

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 16, 2026 were Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey.

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

Call to Order President Parrott 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 Wesley Townsend, LJ Hart & Co. was in attendance, along with Mark Blythe, and Jen Strauss, with OPAA. SFCC Student, Emma Meyer was in observance.

Consent Agenda
a. March 16, 2026 board agenda
b. February 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes
c. February 19, 2026 executive meeting minutes
d. Payment of Bills
Copies of the March 16, 2026 agenda, the February 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes, the February 19, 2026 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 16, 2026 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page of bills was available at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Series 2026 Lease Certificates Mr. Smith introduced Wesley Townsend, with LJ Hart & Company to discuss the Series 2026 Lease Certificates of Participation. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Casey to approve the resolution for the sale of Series 2026 Lease Certificates of Participation, of the Lincoln R-II School District to L.J. Hart & Company, Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Townsend left the meeting at 7:23PM

Food Service Mr. Smith presented the food service bids received from OPAA, SFE and Food Academy. Mr. Smith discussed each food service management companies' bids that were received on March 9th. Mr. Smith also presented comparisons with other districts that manage their own food service, as well as presented estimation for Lincoln to go back to managing food service in district. After questions and discussion, a motion made by Eckhoff seconded by Smallwood to approve OPAA for Food Service Management for the 2026-2027 Food Service Management. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 nays.

Mark Blythe and Jen Strauss left the meeting at 7:52PM

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 16, 2026

Certified Salary Schedule 2026-2027 Mr. Smith presented the 2026-2027 proposed salary schedule at this time with increasing the base salary to \$40,000, with steps to move \$400 increase and Education to move \$850. He also presented a salary schedule for a Speech Therapist with a base salary of a Master’s degree of \$50,000 and a base salary with a bachelor’s degree of \$40,000. A Motion made by Eichler seconded by Smallwood to approve the salary schedules as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

School Calendar Mr. Smith presented two calendar options, and the recommendation from staff for the 2026-2027 school year calendar. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Eichler to approve the calendar option 1 presented calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Report Mr. Smith shared that the concrete sidewalk work has been completed, RHW Lawn care will be coming to seed and landscape the fenced in area. Pre-Bid is March 19th for the construction of the vestibules and due on April 1, 2026. Mr. Smith shared information regarding the proposed state of Missouri income tax exemption, this cut will cost the district an estimated \$1500 per student or \$700K.

Mr. Curtis shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 237 with a 92.8% attendance rate. He summed up the recent visit from Missouri Bio that students participated with, and then the following week students participated in a PD Day with 8 various career stations. Students seemed to really enjoy both activities. Various spring contests are going on, HS Band recently played at the girls High School basketball final 4, Academic team recently placed 2nd in the Kaysinger Math contest, and conference tournament placed 3rd. The first baseball game is Friday, March 20th away at Versailles and first Softball game is Thursday, March 19th away at Versailles. The school dinner theatre / musical was this past weekend and well attended. FFA is getting very active with their spring events. Archery is taking 24 Elementary and JH/HS students to state archery in Branson this week and prom will be Saturday, April 18th.

Mrs. Eckhoff reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 305 with attendance at 94%. Parent Teacher conferences were held this past week, the 44th annual Kaysinger Math & Spelling Bee will be Wednesday, March 25th, and PTO pastries with parents is Friday, April 17th. Kindergarten screenings will take place at the First Baptist church on April 8th and 9th.

Executive Session A motion was made by Eckhoff seconded by Smallwood at 8:44 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:21 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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