

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on February 21, 2024 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, welcomed visitors and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- Amendments to the Agenda Mr. Smith added to the agenda approval of the 2024-2025 school calendar and Health Insurance information for 2024-2025.
- Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments.
- Consent Agenda  
a. February 21, 2024 board agenda  
b. January 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes  
c. January 10, 2024 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the February 21, 2024 agenda, the January 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the January 10, 2024 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the February 21, 2024 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for February 21, 2024 bills were presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Program Evaluations  
a. Guidance / Counseling  
b. Special Services  
The evaluations for the Guidance and Counseling Programs were presented by Mr. Smith and information presented to board members from the Elementary School Study Skills Coordinator, Maddie Mensior-Self, and High School Academic Advisor, Jennifer Greene. They reviewed various items included in the evaluation.
- Mr. Smith presented the Special Services Program Evaluation prepared by the district’s special services program director, Jennifer Smith, and presented to board members.
- After discussion a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to approve the Guidance/Counseling evaluations and the Special Services evaluation as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Construction Update Mr. Smith reported on the construction update. The past few weeks, contractors have completed the sheetrock walls and soffits, installed ceiling grid throughout the building, installed basketball goals, gymnasium divider curtain, and continued painting throughout the building. The epoxy flooring has been completed in the restroom and locker room areas. Light switches, outlets and fire alarms have been installed. Plumbing fixtures are currently being set, the sprinkler fitter is nearing completion. Temporary heaters have been removed and the rooftop units are running. Over the next few weeks the focus will continue with trim out of

mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. Wood for the gym floor will also be delivered.

Mr. Smith shared budget information regarding construction, he has presented information for using contingency monies currently at a balance of \$284,260.00. He has presented information for asphaltting the parking lot area of the new building area and has received one bid for \$205,000.00. Mr. Smith plans to have prior to the next meeting to have up to 3 asphalt bids for the parking area.

#### Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared information that is pending for construction, he requested to declare the Preschool trailer and ISS trailer as surplus property. A motion made by Rutherford, seconded by Eichler to declare both trailers as surplus property. Motion carried 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding bus #18, it is currently needing an estimated \$7,500 in repairs to continue operation. It is currently parked and out of service. Mr. Smith has spoken with Midwest Transit about trading in for a new lease. Once he receives information he will bring to the board. Mr. Smith has shared that he is looking at new playground equipment for the preschool as well as the elementary, adding a sidewalk, and fencing around the playground areas. Mr. Smith shared the current membership count for students, currently our January count for the state is 486. This count is an average ADA. The new elevator lift is installed and operational. Mr. Smith shared information regarding the new gym floor to be installed, he has asked board members if they would like to have a committee formed and have information brought back to the board for the floor design and stain or paint color. The board would like to have information brought before to agree upon, a committee is not necessary. Mr. Smith will bring back information at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Smith discussed information regarding the scoreboards for the new gym, the plan is to obtain sponsors for the various types of scoreboards that are available, the board would like quotes for scoreboards, he will bring information to the next meeting.

Mr. Curtis reported enrollment is currently at 245, with 93.34% attendance. Chrome Books have been distributed to student's grade 9-12. Students and teachers are using the devices in classroom instruction and all seems to be going well. JH students now have access to Chrome Books in each of their core classes for instructional usage. Varsity basketball has ended this week. Varsity baseball and softball will begin practicing next Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. JH baseball/softball will begin shortly afterwards. The HS Musical is coming up March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with two dinner theater shows. Over basketball homecoming students were visited by Jackie Stiles, this seemed to be liked by all students and staff, this was arranged by our FCA members Mr. and Mrs. Helland. FCA recently held 5<sup>th</sup> quarter after the last home basketball game with a movie for students, this was enjoyed by several students from both Lincoln and Greenridge. Varsity baseball will soon be selling tickets to a Springfield Cardinals baseball game for a chance to play their own ballgame on the Springfield Cardinals field. More information will be sent out from the school as it becomes available. The high school band recently played at SFCC for the Kaysinger conference basketball games and several attendees as well

as other schools have commented on the wonderful performance by our students.

Mrs. Eifert Elementary enrollment is currently 252 with 95% attendance. Math and Spelling Bee will be March 13th, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade multiplication graduation was held for students this past week, elementary students are participating in the heart challenge with American Heart Association the next two weeks. Coming up K-12 students will have an assembly on Be Alert Strategy & Stop Trafficking Project, RIF/Dr. Seuss is this next week for elementary student participation.

Health Insurance update  
2024-2025

Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the OSBA health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2024 through June 2025 school year have been received. The current rates for health insurance offered through OSBA are not changing for the 24/25 school year. We are also currently awaiting a quote from MEUHP, this should be received around the first week of March. Mr. Smith has requested permission to go with the best plans / rates offered from both consortiums. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Smallwood to allow Mr. Smith to make the best choice for employees. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

School Calendar

Mr. Smith presented a recommendation from staff for the 2024-2025 school year calendar. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to approve the presented calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to go to executive session at 8:08 P.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; Parrot-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:40 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education