

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on November 15, 2021 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood

Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, 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 There were no amendments to the agenda.

Citizens Comments Republican Women’s group were in attendance. Donna Harms presented various questions to the board regarding school curriculum, textbooks verse on-line learning, teaching of cursive writing, applicant interview process for new teachers, library books current and new that would be purchased, teaching of history, parent involvement, and the school boards thoughts on parents voicing their opinions. Mr. Smith answered all questions stating that our schools curriculum comes from the Show-Me Standards, and Missouri State Standards, our current MAP scores are #1 in the conference, cursive writing is taught, library books are all reviewed personally by our librarian before they are available on the shelf, the interview process is in depth and potential new staff are told how our school curriculum is obtained and the guidelines to follow, also adding that there is a shortage of teachers across the nation. Mr. Smith added that the board does welcome the opinions of parents, it is the parents / community who elect the board members to represent them. With no further questions, the group thanked Mr. Smith and the board for listening and easing their concerns.

The group left at 7:18PM

Consent Agenda Copies of the November 15, 2021 agenda, the October 19, 2021 regular meeting and executive minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the November 15, 2021 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 15, 2021 was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. November 15, 2021 board agenda
- b. October 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- c. Payment of Bills

School Board Election Update Board members Yearout and Rutherford terms for serving on the school board will be open for election on April 5, 2022. Candidates may begin filing on December 7, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. and the last date for candidate filing is December 28, 2021 at 5:00 P.M, which this 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.

Transportation

Mr. Smith shared information regarding the Toyota van lease, the lease ends December 11th. Toyota has given the buyout of \$16,847.00. Mr. Smith would like to purchase the van. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to purchase the Toyota van for the school district for \$16,847.00. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared information regarding current quarantine numbers of three students that are due to parents contact tracing, nothing in school related. Also shared that our school nurse has been approved to administer testing should the need arise for a student. Mr. Smith shared that he will put out an RFQ for architect input for building a new school gymnasium and classrooms. He hopes to have information for the board next month. He also shared that he is looking into the recent FEMA funds that may be available, and again hopes to bring information next month to the board.

Mr. Curtis reported that current high school enrollment is 239 with 94.74% attendance rate. Parent / Teacher conferences last month went rather well. Jr. Class held a decade's dance last week that was a lot of fun for the kids. FFA national convention was recent and attended by 6 of our students. This week we have a choir concert and also will hold a choir vocal clinic and concert. The HS band will leave this Saturday for their Nashville trip. The HS Band will perform at Graceland on Tuesday, November 23rd at 1:30PM, this will be live streamed on our Facebook page. Fall sports finished up with great seasons, winter sports have started, and currently both boys and girl's teams have good participation numbers. Regular season for basketball will begin the week after Thanksgiving. The baseball pancake breakfast was this past weekend with a good turnout.

Mrs. Eifert reported the elementary enrollment is now at 257 students with an attendance rate just above 96%. Parent / Teacher conferences went well last month for staff. Christmas concerts will be December 14th with grades K-3 and the 16th with grades 4-6. Youth basketball has started both gyms are busy nightly.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Koll to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 7:44 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:12 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Koll, seconded by Parrott to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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