

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

May 20, 2026

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on May 20, 2026 were Parrott, Smallwood, Siercks, Casey, Scott, and Schnakenberg. Sanders was absent.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elly 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 No amendments to the agenda.

Citizens Comments There were no citizen's comments

Consent Agenda
a. May 20, 2026 board agenda
b. April 20, 2026 regular minutes
c. April 20, 2026 executive minutes
d. Payment of Bills

Copies of the May 20, 2026 agenda, the April 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes, the April 20, 2026 executive meeting minutes, and page 1-2 of the May 20, 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 presented at the board meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Summer Maintenance Mr. Smith reported to board members on items included on the summer maintenance schedule. Painting, cleaning and other routine maintenance will be done. This year's summer helpers will be 5. Gym floors will be refinished July 9th.

The construction of the new entry vestibules will begin the week of May 27th, weather has stalled work. Completion should remain as the end of August.

Certified Salaries Mr. Smith presented a revised a certified salary schedule to the board that adds to longevity and education increases. The revised schedule moves the base to \$40,500 with 400 per step and an additional \$50 increase every 5 years of service, and educational moves at \$850 for Bachelor's plus 8, plus 16, and plus 24 then \$1000 for Master's and Master's plus 8. 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 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Elementary Handbook Mr. Smith shared with the board changes to the Elementary handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. The complete handbook will be sent to each board member, and given out at back to school to each student/family. Mrs. Eckhoff discussed the changes proposed to the handbook, after discussion and questions, a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to approve the handbook changes as presented for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information that the end of the school year wrapped up very well and he enjoyed seeing the participation from both students and staff.

Mr. Smith shared the current reimbursement rates with the board and Regulation 4320. For reimbursement rates an increase to Substitute Support Staff to \$105 per day, Bus Trip Driver to \$16 per hour, and an increase to mileage reimburse to .45 cents per mile. For Regulation 4320 paid sick leave upon retirement, leaving (after 5 years of service), or over the maximum days allowed for position. Certified staff will receive \$70 per day, Support Staff \$60 per day, and Bus Drivers \$30 per day. Both these changes will go into effect July 1, 2026 for the 2026/2027 school year. A motion made by Casey, seconded by Schnakenberg to approve the reimbursement rates and regulation 4320 as presented for July 1, 2026 effective date. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Curtis shared high school enrollment ended at 248 with 94.3% attendance. He commented on Cardinal Night how the high school has started to contribute to displays and he has heard nothing but positive comments from patrons and staff and hopes to continue to grow the participation each year. Senior trip was on May 1st with 18 students attending, they went to Kansas City with various stops this year. The spring concert was May 5th and well attended, the athletic banquet was held and attended by many. Graduation was a success indoors in the new gym held on May 8th. Softball ended 15-4 and Baseball 16-11, both seasons have ended. Summer has a lot going on with FFA, summer camps for football, volleyball, basketball and other various sport camps and activities.

Mrs. Eckhoff shared elementary enrollment ended at 306 with 94.3% attendance. Reading assessments were recently given to all elementary students. Star reading assessments were also given to K-6 students. Cardinal night was a success on the elementary side of the building as well. All grades were able to attend end of year field trips.

Executive Session A motion was made by Siercks seconded by Schnakenberg at 8:05 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:22 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Siercks, seconded by Casey to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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