

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on August 17, 2026 beginning at 7:46 P.M. Board members present were Parrott, Sanders, Smallwood, Siercks, Casey, Scott, and Schnakenberg.

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

Mr. Smith recommended to the board that Chris Sanders be hired for JH Girls Softball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Siercks to employ Chris Sanders for JH Girls Softball Coach. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-abstained; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

Mr. Smith recommended to the board that Sarah Cramer be hired for NJHS/NHS sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year. After discussion a motion made by Scott seconded by Siercks to hire Sarah Cramer for NJHS/NHS sponsor. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith shared letters of resignation from Chelsie West, Paraprofessional, Xavier Smith, Custodian, Dana Lynde, Custodian, a motion made by Scott seconded by Siercks to accept the resignations as received. Motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Leon Miller for Elementary Custodian. After discussion a motion made by Siercks seconded by Casey to hire Leon Miller for Elementary Custodian. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Theresa Jones-Vandaveer for Elementary Custodian. After discussion a motion made by Siercks seconded by Schnakenberg to hire Theresa Jones-Vandaveer for Elementary Custodian. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Elizabeth Bohon, Lilly Garrison, and Mackenzie Yearout for Special Education Paraprofessionals. After discussion a motion made by Casey seconded by Schnakenberg to hire Elizabeth Bohon, Lilly Garrison, and Mackenzie Yearout for Special Education Paraprofessionals. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Fredrick Grunden for High School ISS/P.E. teacher After discussion a motion made by Sanders seconded by Scott to hire Frederick Grunden for High School ISS/P.E. teacher. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith shared his letter of retirement resignation for July 2027, as he plans to retire. A motion was made by Smallwood, seconded by Casey to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Scott, seconded by Siercks to adjourn the executive session at 8:20 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Schnakenberg-yes; Scott-yes; Casey-yes; Siercks-yes; Smallwood-yes; Sanders-yes; and Parrott-yes; Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

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