

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on March 21, 2022 beginning at 8:10 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Eichler, and Koll. Sanders and Smallwood were absent.

Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith shared a letter of resignation from Eric Fairchild. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Koll to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared a letter of retirement from Vickie Homan. A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Koll to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

High School principal, Adam Curtis, reported on Kelly DeHaan evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered to Kelly DeHaan. After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to offer a tenure teacher contract to Kelly DeHaan for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Elementary principal, Becky Eifert, reported on Margaret Cook evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered to Margaret Cook. After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to offer a tenure teacher contract to Margaret Cook for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

The Teachers for Consideration for 2022-2023 Contracts List was given to board members. The probationary elementary, special education, and secondary teachers were considered for 2022-2023 contracts. The respective principals reported on the individual teacher evaluations and answered questions presented concerning the individuals listed. After discussion a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Koll to offer probationary teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year to Amy Biggerstaff, Elizabeth Eckhoff, Gabbie Mallard, Malinda McBride, Jill Reimund, Elyse Starke, Heather Kessing, Amanda Meyer, Shawn Rhoades, Renae Denny, Brandi Maddux, Ashley Brown, Allison Dady, Michelle Johnson, Lacey Lange, Sarah Weatherby, and Shelby Williams. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Nolan Wilson for the JH Social Studies teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Koll, to hire Nolan Wilson for the JH Social Studies teacher. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-no; Sanders-absent; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; and Yearout-yes. Total vote 4 yes, 1 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Karie Gutierrez for the HS English and some HS Social Studies teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. A motion was made by Koll, seconded by Eichler, to hire Karie Gutierrez for the HS English and some HS Social Studies teacher. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; and Yearout-yes. Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert has asked for permission to hire the best candidates for two Elementary positions that she has open. A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Koll, to hire the best two candidates for Elementary positions. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; and Yearout-yes. Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Koll to adjourn the executive session at 9:05 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

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