

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on February 19, 2026 were Parrott, Smallwood, Eckhoff, Siercks and Casey. Sanders and Eckhoff were absent.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Elizabeth Eckhoff, Jennifer Smith and Michelle Smith.

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

Amendments to the Agenda Mr. Smith added bus purchase proposal

Citizens Comments There were no Citizens comments

Food Service Jennifer Strouse with OPAA, Lori and Brian Eifert, Mr. and Mrs. Chubb, student Knox Chub were in attendance to discuss food service. Mrs. Eifert discussed the food service program, OPAA, from what she sees as a substitute in the Elementary and in talking with students and other parents. She showed pictures of various lunches served, comparisons to other districts that are not outsourced with a food management service, and she stated that she has started a petition online in regards to the service our district is receiving from OPAA. She would like the district to look into other options and move away from a food management service. Discussion was had between the attendees, OPAA, board members and Mr. Smith. All attendees left at 7:40PM

Consent Agenda  
a. February 19, 2026 board agenda  
b. January 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes  
c. January 19, 2026 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the February 19, 2026 agenda, the January 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes, the January 19, 2026 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the February 19, 2026 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for February 19, 2026 bills were presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Program Evaluations  
a. Guidance / Counseling  
b. Special Services  
The evaluations for the Guidance and Counseling Programs were available at the meeting from Kimberly Schmidt, Elementary, and presented by Jennifer Greene, High School.

Mrs. Jennifer Smith, SE Director, presented the Special Services Program Evaluation to board members.

After discussion a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to

approve Guidance, Counseling and the Special Services evaluations as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Health Insurance update  
2026-2027

Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the OSBA health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2025 through June 2026 school year have been received. Rates are seeing a 10% increase. The HSA6500 plan for an employee is now \$549.00 monthly, this plan is paid for the employee by the school board. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to approve the health insurance rates as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Transportation

Mr. Smith presented information received from Midwest Transit regarding our current Bus 07 lease and Bus 06 lease that leases that are up at the end of 2025/2026 school year. We plan to return Bus 06, we would like to keep Bus 07 as it has under body luggage area and is in good operating condition. To keep this bus, a lease purchase option was presented. For a 3-year lease purchase the annual amount will be \$29,590 each year, or a 5-year lease purchase is \$18,529. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Siercks to approve the lease purchase at 3-year for \$29,590 annually as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Smith will be looking to replace the bus that is returning with bids. He will come back next month with bids for both a new purchase and lease.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared budget information for food service for salary and food supply from other districts compared to Lincoln's current budget. Mr. Smith stated that we are currently accepting bid proposals, that are due March 9<sup>th</sup>, he will bring this information back to the board next month. Mr. Smith shared the current membership count for students, currently our January count for the state is 509. This count is an average ADA. Mr. Smith reported that the new handicap bus is to have cameras installed this week by the company, the bus should be in service next week. The Prebid for the secured vestibules will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, notices will go in the newspaper prior to the Prebid – the bids will be opened April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will require a 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. LJ Hart will be attending the April board meeting to further discuss the options of construction loan. The 2026/2027 school calendar is still being worked on, staff will be asked to vote on options and Mr. Smith will bring this to the board next month.

Mr. Curtis reported enrollment is currently at 241 with 92.3% attendance. Varsity basketball will end this week, with district games starting next week. Girls will play on Monday 2/23 at Osceola and boys on Thursday 2/26 at Archie. JH Basketball ended their season this past week. FFA will hold their annual feed the farmer dinner on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. FFA recently had competitions with a few students earning state awards. FBLA recently attended competition in Warrensburg with several students qualifying to attend state. Band and Vocal contests begin the first week of March, along with Softball and Baseball practices. Students will have a PD Day on March 6<sup>th</sup> with various community employers coming to give information on various jobs for after High School. HS students will also participate in the MO-Bio tech, hands on technical training, on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Eckhoff shared Elementary enrollment is currently 288 with 94.5% attendance. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade multiplication graduation will be held for students Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, PTO will be holding their Cardinal Ball Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> in the HS Gym. Kids Heart Challenge will continue one more week with donations being accepted for the American Heart Association. RIF week is the first week of March, PTO will hold their coin drive the same week.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to go to executive session at 9:02 P.M. for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Eckhoff-absent; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-absent; and Parrott-yes, Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no

Board members returned from executive session at 9:37 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Casey, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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