

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

December 15, 2025

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on December 15, 2025 were, Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff. Siercks and Casey were absent.

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

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

Amendments to the Agenda There were no amendments to the agenda

Citizens Comments Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, parents of a student in the district, spoke to the board in regards to their student.
Mrs. Aery spoke to the board regarding her FERPA request.

Consent Agenda
a. December 15, 2025 board agenda
b. November 17, 2025 regular
c. November 17, 2025 executive meeting minutes
d. Payment of Bills
Copies of the December 15, 2025 agenda, the November 17, 2025 regular and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1, and 2 of the December 15, 2025 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 15, 2025 bills was presented at the meeting. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Smallwood to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Policy Updates Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eckhoff to approve Policy 0320; Policy 2760; Deletion of Policy 2921; Deletion of Regulation 4221. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays

CSIP/MSIP 6 Mr. Smith presented to the board the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) for approval, after discussion a motion made by Smallwood, seconded by Eichler to approve the CSIP 2025-2028 plan as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information regarding information he received from Septagon for secured vestibules for the HS and Elementary entrance areas. Mr. Smith received an estimated cost of 400K to add more secured entrances for both HS and Elementary, the board would like Mr. Smith to speak to LJ Hart to see what our options are for moving forward.

Mr. Smith also shared we have three (3) board seats open, currently we have had five (5) respondents. Mr. Smith reminded board members about the filing dates for

the upcoming election, December 09, 2025 through December 30, 2025 are the open dates for filing. Open positions are for Sanders, Eichler and Eckhoff.

Mr. Smith discussed our school website for posting searchable links to School Board Policies, a motion made by Sanders, seconded by Smallwood to use the MCE online portal which allows for easier access to all School Board Policies for patrons to read or search. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

High school principal Mr. Curtis reported attendance is currently at 92.7% with 233 students enrolled. HS Band has been selected to play at the final 4 again this year. This will be on March 11th, band will go to the nursing home to sing tomorrow, December 16th. Also, this Friday, December 19th at 10AM the HS band and choir will perform for the school and any patrons that want to attend. Varsity and JV Girls and Boys Basketball seasons are off to a good start, JH basketball has also started. Otterville basketball tournament will begin this week, with girls playing tonight and boys playing tomorrow night. JH basketball 13th annual tournament is currently going on with 8 teams playing over 4 days. Boys' basketball took 1st in the Warsaw basketball tournament.

Elementary principal Mrs Eckhoff stated attendance of elementary students remained at 94.1% with 274 students enrolled. Elementary K-3 music Christmas concert was last week and the performance was wonderful. Grinch day is this Thursday and students will be shown the Grinch movie in the new gym, parties will be Friday, December 19th at 2PM in each elementary classroom. Staff return after the Christmas break on Monday, January 5th and will have a full work day ahead.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Smallwood seconded by Eckhoff to go to executive Session at 7:45 P.M for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Casey-absent; Siercks-absent; Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Eckhoff seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education