

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

Also present were Kevin Smith and Becky Eifert. Adam Curtis and Michelle Smith

Call to Order Vice President Parrott declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Amendments to the Agenda Added to the agenda 2022/2023 audit competition.

Citizens Comments Cadyn Paxton was in attendance. There were no citizen’s comments

Consent Agenda
a. November 20, 2023 board agenda
b. October 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes
c. October 16, 2023 executive minutes
d. Payment of Bills

Copies of the November 20, 2023 agenda, the October 16, 2023 regular and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the November 20, 2023 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional bill listing for November 20, 2023 was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills, and reviewed the budget amendments. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

School Board Election Update Board members Parrott and Smallwood terms for serving on the school board will be open for election on April 2, 2024. Candidates may begin filing on December 5, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. and the last date for candidate filing is December 26, 2023 at 5:00 P.M, which this district is closed for the winter break, but will be open on the last day of filing from 3pm – 5pm, unless otherwise requested by a candidate.

Sanders arrived at 6:07PM

Construction Update Mr. Smith discussed the construction project. Since the last report the walls, trims and roof of the PEMB have been placed. The gym is now water tight, and in the coming weeks the entire addition should be completely water tight. Masonry block walls have been completed and the brick veneer is currently underway on the exterior wall elevations. Joist and decking of the lower roof area is nearing completion. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing continue to be roughed in as well.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared information regarding our current school elevator will be replaced due to the age and inability to obtain parts to repair. Bids were received to replace the elevator and awarded to AEL Inc. Over winter break in December there will be masonry work to allow for the new elevator installation, which will hopefully be completed by early January.

Mr. Curtis reported that current high school enrollment is 247 with 93.7% attendance rate. Winter HS sports have started with girls’ varsity basketball playing tonight in Hermitage. Varsity boys’ and girls’ basketball will participate in the Warsaw tournament this next week. JH boys’ and girls’ basketball have started practicing as well. Saturday December 9th Softball will hold a trivia night here at the school at 6:30PM for their fundraiser, HS Band will march in the Lincoln Christmas parade, and the 2023-2024 Band trip has been scheduled to Orlando FL, for November 24-27, 2024.

Mrs. Eifert reported the elementary enrollment is now at 257 students with an attendance rate of 96%. Reading counts grades 4-6 celebrated tonight with students who have achieved their STAR Reading points. Christmas concerts will be Thursday, December 7th for grades K-3 and Thursday, December 14th for grades 4-6. Youth basketball has started both gyms are busy nightly.

Audit Report

Information regarding the 2022-2023 audit report was available to each board member. The information in the audit was discussed. Questions presented by board members were answered. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Rutherford to approve the audit for the year-end June 30, 2023. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Smallwood to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 6:24 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-absent. Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 6:35 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education