

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 23, 2025

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on June 23, 2025 were Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey. Parrott and Eckhoff were absent
- Also present were Kevin Smith, Elizabeth Eckhoff, and Michelle Smith. Adam Curtis was absent.
- 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 Added to consent agenda and item to agenda
- Citizens Comment There were no citizen's comments.
- Consent Agenda Copies of the June 23, 2025 agenda, the May 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes, the May 19, 2025 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the June 23, 2025 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills, and discussed the 2025-2026 meal prices. Mr. Smith discussed the contract for Craig Resources, LPN Student services for the upcoming school year. Also discussed is the playground equipment that is being replaced, Mr. Smith wants to list the used equipment on gov deals for surplus. Mr. Smith also requested permission to purchase a 2019 Dodge Caravan that is equipped with a wheelchair lift. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to approve all items in the consent agenda as discussed and listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- a. June 23, 2025 board agenda
 - b. May 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes
 - c. May 19, 2025 executive meeting minutes
 - d. Meal Prices
 - e. Payment of Bills
 - f. Craig Resources
 - g. Playground Equip. misc. surplus property
 - h. Handicap van purchase
- 2024-2025 Budget The amended budget for the 2024-2025 school year was received. Total revenues budgeted to date are \$7,682,780.74 and total expenditures budgeted to date are \$7,708,447.28. These figures will be amended after final payments are received. After discussion a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve the amended 2024-2025 budget as presented with the final numbers to be determined on June 30, 2025, at which time actuals will become budgeted figures. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- a. Amend Budget
- Program Evaluations The attached Title I Program Evaluation – June 2025 was reviewed by the board members at the meeting. Program Coordinator, Elizabeth Eckhoff reviewed various items included in the evaluation. A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Eichler to approve the Title Program Evaluations as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- a. Title Programs
 - b. Special Education Report

The attached Special Education Board Report June 2025 was prepared by Jennifer Smith, Special Education Coordinator. Mr. Smith discussed the information included in the report. Questions presented were answered. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Siercks to approve the Special Education Report Program as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Student Handbooks
2025-2026

Mrs. Eckhoff discussed changes to the Elementary handbook, items including school building hours, cafeteria services, attendance, make up work/late work policy, school visitors, school dress code, student cell phone usage, field trips, misconduct in the cafeteria, fighting on school grounds, searches by school personnel, staffing changes and additional resources for Federal Policies. Mr. Smith discussed there currently is no changes to the high school policies. A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to approve the Student Handbook change as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

July 2025 Board
Meeting

Mr. Smith discussed not having a board meeting in July and requested permission to approve all payments for July 2025 with follow up discussion at the August board meeting, August 18, 2025, also setting the tax rate hearing for August 18, 2025 at 6:45PM. A motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve Mr. Smith, superintendent, to approve July payments and set the tax rate hearing for August 18, 2025 at 6:45PM as discussed. Motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

2025-2026 Budget

The proposed preliminary budget for the 2025-2026 school year was presented to board members. Total budgeted revenues are \$7,880,687.97 and total budgeted expenses are \$7,683,801.85. Mr. Smith reviewed items included in various areas of the budget. The budget will continue to be reviewed as additional information on funding is received from the state and county. The reserve balance at the end of the 2025-2026 year is estimated to be just above 50% percent. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays

Playground Update

Mr. Smith shared information regarding the playground equipment update. The swings will be removed and new swings will be added, equipment will be moved around and all new equipment will be placed on rubber surfaces. New equipment and rubber surfacing will be a total estimated \$195K plus labor. The original budget estimate was \$250K for the playground update project.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler seconded by Smallwood at 7:45 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-absent; Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:15 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Casey to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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