

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 19, 2022

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on April 19, 2022 were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Eichler, and Smallwood. Koll was absent

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 Mr. Smith requested amending the agenda to add certification of election results/oath of office, board reorganization, and certified salary schedule.

Citizens Comments There were no citizens comments made.

Certification of Election Results/Oath of Office The attached Certifications of Election held on April 5, 2022 were read. Clifford Yearout and Matt Rutherford will serve as board members for the next three years. A motion was made by Eichler seconded by Parrott to approve the attached Certifications of Election held on April 5, 2022. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

The oath of office was administered by board secretary, Michelle Smith to Clifford Yearout and Matt Rutherford and they continue as board members

Mr. Smith conducted the meeting for nominations for Board President.

Board Reorganization Eichler made a motion to nominate Yearout for Board President. Nomination seconded by Smallwood. No other nominations were received. Motion carried 5 yes, 1 abstain by Yearout.

Yearout, then conducted the rest of the meeting as Board President.

Smallwood made a motion to nominate Parrott for Board Vice-President. Nomination seconded by Sanders. No other nominations were received. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 nays. 1 abstain by Parrott.

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to appoint Michelle Smith as board secretary and board treasurer. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Rutherford left the meeting at 7:10PM due to illness

Copies of the April 19, 2022 agenda, the March 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes, the March 21, 2022 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the April 19, 2022 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available

- Consent Agenda
  - a. April 19, 2022 board agenda
  - b. March 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes
  - c. March 15, 2021 executive meeting minutes
  - d. Payment of Bills

for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for April 19, 2022 bills was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott seconded by Eichler to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- Program Evaluations
  - a. ESL/LEP
  - b. Homeless/Migrant
  - c. Nutrition Services

Mr. Smith provided information about the ESL/LEP (English as a Second Language/Limited English Proficient) program. Students are identified on enrollment paperwork when they are new to the district or by teacher referrals if they are current students. Services are provided if needed.

The Homeless/Migrant program was discussed. Services are provided for students when necessary. Students are identified either through enrollment paperwork or referrals.

The district’s Nutrition Services was discussed. The district is currently operating under all students eat free for the 2021/2022 school year through the DESE Seamless Summer Option. Breakfast participation rates have decreased to 51.24%. Lunch participation has decreased to 83.15%.

A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve the ESL/LEP, Homeless/Migrant, and Nutrition Services program evaluation as presented and discussed at the meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Lawn Mowing Bids

Mr. Smith shared bids from RHW Premium Lawn Care, Country Style Lawn Care, and Top of The Lawn. The bid accepted is RHW Premium Lawn Care, a motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Parrott to accept the bid from RHW Premium Lawn Care for lawn maintenance for the 2022 season.

Support Staff Salaries, Extra Duty/Extended Days Schedule, and Administrative Salaries

The salary information was presented by Mr. Smith for the support staff salary schedules to receive a 3% increase, just as the certified salary schedule received. Paraprofessionals and Bus Drivers will receive a step increase if applicable or remain at the current step as they move every two years according to procedures. Mr. Smith presented salary information for Support Staff and Administrative staff who do not have salary schedules to also receive a 3% increase. Motion by Smallwood, seconded by Parrott, to approve the salary information as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Smith shared information of a recent meeting with the architects for the building proposal, in future meetings there may need to be allotted time for the board to meet with the architects to decide on building processes. Mr. Smith shared

Administrator Reports information regarding our IT department. Currently we are contracted with Midwest Computech, they are on site two (2) days a week and always available to log in if a problem presents itself. He is proposing going forward that we have Midwest Computech in district at minimum three (3) days a week, or the district hire an on staff IT employee. He would like permission from the board to look into the possibility of hiring an onsite tech person to cover our district needs. The board agreed to allow Mr. Smith to see what is available.

Mr. Curtis shared information regarding JH Sports. It is now allowable to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade to play up to JH Sports. He presented information to the board in regards to JH Volleyball and JH Basketball, leaving out JH Football as it being a tougher contact sport to size up to and doesn't want to scare off kids from JH Football. This will be an option to 6<sup>th</sup> graders next year to move up to JH Volleyball and JH Basketball sports. JH Football will be at 8 man for the upcoming 22/23 season.

Mr. Curtis reported high school enrollment is 231 with current attendance at 93.86% attendance. Currently have MAP testing going on with students taking tests on line with laptops and the computer lab. Greenhouse will be having a plant sale this coming weekend, please come out if you would like. Cardinal night is the first Thursday in May, Baccalaureate is May 8<sup>th</sup> and graduation on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Spring sports are going well, softball girls took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Kaysinger conference tournament, and the baseball Kaysinger conference will be this coming weekend. Golf has won 3 matches and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the conference tournament.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Current attendance is at 96% with an enrollment of 268 for grades K-6. This Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be the PTO donuts with parents. Students are doing online MAP testing now and end of year activities and field trips are planned, students with attendance below 90% will not be allowed to participate. On the recent Math and Spelling Bee, Lincoln students took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Math and 4<sup>th</sup> place for Spelling, with other students placing higher in individual areas.

Executive Session A motion was made by Eichler seconded by Parrott to go to executive session at 7:52 P.M. for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-absent; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-absent; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 5 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:49 P.M.

Adjournment There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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