

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on January 20, 2025 were Yearout, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood and Eckhoff. Parrott was absent.

Also present was Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff and Michelle Smith

Call to Order President Yearout called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to Agenda No amendments to the agenda.

Citizens Comments There were no citizens comments made.

Consent Agenda
a. January 20, 2025 board agenda
b. December 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes
c. December 16, 2024 executive minutes
d. Payment of Bills
Copies of the January 20, 2025 agenda, the December 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the December 16, 2024 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the January 20, 2025 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills, and updates to the 2024/2025 budget for revenues and expenditures. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood, to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Budget Update Mr. Smith reviewed the listing of the proposed budget amendments for 2024-2025. Motion by Sanders seconded by Eichler to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Athletic Program Mr. Smith shared with the board that he has not heard much talk in the community about changing from 11-man to 8-man football, Mr. Curtis added that he too has not heard anything as well. Coach Drehle has voiced his thoughts that we should change to 8-man beginning with the 2025/2026 football season. For scheduling purposes, Mr. Smith agrees with the AD, Mr. Burke, and HS Principal, Mr. Curtis that this change would take place beginning the 2026/2027 football season. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to move from 11-man to 8-man football beginning with the 2026/2027 football season, and no permanent changes will be made at this time to the field. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Bus Proposals Mr. Smith shared with the board bus bids for International (current fleet) vs. Blue Bird. Lease for an International bus for 5 years is a total of \$124,975, lease for a Blue Bird for 5 years is \$138,554. A lease with purchase for an International is \$162,760, lease with purchase for a Blue Bird is \$168,709. Mr. Smith has talked with Community National Bank & Trust, and is awaiting on information for interest rate for a lease/purchase. Mr. Smith shared information regarding Bus 18, he has received a quote for new injectors for estimated 8K. He shared of the four buses that have leases expiring at the end of the current school year, he has received

a 2-year quote to extend the lease for the 2021 International at \$19,796 annually, which includes an engine warranty. After questions and discussion, a motion made by Eichler seconded by Smallwood to allow Mr. Smith to send bus 18 for new injectors, to extend the bus lease for the 2021 International for two years, and to allow Mr. Smith to lease purchase 2 buses from International. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared that we have four filers for the two seats open for board members, Derek Casey, Clifford Yearout, Matthew Rutherford and Brandon Siercks, we will have an election on April 8, 2025. Mr. Smith shared that we have used 4 snow days of the just under 10 days that are built into the calendar. Also shared information regarding playground updates and bids that have been received for rubberizing the play area, boarder area and placement of new equipment. The board has asked Mr. Smith to inquire about the quote on the rubberized floor, he will inquire and report back to the board next month. He is estimating the construction of the playground will be around 200K.

High school principal Mr. Curtis reported attendance is currently at 93.76% with 250 students enrolled. Mr. Curtis shared that he will be having a “reality check” session for upper class students sponsored by a bank in Sedalia on Thursday January 30th, he has asked for board member volunteers as this is a program to help students with what’s to come after graduation. . Academic Team has gotten off to a great start, winning their match this past week. Archery has started as well with several matches, Lincoln will hold an Archery tournament this weekend, Saturday January 25th. High School and JH basketball boys and girls are having good season, the conference tournament schedule should be out later this week. Homecoming is this Friday, January 24th after the game for grades 7-12. The HS Band will be playing the national anthem at the final 4 games in Columbia March 12th.

Elementary principal Mrs Eckhoff stated attendance of elementary students remained at 95.7% with 290 students enrolled. Cox Health will be conducting vision and hearing screenings for grades PK – 3 with parental permission on January 27th, Valentine parties will be held on Friday, February 14th, this will be the last elementary school parties for the school year. The teacher PD workday training has been rescheduled to January 27th after school and will be recorded.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Eichler 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 – yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:25 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Rutherford seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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