Board Members Present	Board members present for the regular meeting on January 16, 2023 were Parrott, Sanders, Eichler, Koll and Smallwood. Rutherford and Yearout were absent
	Also present was Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis and Michelle Smith, Becky Eifert was absent.
Call to Order	Vice President Parrott declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Amendments to the Agenda	Policy amendment added to agenda
Citizens Comments	There were no citizens comments made.
 Consent Agenda a. January 16, 2023 board agenda b. December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes c. December 12, 2022 executive minutes d. Payment of Bills 	Copies of the January 16, 2023 agenda, the December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes, the December 12, 2022 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the January 16, 2023 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. 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.
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 counselor Sarah Beaman, 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, Melinda Strathman, and presented to board members.
	After discussion a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Sanders to approve the Guidance/Counseling evaluations and the Special Services evaluation as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
	7:10 Rutherford arrived 7:15 Yearout arrived
Construction Project	Mr. Smith reported to the board current construction project updates. He presented the board with bleacher information that he has received. Various bids for seating have been received, it is suggested that Heartland Seating Company be awarded the contract. A motion made by Sanders, seconded by Eichler, to accept the bid from Heartland Seating Company. Mr. Smith proceeded with the seat options that

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	Heartland Seating Company has provided. It has been discussed to go with the better seat options. Construction is still slated to begin in March. We are waiting on the demolition of the properties across the street that will become extra parking, this should begin mid to late February.
Bus Bids	Mr. Smith provided members with current information regarding three (3) buses that have expiring leases coming up summer 2023. Extending the leases, we can go out two additional years for the three buses at 14-15K each per year. A new lease would be \$19,961 yearly, and to purchase a new International bus it is average \$124,636. Mr. Smith also gave information regarding Thomas and Bluebird buses. It is suggested we continue and extend the current leases. A motion made by Parrott seconded by Rutherford to extend current leases that will expire with Midwest Transit Equipment. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
Policy Amendment Policy 2656	Policy 2656 student cell phones and smartwatch usage during state assessment testing. It is proposed to add verbiage to current policy that cell phones / smartwatches shall not be used by student or test examiners during a state assessment. A motion made by Koll, seconded by Parrott to add the amendment as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
Administrator Reports	Candidate filing for the three (3) open board member positions closed on December 27, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. Susyn Sanders, Kyle Eichler and Neil Eckhoff have filed for the three (3) positions at this time. At this time there will be no election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.
	High school principal Mr. Curtis reported attendance is currently at 91.97% with 250 students enrolled. We have 4 students who recently participated in honor band, JH Basketball tournament is currently happening, HS basketball is playing most nights in the recent weeks since break, conference tournament begins on the 27 th .
Executive Session	A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Rutherford to go to executive session at 7:41P.M. for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders – yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.
	Board members returned from executive session at 8:25 P.M.
Adjournment	There being no further business a motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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