

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on February 19, 2025 were Yearout, Parrott, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff. Rutherford and Sanders were absent.
- Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff, Jennifer Smith 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 Mrs. Anne Goosen spoke about her work recently with Jill Strozewski and Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Jill is a trainer and has a golden retriever, Scout. Mrs. Goosen has obtained her handler certificate and would like to bring in Scout one day a week in the mornings to greet students.
- Also present Mrs. Hufford, Mrs. Aery, and Officer Haake. Mrs. Hufford spoke about bullying in our school. She stated not only her son, but others have been subjects to being bullied by other students, she has been working with principals and the SE director and there are kids still being bullied. She wants more to be done to help not only her child but others. She offered several ideas that she has researched. Mrs. Aery spoke about the bullying her children have all experienced, she too offered insights into solutions and guidance, and asked why has nothing been done to stop the bullying. Officer Haake was here in observance. Mr. Smith spoke adding reassurance to both parents that our administration will continue to work at solutions to make our school a safer place for all students.
- Mrs. Goosen, Mrs. Hufford, Mrs. Aery and Mr. Haake left the meeting at 7:28PM
- Consent Agenda
- a. February 19, 2025 board agenda
  - b. January 20, 2025 regular meeting minutes
  - c. January 20, 2025 executive meeting minutes
  - d. Payment of Bills
- Copies of the February 19, 2025 agenda, the January 20, 2025 regular meeting minutes, the January 20, 2025 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the February 19, 2025 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for February 19, 2025 bills were presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eckhoff to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- Program Evaluations
- a. Guidance / Counseling
- The evaluations for the Guidance and Counseling Programs was not available at the meeting due to weather. We will postpone this to next month’s meeting.

- b. Special Services Mrs. Jennifer Smith, SE Director, presented the Special Services Program Evaluation to board members.

After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to approve the Special Services evaluation as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Health Insurance update 2025-2026 Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the OSBA health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2025 through June 2026 school year have been received. Rates are seeing a 6% increase. The HSA6500 plan for an employee is now \$496.00 monthly, this plan is paid for the employee by the school board. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Parrott to approve the health insurance rates as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared the current membership count for students, currently our January count for the state is 507. This count is an average ADA. Snow Days, Mr. Smith shared that Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> will be our 10<sup>th</sup> snow day, we will be reviewing the hours that are built in our calendar and will bring back to the board recommendations for make up hours / days in March. The weight room has had the sound proof tiles installed this week. Mr. Smith shared that the greenhouse heaters are needing replaced or serviced, and some broken PVC pipes that will be replaced with greenhouse funds.

Mr. Curtis reported enrollment is currently at 248, with 92.71% attendance. Varsity basketball will end this week, with district games starting next week. Girls will play on Tuesday at Skyline and boys on Wednesday at Osceola. JH Basketball ended their season this past week. The HS Musical is coming up March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> with two dinner theater shows, the community can contact Ms. Biggerstaff for tickets. The Drama department recently installed a new sound system for the stage/gym area with the help from a grant and other fundraisers that Ms. Biggerstaff has been working, FFA recently held their annual feed the farmer dinner on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>. Snow days have impacted FFA week as well as last week's FCCLA week. FBLA recently attended competition in Warrensburg with 11 students qualifying to attend state.

Mrs. Eckhoff shared Elementary enrollment is currently 290 with 94.1% attendance. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade multiplication graduation will be held for students this Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. PTO will be holding their Cardinal Ball this Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the HS Gym. Mrs. Goosen and Mrs. Eckhoff will hold a parent LUMEN night on February 26<sup>th</sup> for parents in groups by grade level in the elementary computer lab. Parent Teacher conferences will be March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30PM, PTO RIF week will be the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Math and Spelling Bee will be March 27<sup>th</sup> this will be the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Math and Spelling Bee for the Kaysinger conference schools

Executive Session A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to go to executive session at 8:09 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-absent; Rutherford-absent; Parrot-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:37 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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