

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on April 17, 2023 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, and Smallwood. Koll was absent.
- Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, Michelle Smith, and Neil Eckhoff
- 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.
- Certification of Election Results/Oath of Office The attached Certifications of Election held on April 4, 2023 were read. Susyn Sanders, Kyle Eichler and Neil Eckhoff will serve as board members for the next three years. A motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Rutherford to approve the attached Certifications of Election held on April 4, 2023. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
- The oath of office was administered by board secretary, Michelle Smith to Susyn Sanders, Kyle Eichler and Neil Eckhoff, and they continue as board members
- Board Reorganization Mr. Smith conducted the meeting for nominations for Board President.
- Eichler made a motion to nominate Yearout for Board President. Nomination seconded by Rutherford. No other nominations were received. Motion carried 6 yes, 1 abstain by Yearout.
- Yearout, then conducted the rest of the meeting as Board President.
- Eichler made a motion to nominate Parrott for Board Vice-President. Nomination seconded by Sanders. No other nominations were received. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 nays. 1 abstain by Parrott.
- A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Eichler to appoint Michelle Smith as board secretary and board treasurer. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 17, 2023

- Consent Agenda
- a. April 17, 2023 board agenda
 - b. March 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes
 - c. March 20, 2023 executive meeting minutes
 - d. Program Evaluations
 - e. Payment of bills
- Copies of the April 17, 2023 agenda, the March 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes, the March 20, 2023 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the April 17, 2023 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for April 17, 2023 bills was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott seconded by Eichler to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Mr. Smith provided information about the ESL/LEP (English as a Second Language/Limited English Proficient) program. Students are identified on enrollment paperwork when they are new to the district or by teacher referrals if they are current students. Services are provided if needed.

The Homeless/Migrant program was discussed. Services are provided for students when necessary. Students are identified either through enrollment paperwork or referrals.

The district's Nutrition Services was discussed. The district is currently operating under the CEP program for Elementary PK-4 eat free for the 2022/2023 school year through the DESE, Free and Reduced forms are accepted for grades 5-12 under the NSLP through DESE. Breakfast participation rates have decreased to 39.0%. Lunch participation has decreased to 67.0%.

A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve the ESL/LEP, Homeless/Migrant, and Nutrition Services program evaluation as presented and discussed at the meeting. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- Support Staff Salaries, Extra Duty/Extended Days Schedule, and Administrative Salaries
- The salary information was presented by Mr. Smith for the support staff salary schedules to receive a 3% increase. Paraprofessionals and Bus Drivers will receive a step increase if applicable or remain at the current step as they move every two years according to procedures. Mr. Smith presented salary information for Support Staff and Administrative staff who do not have salary schedules to also receive a 3% increase. Motion by Eichler, seconded by Parrott, to approve the salary information as presented for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- Administrator Reports
- Mr. Smith shared current construction updates, building footings are underway as well as stem walls on the north and west portion of the new building. The sanitary sewer has been placed and the storm sewer is ongoing. A drawing is being prepared for the bleachers that he hopes to share at the next meeting. A motion by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to accept the seating bid not to exceed \$330,767.00. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

A notice to bidders has been published to accept bids by May 4th for Elementary floor leveling project. A pre bid meeting will be held at the superintendent’s office on Thursday April 20th at 3:30PM.

Mr. Curtis reported high school enrollment is 247 with current attendance at 92.29% attendance. High School currently has MAP testing going on with students taking tests on line with laptops and in the computer lab. Greenhouse recently held their annual plant sale this last weekend. Cardinal night is the first Thursday in May, Baccalaureate is May 7th at 7:30PM and graduation on May 12th at 7:30PM. Spring sports are going well, HS Softball recently took 4th in the Kaysinger conference tournament, and the HS Baseball Kaysinger conference will be this coming weekend. JH Baseball and Softball will be wrapping up their season soon, for first year both teams have done well. Golf recently took 4th in conference tournament, FBLA is currently at State Conference, FFA State Convention is later this week and HS Envirothon has started up again with good participation from students. 8th grade students will again be attending a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Kansas City later this week.

Mrs. Eifert reported enrollment is 252 with current attendance is at 95%. Students will be doing online MAP testing next week and end of year activities and field trips are planned, students with attendance below 90% will not be allowed to participate. On the recent Math and Spelling Bee, Lincoln students won the traveling trophy for the conference! Overall our students placed 1st in Math and 3rd in Spelling.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rutherford seconded by Smallwood to go to executive session at 7:35 P.M. for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-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 8:10 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education