Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting October 19, 2026

Board Members Present	Board members present for the regular meeting on October 19, 2026 were Sanders, Smallwood, Siercks, Casey, Scott, and Schnakenberg. Parrott was absent. Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff and Michelle Smith.
Call to Order	Vice President Sanders 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.
Consent Agenda a. October 19, 2026 board agenda b. September 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes c. September 21, 2026 executive minutes d. Payment of Bills	Copies of the October 19, 2026 agenda, the September 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 October 19, 2026 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for the October 19, 2026 bills was also presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Siercks seconded by Smallwood to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.
Audit Report	Information regarding the 2025-2026 audit report was made available to each board member. The information in the audit was discussed. Questions presented by board members were answered. After discussion, a motion was made by Casey seconded by Smallwood to approve the audit for the year-end June 30, 2026. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays
Administrator Reports	Mr. Smith shared the current school year membership count. Mr. Smith also shared the overall MAP scores for our district and within the conference overall. He reviewed the MAP areas by grade level. He shared information from meetings he has recently attended with other superintendents with the Department of Education, the biggest being the governor may be appointing a new Commissioner of Education, as he learns more he will report back. Mr. Smith also shared the superintendent posting that has been shared on area state websites and listed on the MO Teaching jobs.

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Mr. Curtis shared that current high school enrollment is 224 with attendance at 95.7% currently. FFA recently held Farm Day on October 16th that students all enjoyed. FFA convention is this week, students will leave Wednesday and return Saturday. Conference band will be in Stover November 4th, with Conference vocal clinic in Lincoln on November 12th, and the Fall Concert being November 17th. The Veterans Day breakfast will be Tuesday, November 10th. All District Choir was this past weekend. JH Football finished their season 4-1; HS Football will end regular season Friday, October 23rd with senior night, districts beginning the following week, HS Volleyball Districts begin Tuesday, October 20th, JH Volleyball ended their season taking 3rd place in the conference. November 2nd will begin Basketball practices.

Mrs. Eckhoff shared her report that current elementary enrollment is 277 with attendance at 96.6% currently. Mrs. Eckhoff shared the kindergarten reading assessment has wrapped up with scores being 57% proficient and 43% needing additional help, title reading teachers have already begun scheduling extra time with students. October 29th is parent conferences, this will be a dress up day for students as there will be no parties due to conferences beginning at 1:30PM. November 6th will be a PTO family night with Title game night joining. November 10th the 4th grade will sing during the Veterans' program, with the fall book fair being the week of November 16th, parent night will be Tuesday November 17th during the chili super.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey at 7:35 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-absent; Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:55 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Scott, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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