

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 21, 2022

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 21, 2022 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Eichler, and Koll. Sanders and Smallwood were absent.
- Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith.
- Call to Order President Yearout declared a quorum present, welcomed visitors and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- Amendments to the Agenda Need to add the 2022-2023 school year calendar approval
- Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments.
- Consent Agenda  
a. March 21, 2022 board agenda  
b. February 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes  
c. February 22, 2021 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the March 21, 2022 agenda, the February 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes, the February 21, 2022 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 21, 2022 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 and reviewed the budget amendments. 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 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- Contracted Service Renewals--OPAA! Mr. Smith updated the board on the food service program contracted with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. It is his recommendation that the district continue with OPAA! for the 2022-2023 school year. A Motion made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to continue with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays
- Salary Schedule for 2022-2023 Mr. Smith presented the 2022-2023 proposed salary schedule at this time with changing the base salary from \$32,650 to \$33,500. Steps and Education increases remain the same. A Motion made by Rutherford seconded by Koll to approve the salary schedule as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- Football Field Mr. Smith shared information regarding the football field, it being almost 13 years of normal wear and recent vandalism from a vehicle, it is time to replace. He presented three bids for football field turf replacement. After discussion, a motion made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to accept the bid from ATG-RAM Industries, LLC, Festus, MO. The cost of replacement will be approximately \$27,000 a year for a fifteen (15) year span, with a ten (10) year warranty.

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Public Hearing for the  
2022-2023 School Year  
Start Date

The proposed calendar identifies the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year to be more than ten (10) calendar days before Labor Day. The district is holding this public hearing in order for the board to listen to questions, concerns, and comments from the public before making a decision. Mr. Smith recommends the first day of school for students for the 2022-2023 school year to be August 24, 2022, and for the school day to start at 8:05AM and end at 3:00PM, this will allow for set holidays to remain in place and snow days to not be made up until after ten (10) have occurred. After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to set the first day of school for students for the 2022-2023 school year to be August 24, 2022 and adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Report

Mr. Smith shared an email with PWArchitects, of a few changes of the construction design that was presented on Monday, March 14, 2022. A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Koll, for Mr. Smith to sign off on the changes made. He plans to hold a few public meetings to explain to voters what is being proposed with the no tax increase bond issue in April.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding membership counts, this time last year (January 2021) our count was 470, this January 2022 our count is 492. The Seamless Summer Option meal program that currently provides free breakfasts and lunch to students ends June 30, 2022. The district will attempt to return to CEP program next fall or return to our Free and Reduced application lunch program as in past.

Mr. Curtis shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 232 with a 93.79% attendance rate. Spring sports have gotten started, hoping the weather stays dry for all sports. Recently had the school play with a dinner theatre held that went over very well and earned the drama club extra monies for their next play.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 272 with attendance at 96%. PTO recently donated monies to purchase books for K-6, the annual penny drive was recently with kids bringing in just under \$1100. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math students will be participating in upcoming Math contests. Current 22/23 Kindergarten enrollment is going on. Map testing will begin in the next few weeks. Math and Spelling Bee will be held at Lincoln in the next few weeks.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott seconded by Eichler at 8:10 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-absent; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:05 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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