

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 17, 2025

Board Members Present	<p>Board members present for the regular meeting on March 17, 2025 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Smallwood and Eckhoff. Eichler was absent.</p> <p>Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff, and Michelle Smith.</p>
Call to Order	<p>President Yearout declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.</p>
Amendments to the Agenda	<p>There were no amendments to the agenda</p>
Citizens Comments	<p>There were no citizen's comments. Nichole Aery was in attendance as a guest.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Copies of the March 17, 2025 agenda, the February 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes, the February 17, 2025 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 17, 2025 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page of bills was available at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eckhoff to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. March 17, 2025 board agendab. February 17, 2025 regular meeting minutesc. February 17, 2025 executive meeting minutesd. Payment of Bills	
Policy & Regulation Updates	<p>Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Rutherford to approve Policy 550; Motion carried 6 ayes and 0 nays.</p>
Program Evaluations	<p>The evaluations for the Guidance and Counseling Programs were presented by Mr. Smith and information presented to board members from the Elementary School Counselor, Kimberly Schmidt, and High School Academic Advisor, Jennifer Greene. They reviewed various items included in the evaluation. After discussion a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Parrott to approve the Guidance/Counseling evaluations as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Guidance/Counseling	
Certified Salary Schedule 2025-2026	<p>Mr. Smith presented the 2025-2026 proposed salary schedule at this time with increasing the base salary to \$38,000, with steps to move \$400 increase and Education to move \$850. A Motion made by Parrott seconded by Sanders to approve the salary schedule as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p>

- School Calendar Mr. Smith presented a recommendation from staff for the 2025-2026 school year calendar. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Rutherford to approve the presented calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6 ayes and 0 nays.
- Administrator Report Mr. Smith shared information regarding our current student information system, Lumen. He shared the most recent issue with the system pulling the incorrect phone message that was shared. Mr. Smith shared information that a committee has demoed a new student information system, and there will be a change coming. Mr. Smith also shared the greenhouse heaters went out during the hard freeze we had, heaters were replaced as well as water lines. We recently had our annual state bus inspections, and passed with 100%.
- Mr. Curtis shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 245 with a 92.71% attendance rate. Various spring contests are going on, HS Band recently played at the final 4, Academic team recently placed 3rd in the Kaysinger Math contest, and conference tournament will be April 12th. The first home baseball game is Friday, March 21st and first home Softball game is Monday, March 24th. The school dinner theatre / musical will be this weekend March 22nd and 23rd. FFA is getting very active with their spring events. State Solos and Ensembles will be May 3rd. FBLA will be taking several students to state competition in the coming weeks, Archery is taking 20 JH/HS students to state archery in Branson this week and prom will be Saturday, April 5th and return back to the High School Gym. Golf is also underway with their first match Monday, March 24th.
- Mrs. Eckhoff reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 295 with attendance at 94.8%. The spring concert for grades 4-6 will be this Thursday, March 20th, Parent Teacher conferences will be Wednesday, March 26th, the 43rd annual Kaysinger Math & Spelling Bee will be Thursday, March 27th, Mother / Son Dodgeball hosted by PTO will be Friday, March 21st and PTO pastries with parents is this Friday, April 11th. There will be 8 elementary students attending state archery this week. Kindergarten screenings will take place at the First Baptist church on April 15th and 16th.
- Executive Session A motion was made by Parrott seconded by Smallwood at 7:36 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:30 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Sanders seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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