

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on August 18, 2025 beginning at 7:44 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Sanders, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks, and Casey. Eichler was absent.

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

Mr. Smith recommended Fredrick Grunden for High School ISS/P.E. teacher After discussion a motion made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to hire Frederick Grunden for High School ISS/P.E. teacher. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Kendra Hembree for Special Education Paraprofessional. After discussion a motion made by Siercks seconded by Casey to hire Kendra Hembree for Special Education Paraprofessional. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Miranda Michael for Elementary Paraprofessional. After discussion a motion made by Siercks seconded by Casey to hire Miranda Michael for Elementary Paraprofessional. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith shared the updated extra duty/extended days listing for 2025-2026 for approval – Connor Spunaugle (Baseball Head Coach); Christina Eckhoff (Asst Varsity Girls Basketball); Kendra Ward (JH Asst. Volleyball); Connor Lynde (Asst. Football part-time); Ross Johnson (Asst. Football part-time); Buddy Dill (Golf Head Coach); Tyler Burke (JH Baseball Asst.); Alexis Hyde (JH Football Cheer); Anne Goosen (K-12 Gifted Program); and Kara Ward (FCCLA Sponsor). Motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to hire for the positions as listed. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no,

Mr. Smith recommended to the board that Mason Sanders be hired for Assistant Baseball Coach - 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Smallwood to employ Mason Sanders for Assistant Baseball Coach. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-abstained; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Casey, seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the executive session at 8:08 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education