

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on March 16, 2026 beginning at 8:44 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey.

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

Mr. Smith shared information with the board regarding a personnel issue. Mr. Smith recommended hiring Vicki Young, Paraprofessional, to ride the bus as a bus aide for the remainder of the school year. A motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler, to hire Vicki Young as the bus aide for the remainder of the 2025/2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

High School Principal, Adam Curtis, reported on Jill Reimund's evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered for the 2026-2027 school year. After discussion, a motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Smallwood to offer tenure teacher contract as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Elementary School Principal, Elizabeth Eckhoff, reported on Gabbrielle Spunaugle's evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered for the 2026-2027 school year. After discussion, a motion was made by Casey, seconded by Siercks to offer tenure teacher contract as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

The Teachers for Consideration for 2026-2027 Contracts List was given to board members. The probationary elementary, special education, and secondary teachers were considered for 2026-2027 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 Smallwood to offer probationary teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year to Kristan Arbuckle, Baily Crouch, Kassandra Doner, Kara Ward, Sandra Bryant, Alexis Hyde, Michelle Kenig, Camryn Lynde, Jeremy Owen, Kadey Sartain, Kimberly Schmidt, Shelby Williams, Cheyanne Beard, Caitlin Brandt, Aleah Johnson, Kelsey Smith, Jennifer Smith, Karie Gutierrez, Katelynn Schuld, Tatum Sinclair, and Connor Spunaugle. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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The Probationary Director for Consideration for 2026-2027 Contracts List was given to board members. The probationary Director of Special Education was considered for 2026-2027 contracts. Mr. Smith reported on the individual evaluations and answered questions presented concerning the individual listed. After discussion a motion was made by Eckhoff seconded by Smallwood to offer probationary director contracts for the 2026-2027 school year to Jennifer Smith. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Casey to adjourn the executive session at 9:21 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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