

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 17, 2024

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on June 17, 2024 were Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff. Yearout was absent.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Becky Eifert, Elizabeth Eckhoff, and Michelle Smith. Adam Curtis was absent.

Becky Eifert, Title 1 Coordinator for the district was also present.  
Jennifer Smith, Special Education Coordinator for the district was also present.

Call to Order President Yearout declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to the Agenda Mr. Smith added the Library Report, and Administrators Report.

Citizens Comment There were no citizen’s comments.

Consent Agenda  
a. June 17, 2024 board agenda  
b. May 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes  
c. May 20, 2024 executive meeting minutes  
d. Meal Prices  
e. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the June 17, 2024 agenda, the May 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the May 20, 2024 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the June 17, 2024 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills, and discussed the 2024-2025 meal prices. After discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Sanders to approve all items in the consent agenda as discussed and listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

2023-2024 Budget  
a. Amend Budget  
The amended budget for the 2023-2024 school year was received. Total revenues budgeted to date are \$7,102,981.39 and total expenditures budgeted to date are \$6,505,357.16. These figures will be amended after final payments are received. After discussion a motion made by Sanders, seconded by Eckhoff to approve the amended 2023-2024 budget as presented with the final numbers to be determined on June 30, 2024, at which time actuals will become budgeted figures. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Program Evaluations  
a. Title Programs  
b. Special Education Report  
c. Library Report  
The attached Title I Program Evaluation – June 2024 was reviewed by the board members at the meeting. Program Coordinator, Becky Eifert reviewed various items included in the evaluation. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve the Title Program Evaluations as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

The attached Special Education Board Report June 2024 was prepared by Jennifer Smith, Special Education Coordinator. Mrs. Smith discussed the information included in the report. Questions presented were answered. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Smallwood to approve the Special Education Report Program as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

The attached Library Report for June 2024 was prepared by Dana Lynde. Mr. Smith discussed the information included in the report. Questions presented were answered. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Eichler to approve the Special Education Report Program as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Student Handbooks  
2024-2025

Mrs. Eckhoff and Mrs. Eifert discussed changes to the Elementary handbook items adding Communicable Diseases, letter to parents regarding ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and Parents’ Bill of Rights information. Mr. Smith discussed high school policy changes to the sign in sign out procedures to correct the start time of the school day, along with the verbiage of possession of smoking or smokeless tobacco to now include nicotine. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve the Student Handbook change as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

2024-2025 Budget

The proposed preliminary budget for the 2024-2025 school year was presented to board members. Total budgeted revenues are \$7,131,657.00 and total budgeted expenses are \$7,115,920.00. Mr. Smith reviewed items included in various areas of the budget. The budget will continue to be reviewed as additional information on funding is received from the state and county. The reserve balance at the end of the 2024-2025 year is estimated to be just above 43% percent. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Eckhoff to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays

Construction Update

Mr. Smith shared the current report of construction update – in the past few weeks contractors have been working on completing punch list items. The gym floor contractor has completed the installation of the wall base, and the wall pads have been installed on the ends of the main court. In the coming weeks contractors will work towards completing the punch list, completing the mechanical platforms/walk pads on the roof. Once the pre-k trailer is removed the rest of the dirt work will take place. Then light poles and the parking lots will be placed. Pending items are to finalize the location of the existing pre-k playground equipment, decide the sidewalk width at 5’ or 5’6” (north / south end of building) and final removal of the pre-k trailer, which has taken place this week.

The art room has been moved to the new art room, computer lab is awaiting new units to arrive and wiring to be completed, the weight room floor is pending, once completed the weight room will move to the new location, hopefully to be completed by the end of July. Volleyball recently held their summer camp in the new gym as well as basketball has been using the new gym for practices.

Administrative Reports Mr. Smith shared he is still working on having the ISS Trailer removed to open up the area to have a concrete parking area poured and add carports to be able to park the school vans under as well as drop off area for SE transported students. He confirmed that the School Nurse position has been posted and will remain open and interviews will be held over the next few weeks.

Mrs. Eifert did not have anything to share, but thanked the board for everything over the years, tonight is her last board meeting.

Mrs. Eckhoff shared information from Impacks, regarding elementary classroom supplies. A live link that has been posted on Facebook allows parents to obtain their classroom supplies for their student(s) and make changes if they already have some of the items listed. The deadline to order is July 15<sup>th</sup> with supplies being delivered on open house.

Mr. Smith shared Mr. Curtis’s report, all 24 students whom attended Credit Recovery. All students have finished and completed their credits. Students also helped Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Lynde paint the High School classroom doors.

Executive Session A motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Sanders at 7:52 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-absent; Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:56 P.M.

Adjournment There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education