

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on February 21, 2024 beginning at 8:08 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood.

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

Mr. Smith shared retirement letter from Dena Morris, Elementary Title Teacher for the end of the 2023/2024 school year. A motion made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to accept resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott- yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared resignation letter from Margaret Cook, Elementary Kindergarten Teacher for the end of the 2023/2024 school year. A motion made by Eckhoff, seconded by Eichler to accept resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott- yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Jill Strozewski as JH Assistant Softball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. A motion made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Alexis Hyde as 1st grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Parrott to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Kadey Sartain as 3rd Grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Eckhoff to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Camryn Lynde as 3rd Grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Michelle Kenig as 5/6th Grade Language Arts for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended the hiring of Kimberly Schmidt as Elementary Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Rutherford to accept the recommendation. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Other movements taking place in district are JH Math – Caitlin Brandt; Elementary/High School Librarian – Joannah Cook; 4th Grade – Aleah Paxton; Kindergarten – Katie Schuld; Title I Reading – Allison Dady

Mr. Smith requested permission to hire the best candidate for a possible HS teacher opening for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to allow Mr. Smith to hire the best candidate for HS Teacher. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

At 8:35 PM, Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Eifert were excused from the meeting.

Mr. Smith reported on his evaluation of High School Principal, Adam Curtis. After discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to extend Adam Curtis’s high school principal contract for the 2024-2025 school year and set the salary for the 2024-2025 school year prior to July 1, 2024 Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott- yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Rutherford seconded by Parrott to adjourn the executive session at 8:40 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott- yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education