

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session after a short break on May 20, 2024 beginning at 8:00 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff. Parrott was absent.

Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith shared a resignation letter from Michelle Paxton. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Sanders to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert recommended Shelby Williams for Elementary 5/6th Grade teacher. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Eichler to employ Shelby Williams for Elementary 5th Grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert recommended Sandra Bryant for Elementary Special Education teacher. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Smallwood to employ Sandra Bryant for Special Education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert recommended Chelsie West, Amber Cooper, and Kassandra Doner as Paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025. A motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to hire these three individuals. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert recommended additional extra duty for 2024-2025 for approval – Sarah Weatherby (Breakfast Supervisor). A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Eckhoff to approve the Sarah Weatherby for Breakfast Supervisor. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood- yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-absent; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 ayes 0 no.

Mrs. Eifert recommended additional extra duty for 2024-2025 for approval - Alex Curtis (Title Director). A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to approve Alex Curtis for Title Director. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood- yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-absent; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 ayes 0 no.

Mr. Curtis recommended Ashley Brown for Credit Recovery teacher. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Sanders to employ Ashley Brown for Credit Recovery teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Curtis shared the additional extra duty/coaches listing for 2024-2025 for approval – Matthew Spunaugle (Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball); Aleah Paxton (Softball – Head Coach); --OPEN-- (Softball – Assistant Coach); Luke Goosen (JH Baseball Head Coach), --OPEN-- (JH Baseball Assistant), Caden Paxton (JH Softball Assistant); Buddy Dill (Head Golf);

Mr. Curtis shared additional extra duty/coach for the 2024-2025 for approval Chris Sanders for JH Softball Head Coach. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to approve the spring sports extra duties/coaches as listed. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood- yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-abstain; Rutherford-absent; Parrott-absent; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 ayes 0 no, 1 abstain.

Mr. Smith shared information to the board regarding an OCR (Office of Civil Rights) complaint from a parent of a special needs student that the district does not have proper private area for changing the student as needed. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Jennifer Smith have interviews with OCR this Thursday, May 23, 2024. Mr. Smith will keep the board updated as he receives information from this investigation. Mr. Smith did mention that in the new facility there is now a family bathroom with adequate privacy as well as changing table and added necessities to assist handicap adult and or child’s needs.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the executive session at 8:30 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-absent: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

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