

- Board Members Present      Board members present for the regular meeting on November 17, 2025 were Parrott, Sanders, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey. Eichler was absent
- Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, and Michelle Smith. Elizabeth Eckhoff was absent
- Call to Order      President Parrott declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- Amendments to the Agenda      There were no amendments to the agenda
- Citizens Comments      There were no citizen's comments
- Nicole Aery arrived at 7:01PM
- Consent Agenda      Copies of the November 17, 2025 agenda, the October 20, 2025 regular and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the November 17, 2025 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional bill listing for November 17, 2025 was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- a. November 17, 2025 board agenda
  - b. October 20, 2025 regular meeting minutes
  - c. October 20, 2025 executive minutes
  - d. Payment of Bills
- Transportation      Mr. Smith discussed our handicap bus that was purchased in the 24/25 school year that seats 14 students with a wheelchair. Not having a driver for this bus this year, we have taken it off the route and are now using the handicap van. Mr. Smith suggests that we purchase a full-size handicap bus. Stover currently has a 2026 Bluebird gas engine, handicap bus on order for \$158,550 that is due to arrive in December. This bus is 66 passenger and a wheelchair, Mr. Smith would like permission to purchase a handicap bus up to approximately \$158,550. After discussion, a motion made by Casey, seconded by Sanders to give permission for Mr. Smith to purchase this bus. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- School Board Election update      Mr. Smith shared board members Sanders, Eicher, and Eckhoff terms for serving on the school board will be open for election on April 7, 2026. Candidates may begin filing on December 9, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. and the last date for candidate filing is December 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.M, which the district is closed for the winter break, but will be open on the last day of filing from 3pm – 5pm, unless otherwise requested by a candidate.

**Budget Amendments** Mr. Smith discussed budget amendments for revenues and expenditures for the 2025/2026 school year. After discussion, a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Administrator Reports** Mr. Smith shared that the fencing is complete around the playground area. He stated he still wants to purchase a few benches and tables for the area. He is in hopes that with the fencing that the area is better taken care of by all. Still waiting on concrete for the platform and ramp out of the 4-6 hallway and the sidewalk around the playground. Mr. Smith stated he has been working on the MSIP 6 reports along with items for the 26/27 school year.

Mr. Curtis reported that current high school enrollment is 232 with 93.3% attendance rate. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Greene recently attended a 3-day workshop for School Safety last week that was very informative and more information will follow. 8<sup>th</sup> grade recently held a food drive, that has been very successful, with preparing bags of actual meals with instructions to prepare meals. Our community service day was recently held with students helping out throughout the community painting, cleaning, and reading and playing games with seniors at the nursing home. Recently 10-12 grade students attended a “Buckle up Phone down” day at Smithton and our students showed excellent participation. Our Veterans Day breakfast was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> with area veterans and their families attending. FFA recently held their degree ceremony with 19 students receiving awards. NHS/NJHS held their induction ceremony this evening with 33 students being inducted. Winter HS sports have started. Varsity boys’ and girls’ basketball will participate in the Warsaw tournament December 1st. JH boys’ and girls’ basketball have started practicing as well with games beginning December 13<sup>th</sup>. JH/HS band recently attending the Band Clinic at Stover, the JH/HS Vocal Clinic was recently held here at Lincoln and the fall concert / chili supper will be Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Eckhoff was absent, Mr. Smith shared the elementary report. Elementary enrollment is now at 275 students with an attendance rate of 96.2%. Book Fair is this week, family night is Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 4-6:45PM. Preschool – 2nd grade will go to SFCC to see the Elephant and Piggies: We are in a Play on November 20<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to the Shrine Circus on November 21<sup>st</sup>, Picture retakes are on November 21<sup>st</sup>. STEM lab is working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lincoln Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 25th at 8:45 in the new gym. Students in Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade have created balloons and small floats that celebrate books and book characters. K-3 Music program will be held Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. K-6 will take the STAR reading assessment Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> to update our data pertaining to reading instruction.

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

November 17, 2025

Nicole Aery Board  
address

Nicole Aery addressed the board with concerns as a parent of students in the district with bullying and lack of accountability by the school administration.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 7:39 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:20 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education