

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

May 20, 2024

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on May 20, 2024 were Yearout, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff. Parrott was absent

Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, Elly Eckhoff and Michelle Smith

Call to Order President Yearout declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to the Agenda No amendments to the agenda.

Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments

Consent Agenda
a. May 20, 2024 board agenda
b. April 16, 2024 regular minutes
c. April 16, 2024 executive minutes
d. Payment of Bills

Copies of the May 20, 2024 agenda, the April 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the April 16, 2024 executive meeting minutes, and page 1 thru 3 of the May 20, 2024 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 presented at the board meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Summer Maintenance Mr. Smith reported to board members on items included on the summer maintenance schedule. The High School restrooms will be refinished to match the flooring in the new building, painting and other routine maintenance will be done. The gym floors will be refinished in July and classroom floors will be waxed as usual over the summer break. Several classrooms and other areas are scheduled for painting. This year’s summer helpers will be 6, at this time,

Construction Update Mr. Smith shared the construction update from Septagon. Contractors have been working on completing the punch list items. The gym floor contractor has completed the wood floor installation with the exception of installing the wall base. The bleacher contractor has completed the bleachers, demo of the old pre-k fence, and trees has been completed along with removing the playground equipment.

In the coming weeks contractors will work towards completing the punchlist, installing the base in the gym, installing the wall pads in the gym, and completing the mechanical platforms/walk pads on the roof. Once the pre-K building is removed the rest of the dirtwork will begin. The dirtwork, the light poles, and the grading of the parking lot will take place in June and July. The completing of the asphalt parking lot is expected in August.

Mr. Smith shared a change order regarding the optional north sidewalk from pre-K to the north parking lot has been quoted at \$29,075 by Do-Rite, and a sidewalk that is needed on the southwest side from the southwest side of the new building to the cafeteria for \$5,215, a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to go ahead with both sidewalks. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Policy Updates

Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve Policy 5550, and Form 4320. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith asked if the board would object to looking into an online payment system for meal accounts. There is no objection.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding a new 5-year bus lease, the current leasing price is \$22,537 annually, for a new International bus from Midwest Transit. After discussion, a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Sanders to accept the new lease bus option from Midwest Transit. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Smith shared information from Joplin school district, a 2007 model with a 2019 motor with 31k miles, 65 passengers, with a wheelchair lift, for \$26,500. Mr Smith would like permission to buy the used wheelchair accessible bus. After discussion, a motion made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to approve the leasing of a new bus from Midwest Transit.

Mr. Curtis shared high school enrollment ended at 247 with 93.09% attendance. He commented on Cardinal Night how the high school started to contribute to displays and he has heard nothing but positive comments from patrons and staff. Senior trip was on May 3rd with 20 students attending. Mr. Curtis stated they may change the senior trip date for future so that it does not interfere with softball or baseball districts and students wanting to attend. The junior class has approached asking to have a senior lock-in, so there will be something coming up for next year's seniors. Graduation was a success outdoors held on May 10th. Softball (13-9) and Baseball (17-12) seasons have ended, both ended 2nd in districts. Summer has a lot going on with FFA, summer camps for football, volleyball, basketball and other various sport camps and activities.

Mrs. Eifert shared elementary enrollment ended at 241 with 95% attendance. Mrs. Helland recently talked to 4th graders about 5th grade band. Cardinal night was a success on the elementary side of the building as well. Pre-K graduation was held Friday, May 17th.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler seconded by Smallwood at 8:00 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-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler 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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