

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on September 21, 2021 were Yearout, Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood. Rutherford was absent

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

Call to Order President Yearout declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to Agenda Student discussion will be added to executive session.

Citizens Comments There were no citizens comments made.

Consent Agenda  
a. September 21, 2021 board agenda  
b. August 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes  
c. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the September 21, 2021 agenda, the August 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes and pages 1 and 2 of the September 21, 2021 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for September 21, 2021 bills was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Koll seconded Eichler all items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Policy and Regulation Updates Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Koll to approve Policy 0320; Policy 0324; Policy 0430; Policy & Regulation 1450; Policy 2420; Policy 2710; Policy and Form 2770; Policy 4120; Policy & Regulation 4320; Policy & Regulation 4322; and Policy 4867 Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Rutherford arrived at 7:18PM

Salaries Mr. Smith would like to discuss the hourly rate for the part time preschool aide, currently it is at \$9.00 hourly rate starting, he would like to move it to \$12.00 hourly rate to start. Substitute pay for a teacher position is currently at \$80 per day, he would like to move it to \$95.00 per day rate. Evaluator rate of pay for contracted testing services, currently we pay \$30.00 per hour for this service, he would like to move it to \$50.00 per hour. Bus trip hourly rate of pay is currently at flat rate of \$10.00 per hour for the trip duration, he would like to move it to a flat rate of \$13.00 per hour for the trip duration. After discussion of the part time preschool aide starting hourly rate, the daily teacher substitute rate, contracted testing services hourly rate and the bus trip hourly rate, a motion made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve the salary moves as discussed to be effective as of September 22, 2021. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

## Transportation

Mr. Smith discussed the current school van that is leased and being used on a daily basis for transportation for special services, and administration as needed throughout the day. He would like to purchase a second district van, after discussion, a motion was made to approve up to \$35,000.00 to purchase a second district van. A motion made by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to approve the purchase of a district vehicle as discussed. Motion carried 7 ayes and 0 nays.

## Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared that Mrs. Eifert is absent this evening as she is the administrator on duty at the volleyball games at Northwest. He gave an update regarding COVID, currently we have had 3 students test positive, and with our school nurse monitoring contact tracing we have not had many staff or students that have had to quarantine due to exposure of a positive person. Mr. Smith is planning to take board members to look at the gymnasium at Weaubleau school district next week, he has recently met with LJ Hart for ballot language for a no-tax increase bond issue for the spring ballot to expand our current facilities that will need to be voted on by the board before the information is sent to Benton County for ballot print. Mr. Smith shared information regarding an already in place scholarship that was offered for sale to the district, after discussion, the board is not interested in pursuing this endeavor. Mr. Smith shared that the Greenhouse electricity is in place and functioning.

Mr. Smith shared information that the school year has been non-stop with activities, and that he has been short on bus/trip drivers. He would like to hire a bus driver for 20 hours a week that will be for sub driving of routes, and for trips that are needed during the day. After discussion a motion by Parrott, seconded by Eichler, to give Mr. Smith permission to hire the best candidate for a part time bus driver. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Curtis shared that current high school enrollment is 233 with attendance at 95.11% currently. Mr. Curtis shared the recent 911 events that the district held that were set up by Dana Lynde, and information regarding the touring of the Greenhouse with the builder, Miss Maddux plans to begin planting this fall. Information was shared about prom coming back to the school, it was voted unanimously by the seniors to bring it back to the school, this will be an option for the class for the 2022 prom. JH art contest was held recently that some of our students placed in, the homecoming bonfire is going to be October 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a candidate for homecoming that would like her escort be a graduate from last year that just completed basic training, Mr. Curtis asked the board if there would be an issue, the board told him it would be acceptable. Shared information regarding band, FBLA, FCCLA and FFA upcoming events. Volleyball will have Pink Out on October 5<sup>th</sup>, JH volleyball has started and currently plays in the elementary gym to allow for varsity games to start at the same time. Senior night for football players and football cheer will be October 15<sup>th</sup>. HS Volleyball senior night was recently held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Session      A motion was made by Eichler seconded by Koll to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 8:18 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment            Board members returned from executive session at 8:45 P.M. There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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