

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 20, 2023

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 20, 2023 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood.

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 There were no amendments to the agenda

Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments.

Consent Agenda  
a. March 20, 2023 board agenda  
b. February 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes  
c. February 20, 2023 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the March 20, 2023 agenda, the February 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes, the February 20, 2023 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 20, 2023 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 Rutherford, seconded by Koll to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 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 2023-2024 school year. A Motion made by Smallwood seconded by Eichler to continue with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays

Salary Schedule for 2023-2024 Mr. Smith presented the 2023-2024 proposed salary schedule at this time with leaving the base salary at \$34,000, with steps to move from \$300 to \$400 increase and Education to move from \$800 to \$850. A Motion made by Eichler seconded by Koll to approve the salary schedule as presented for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Construction Update Mr. Smith shared with the board that the new parking lot across the street from the school is now functional and being used now construction has started. Weather permitting, concrete is expected to be poured in the next week or so. Fencing has been set in place to secure the construction area. An exterior door will be added to the Elementary mail room so that the preschool can have easier access to the school building over the next year and a half, this should take place in the next week or so, again weather permitting.

Mr. Smith shared with the board an action report from Septagon for bleachers with a layout provided from Heartland Seating. The visitor side will have the two middle sections as comfo back seating with the ends being standard bleachers, the home side having the two middle sections as vision chairs and the ends being comfo backs and include ADA seating areas. After discussion, a motion made by Parrott seconded by Sanders to accept the seating layout as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Smith shared the status report provided by Septagon that will be updated monthly going forward now that construction has officially began. This report will provide information regarding budget information and where in the project each contractor is currently.

#### Administrator Report

Mr. Smith shared the new MSIP scoring report for our district, our district received an 81.1 score and currently second in conference with the number one school being 82.2. Various factors go into the scoring guide. The MSIP scores were recently released to the public for the state of Missouri. Information shared to the board regarding the construction checking account interest has been increased by 1%. Mr. Smith shared information regarding some areas of settling in the building, he will be researching to see what a fix can be to fix/repair the settlements in the various areas around the district. He will report back to the board as he has more information.

Mr. Curtis shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 248 with a 92% 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. Recently we hosted the JH Math meet, HS Math meet was recently held, both teams have done well. FFA is getting very active with their spring events, the Greenhouse will hold their plant sell on April 15<sup>th</sup>. State band will be this week, with April 1<sup>st</sup> being the district ensembles and solo. NHS/NJHS induction is tomorrow night, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 253 with attendance at 95%. PTO recently donated monies to purchase books for K-6, the annual penny drive was recently with kids bringing in just over \$1100. PTO pastries with parents is this Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Spelling Bee is next Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Spring music concert has been moved to Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott seconded by Sanders at 7:53 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). 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 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:31 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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