.

8f: Director Rasdon moved, seconded by Director Syring to table approving the District Equity Report until December. Motion carried 4/0.

8g: Open Enrollment - none

8h: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to approve Taylor Kress for classroom teacher.

8i: Superintendent sharing was for informational purposes only, no action taken.

Announcements/Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the unofficial election results for the school board.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Director Syring moved, seconded by Director Rasdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion carried 4/0.