

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on August 19, 2024 beginning at 7:40 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood and Eckhoff.

Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith shared a resignation letter from Dylan Gutierrez, Bus Driver. Motion made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared an open position for JH Volleyball Assistant. Mr. Smith would like permission to hire the best candidate for the position. Motion made by Sanders, seconded by Eichler to give permission to hire the best candidate. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared the updated extra duty/extended days listing for 2024-2025 for approval – Will Lynde (Baseball Head Coach); Connor Spunaugle (Baseball Assistant Coach); Tatum Sinclair (Jr Class Sponsor); Kelsey Smith (Jr. Class Sponsor); Matthew Spunaugle (Jr. Class Sponsor); and Ashley Brown (NJHS/NHS Sponsor) Motion made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to hire for the positions as listed. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-abstained; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended to the board that Chris Sanders be hired for Jr. Class Sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eckhoff to employ Chris Sanders for extra duty, Jr. Class Sponsor. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-abstained; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding a current OCR complaint that he is working on in regards to inappropriate handicap accessible playground area. He is in hopes that the new preschool area playground will be of use to the special needs students as well as the preschool. The initial report is due before the end of the month to OCR.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the executive session at 8:02 P.M. Roll call of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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