

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on September 12, 2023 beginning at 7:29 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Rutherford, Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Smallwood, and Eckhoff.

Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert and Michelle Smith were also present. Also present Jennifer Smith, Special Education Director.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding an elementary student who requires daily medications and medical attention throughout the school day and a current district hired LPN/Para that has been placed with this student. It has been brought to the school that Medicaid through Restoring Hope will provide a family contracted in-home licensed registered nurse for this student at no cost to the school district. The nurse provided will be with the student at the home beginning at 6:30AM and ride with the student to and from school with the special education transport that the school district provides. The nurse would be with the student throughout the day to administer medications and watch student for medical needs to be assessed, a school district provided Para will remain with the student to make sure that the student is still receiving sensory education and participating in the classroom setting. In the event the provided registered nurse would be absent, Pediatric Home Care Agency will provide a substitute nurse for the student. By providing this nurse, this will relieve the district from administering medication or medical needs to this student. The current LPN/Para will remain on staff and be moved to another classroom and also serve as the district's substitute school nurse if our current RN school nurse should be absent. The new provided nurse will begin as soon as all documentation is in place. A motion made by Eckhoff, seconded by Parrott to approve the school to hire the outside registered nurse from Pediatric Home Care. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared a letter of resignation from Becky Eifert, Elementary Principal for June 30, 2024 end of contract for the school year 2023/2024. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Sanders seconded by Parrott to adjourn the executive session at 8:15 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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Secretary, Board of Education