

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

December 12, 2023

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on December 12, 2023 were, Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood and Eckhoff.

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

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

Amendments to the Agenda No amendments were made to the agenda.

Citizens Comments Pastor Rutherford was in attendance.

Consent Agenda  
a. December 12, 2023 board agenda  
b. November 20, 2023 regular  
c. November 20, 2023 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the December 12, 2023 agenda, the November 20, 2023 regular and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1, and 2 of the December 12, 2023 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for December 12, 2023 bills was presented at the meeting. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eckhoff to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Construction Update Mr. Smith discussed the construction project. Since the last report, masonry has continued on the brick veneer, the west and south sides have been completed, with the east to be completed soon. All the joists and decking have been completed as well as all of the curbs for roof top heating and air units. The majority of the lower roof has been completed. Duct work has been placed in several locations and electrical/plumbing rough in continues. In the coming weeks the focus will be finishing the brick veneer, install windows, install temporary plywood doors, set all of the roof top units, pull the main power into the new building, complete the roofing of the lower main roof, start gas line piping and continue mechanical/electrical/plumbing rough in throughout. No items requiring action this month, coming up we will discuss playground equipment, surfacing materials, fencing and finalize locker details in the locker rooms.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information regarding the search for elementary principal, he has received six (6) applications. Interviews will begin in January with both building principals and a committee devised of elementary teachers. Initial interviews will be conducted and then the board will conduct interviews of three (3) chosen applicants. Bus inspections will be held March 15, 2024 this year. Mr. Smith also shared we have two (2) board seats open, currently we have had three (3) respondents. Mr. Smith reminded board members about the filing dates for the upcoming election, December 5, 2023 through December 26, 2023 are the open dates for filing. Open positions are for Parrott and Smallwood.

High school principal Mr. Curtis reported attendance is currently at 93.36% with 246 students enrolled. This year’s musical will be Alice in Wonderland. FFA is selling poinsettias out of the green house. Varsity and JV Girls and Boys Basketball seasons are off to a good start, JH basketball will get going this week. Otterville basketball tournament will begin this Saturday, December 16th

Elementary principal Mrs. Eifert stated attendance of elementary students remained at 95% with 269 students enrolled. Elementary K-3 music Christmas concert was last week and the performance was wonderful, Grades 4-6 Christmas program is this week on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Grades 4-6 have started a student council, archery has started up with 25 elementary students participating (50 in total)

Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to go to executive Session at 7:22P.M for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford–yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education