

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session after a short break on May 19, 2025 beginning at 7:34 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey.

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

Mr. Smith shared a retirement letter from Lenell Eason. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Siercks to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith requested permission to hire the best candidate for Elementary Music. A motion made by Sanders, seconded by Siercks to give permission to hire the best candidate. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Bailey Crouch for HS English teacher. . A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Smallwood to employ Bailey Crouch for HS English for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Kristan Arbuckle for JH Science teacher. . A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Eckhoff to employ Kristan Arbuckle for JH Science for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

Mr. Curtis recommended Chris Sanders for HS Shop teacher. A motion was made by Siercks seconded by Casey to employ Chris Sanders for HS Shop for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Kara Ward for the HS FACS teacher. . A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to employ Kara Ward for HS FACS for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Kasandra Doner for Elementary 5/6 grade teacher. A motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Sanders to employ Kasandra Doner for Elementary 5/6 teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Alexis Simons for Elementary Special Education teacher. A motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Sanders to employ Alexis Simons for Elementary Special Education teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eckhoff recommended Kristen Manning for Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. . A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to employ Kristen Manning for Elementary Paraprofessional Aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Ashley Brown for Credit Recovery teacher. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to employ Ashley Brown for Credit Recovery teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared the updated extra duty/extended days listing for 2025-2026 for approval—Tyler Burke (Varsity Boys Basketball); Will Lynde (JH Boys Basketball); Brett Bryant (Varsity Girls Basketball), __OPEN__ (Assistant Girls Basketball), Jeremy Owen (JH Girls Basketball); OPEN (Assistant JH Girls Basketball); Gabbrielle Spunaugle (Varsity Volleyball); Kelsey Smith (JH Volleyball); __OPEN__ (Assistant JH Volleyball); Lane Johnson (Head Varsity Football); Dustin Roark (Assistant Varsity Football), Connor Spunaugle (Assistant Varsity Football); Luke Goosen (Assistant JH Football); Aleah Paxton (Softball – Head Coach); Cadyn Paxton (Softball – Assistant Coach); Luke Goosen (JH Baseball Head Coach), --OPEN-- (JH Baseball Assistant), Tyler Burke (JH Girls Softball); --OPEN (JH Softball Assistant); Buddy Dill (Head Golf); Gabbrielle Spunaugle (Girls Summer Weights); Lane Johnson (Boys Summer Weights); Ross Johnson (Boys Summer Weights); Alex Curtis (JH Basketball Cheer Coach); Alex Curtis (HS Football Cheer Coach); Alex Curtis (JH Football Cheer Coach); Caitlin Brandt (HS Basketball Cheer Coach); Anne Goosen (Elementary Gifted); OPEN (5-8 Gifted) OPEN (HS Gifted); Bailey Crouch (HS Speech/Drama); Jill Reimund (Yearbook); Erin Helland (Vocal/Instrumental Music); Ashley Brown (Academic Bowl); Connor Spunaugle (FBLA); OPEN (FCCLA); Brandi Rath (FFA); Ashley Brown (NHS/NJHS); Alex Curtis (Student Council); Gabbrielle Spunaugle (Prom Sponsor); Kristan Arbuckle, Anne Goosen, and Jill Reimund (Junior Class Sponsors); Bobby Greene (Archery); Ashley Brown (Assistant 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 Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff 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: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis shared additional extra duty/coach for the 2025-2026 for approval Chris Sanders (Assistant Varsity/JV Boys Basketball) and (JH Football-Head Coach); Mason Sanders (Assistant Varsity/JV Football). A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Siercks to approve the spring sports extra duties/coaches as listed. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-abstained; and Parrott-yes Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

Mr. Curtis shared additional extra duty/coach for the 2025-2026 for approval Grace Smallwood (Assistant Varsity/JV Volleyball. A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to approve the spring sports extra duties/coaches as listed. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-abstained; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Casey, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the executive session at 8:04 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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