

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Executive Session

February 19, 2026

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on February 19, 2026 beginning at 9:02 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Eichler, Smallwood, Siercks, and Casey. Sanders and Eckhoff were absent.

Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith shared a letter of resignation from custodian, Theresa Jones for February 9, 2026. A motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to accept resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Dana Lynde be hired for custodian. After discussion a motion was made by Casey, seconded by Smallwood to hire Dana Lynde for custodian. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared a letter of resignation from Elementary Music Teacher, Eric Thomason for the end of the 2025/2026 school year. A motion made by Casey, seconded by Siercks to accept resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-absent; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

At 9:10 PM, Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Eckhoff were excused from the meeting.

Mr. Smith reported on his evaluation of High School Principal, Adam Curtis. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to extend Adam Curtis's high school principal contract for the 2027-2028 school year and set the salary for the 2026-2027 school year prior to July 1, 2026 Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith reported on his evaluation of Elementary School Principal, Elizabeth Eckhoff. After discussion, a motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to extend Elizabeth Eckhoff's elementary school principal contract for the 2027-2028 school year and set the salary for the 2026-2027 school year prior to July 1, 2026 Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared with the board the current extra duty salary information for the Gifted program, Anne Goosen is the current sponsor for the program, with adding an additional night for this program, a stipend increase of \$1200 is requested to cover the additional night per week for the remainder of the school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the executive session at 9:37 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott- yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no

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