

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on October 19, 2021 were Yearout, Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood. Rutherford was absent.

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

Call to Order President Yearout 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 There were no citizens comments made.

Consent Agenda Copies of the October 19, 2021 agenda, the September 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes, the September 21, 2021 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the October 19, 2021 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 1 for the October 19, 2021 bills was also presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. October 19, 2021 board agenda
- b. September 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- c. September 21, 2021 executive meeting minutes
- d. Payment of Bills

Rutherford arrived at 7:15PM

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information from DESE’s “test to stay” option that is being offered, where if a student or staff member goes on quarantine from contact tracing they are allowed to test. We must perform a minimum of three (3) tests in a seven (7) day period, providing all results are negative the student or staff member will be allowed to stay in school. Our school nurse has gone through training to be able to administer tests. These tests have been ordered. A 2020 Dodge van has been purchased as a second district vehicle and is already in daily operation with student activities. Mr. Smith shared information regarding his meeting recently with architects, Buxton, Kubik and Dodd, for building a new gym, preschool, library, computer lab and additional classrooms. Mr. Smith shared the information discussed and hopes to receive ideas on paper from the architects to present to the board next month. This will be a part of the discussion for ballot for a no tax increase in April 2022. Mr. Smith shared information that the assessed valuation from Benton County has increased for the school district.

Mr. Curtis reported that current high school enrollment is 230 with 94.68% attendance rate. First quarter ended on Friday, October 15th with 68% of High School students on the honor roll. Parent teacher conferences are this Thursday, October 21st. FBLA has canceled their national conference in Florida, FFA will head to their national conference next week in Indianapolis for four (4) days. High School Band is ready for their trip to Nashville that is coming soon. JH Football ended this week, along with JH volleyball. HS Football this Friday night at home vs. Cole Camp, this will be senior night and homecoming, HS Volleyball districts start Thursday, October 21st.

Mr. Smith shared reports for Mrs. Eifert. The current elementary enrollment is 258 with 96% attendance. Currently elementary has four (4) students on quarantine from contact tracing in the home. The part time preschool aide position is still open with applications being accepted. Parent teacher conferences are this Thursday, October 21st. Halloween parties will again be held in classrooms due to the recent quarantines the district has had. New reading series and materials are starting to be received from orders over the summer and Mrs. Eifert is working with teachers to begin changing over to the new materials for classrooms. At this time the Christmas programs will be as follows, K-3 will be held Tuesday, December 14th, and grades 4-6 will be held Thursday, December 16th at 7PM.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Smallwood at 7:40 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:50 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Koll to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education