

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 22, 2026

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on June 22, 2026 were Parrott, Sanders, Smallwood, Siercks, Casey, Scott, and Schnakenberg.
- Also present were Kevin Smith and Michelle Smith. Adam Curtis and Elizabeth Eckhoff were absent.
- Call to Order President Parrott declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- Amendments to the Agenda Added to consent agenda and item to agenda
- Citizens Comment There were no citizen’s comments.
- Consent Agenda
a. June 22, 2026 board agenda
b. May 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes
c. May 18, 2026 executive meeting minutes
d. Meal Prices
e. Payment of Bills
f. Craig Resources
- Policy Updates Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion made by Scott, seconded by Siercks to approve Policy 3151; Policy 3411; Regulation 2750; Regulation 3165. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays
- 2025-2026 Budget
a. Amend Budget
- Program Evaluations
a. Title Programs
b. Special Education Report
- The amended budget for the 2025-2026 school year was received. Total revenues budgeted to date are \$8,291,266.02 and total expenditures budgeted to date are \$7,804,282.91. These figures will be amended after final payments are received. After discussion a motion made by Sanders, seconded by Smallwood to approve the amended 2025-2026 budget as presented with the final numbers to be determined on June 30, 2026, at which time actuals will become budgeted figures. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- The attached Title I Program Evaluation was prepared by Elizabeth Eckhoff, Title Program Coordinator. Mr. Smith reviewed various items included in the evaluation. A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Casey to approve the Title Program Evaluations as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

The attached Special Education Board Report June 2026 was prepared by Jennifer Smith, Special Education Coordinator. Mr. Smith discussed the information included in the report. Questions presented were answered. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to approve the Special Education Report Program as presented. Motion carried __ ayes, 0 nays.

Student Handbooks
2025-2026

Mr. Curtis submitted changes for the handbook that was presented in the board members board packet. Mr. Smith reviewed the changes that were directed to sign-in and out (Regulation 2330), change is school start time is to read 8:06AM and students cannot excessively sign out and return to school (sign in) on the same day without a parent present. Also adding parking / driving violations (Policy 2650) adding school zone to the list of places students can be held accountable for careless driving. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Scott to approve the Student Handbook change as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

2026-2027 Budget

The proposed preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to board members. Total budgeted revenues are \$7,926,493.00 and total budgeted expenses are \$8,542,234.00. Mr. Smith reviewed items included in various areas of the budget. The budget will continue to be reviewed as additional information on funding is received from the state and county. The reserve balance at the end of the 2026-2027 year is estimated to be just above 60% percent. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Siercks to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays

July 2026 Board
Meeting

Mr. Smith discussed not having a board meeting in July and requested permission to approve all payments for July 2026 with follow up discussion at the August board meeting, August 17, 2026, also setting the tax rate hearing for August 17, 2026 at 6:45PM. A motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Schnakenberg to approve Mr. Smith, superintendent, to approve July payments and set the tax rate hearing for August 17, 2026 at 6:45PM as discussed. Motion carried 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared information regarding the construction on both school entrances, weather has delayed some of the work, but for the most part everything is still on track to be completed by start of school. Mr. Smith received a report of a family living outside of district, but attending our school. The board has asked Mr. Smith to investigate, if it is found that this family is outside district boundaries, Mr. Smith will instruct them that they need to live within boundaries as we currently do not accept tuition. Mr. Smith will report back to the board his findings at the August board meeting.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Casey seconded by Smallwood at 7:50 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-absent; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:00 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Sanders seconded by Casey to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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