

After a short break the Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on April 20, 2026 beginning at 7:50 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Sanders, Smallwood, Siercks, Casey, Scott and Schnakenberg.

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

Mr. Smith shared resignation letters from Alexis Simons and Kristen Manning. A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to accept the resignations as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith reviewed and recommended Sheree Eckhoff, Payton Gresham, Bonnie Griffith, Kendra Hembree, Dani Hudlemeyer, Misty Hyde, Patricia Malotte, Miranda Michale, Maria Robinson, Chelsie West, Alicia Worthley, Stephanie White, and Vicki Young, for High School, Elementary and Special Services Paraprofessionals. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Smallwood to employ the Paraprofessionals as listed for High School, Elementary and Special Services Paraprofessional positions for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith reviewed the Support Staff 2026-2027 Assignments and evaluations of support staff with board members. A motion made by Scott, seconded by Casey to approve the employment of the following Support Staff for the 2026-2027 school year--Michelle Smith, Brittany Beeman, Robert Greene, Luke Goosen, Karan Dennis, Dana Lynde, Xavier Smith, Monte Young, Jason Vandaveer, Brad Crouch, Ron Griffith, David Crouch, Rick Grundan, Stanley Wright, Steve Wright, Sarah Beamer, Niki Ragsdale, Alisa Bittner, and Elkhannah Carson. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Ashley Brown and Caitlin Brandt for High School Math for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion by Casey, seconded by Smallwood to employ Ashley Brown and Caitlin Brandt as High School Math for the 2026-2027 school year. Each will work half time. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Kendra Ward for JH Math for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion by Scott, seconded by Smallwood to employ Kendra Ward for JH Math for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-no; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 1 no

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Zoe Bickett as Elementary Music Teacher for the 2026-2027 School year. A motion by Scott, seconded by Casey to employ Zoe Bickett as Elementary Music for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Elissa Yates for Elementary Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion by Siercks seconded by Scott to employ Elissa Yates as Elementary Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Jean Carter as School Nurse for the 2026-2027 School year. . A motion by Scott, seconded by Siercks to employ Jean Carter as School Nurse for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared the updated extra duty/extended days listing for 2026-2027 for approval—Connor Spunaugle (Athletic Director); Tyler Burke (Varsity Boys Basketball); Will Lynde (JH Boys Basketball); Brett Bryant (Varsity Girls Basketball), Christina Eckhoff (Assistant Girls Basketball), Jeremy Owen (JH Girls Basketball); --OPEN-- (Assistant JH Girls Basketball); Gabbrielle Mallard (Varsity Volleyball); Kelsey Smith (JH Volleyball); --OPEN- (Assistant JH Volleyball); Branigan Roark (Assistant Varsity Football), --OPEN-- (Assistant Varsity Football); Lane Johnson (Head Varsity Football); Luke Goosen (Assistant JH Football); Gabbrielle Mallard (Girls Summer Weights); Lane Johnson, Ross Johnson, and -OPEN- (Boys Summer Weights); Alex Curtis (JH Basketball Cheer Coach); Alex Curtis (HS Football Cheer Coach); Alexis Hyde (JH Football Cheer Coach); Caitlin Brandt (HS Basketball Cheer Coach); Anne Goosen (Elementary Gifted); Anne Goosen (JH Gifted) Anne Goosen (HS Gifted); Ashley Brown (E-Sports); Bailey Crouch (HS Speech/Drama); Jill Reimund (Yearbook); Erin Helland (Vocal/Instrumental Music); --OPEN-- (Academic & Math Sponsor); Connor Spunaugle (FBLA); Kendra Ward (FCCLA); Brandi Rath (FFA); __OPEN__ (NHS/NJHS); Alex Curtis (Student Council); Gabbrielle Mallard (Prom Sponsor); __OPEN_ (Junior Class Sponsors); Bobby Greene (Archery); Bobby Greene (Activities Supervisor); Sarah Weatherby (Breakfast Supervisor); Jennifer Greene (A+ Coordinator); Jennifer Greene (Academic Supervisor); Jennifer Smith (Medicaid-MO HealthNet Coordinator); Jennifer Greene (HS Counselor 20 Extended Days); Kimberly Schmidt (Elementary Counselor 10 days); Joannah Cook (Librarian 5 Extended Days); and Brandi Rath (Ag Teacher 50 Extended Days). Motion by Casey seconded by Sanders to approve the updated extra duty/extended days as listed and to allow administrators to offer other extra duties as appropriate prior to the next regular meeting. All Extra Duty stipends will be paid throughout the school year over 12 pays. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

A motion made by Casey seconded by Siercks to hire extra duties and coaches as follows Chris Sanders (Assistant Varsity/JV Boys Basketball); Mason Sanders (Assistant Varsity/JV Boys Basketball); Chris Sanders (JH Football-Head Coach); Mason Sanders (Assistant Varsity/JV Football); Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-abstained; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstained.

A motion made by Sanders seconded by Siercks to hire extra duties and coaches as follows Grace Smallwood (Assistant Varsity Volleyball); Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-abstained; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstained.

The list of students for graduation 2026 was presented, 42 students. A motion was made by Sanders seconded by Casey to approve the list of students for graduation pending completion of credits and graduation requirements. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Sanders seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the executive session at 8:29 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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