

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 19, 2024

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 19, 2024 were Yearout, Rutherford, Sanders, Smallwood and Eckhoff. Parrott and Eichler were absent.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith.

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

Amendments to the Agenda There were no amendments to the agenda

Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments. Alexis Simons, Kristin Manning, and Colton Motsinger were in attendance.

Consent Agenda  
a. March 19, 2024 board agenda  
b. February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes  
c. February 20, 2024 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills

Copies of the March 19, 2024 agenda, the February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the February 20, 2024 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 19, 2024 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page of bills was available at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Smallwood to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Parrott arrived at 7:15PM; Eichler arrived at 7:15PM

Salary Schedule for 2024-2025  
Mr. Smith presented the 2024-2025 proposed salary schedule at this time with increasing the base salary to \$36,000, with steps to move \$400 increase and Education to move \$850. A Motion made by Eichler seconded by Parrott to approve the salary schedule as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Construction Update  
Mr. Smith shared the construction managers’ report, since last month the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trim out has been underway and nearing completion. The wood for the gym floor has been delivered, and is now over halfway nailed in place. The rest of the VCT tile, and carpet square flooring have been delivered and are currently being installed. Around 130 feet of concrete sidewalk has been placed on the south side of the addition, the toilet partitions have been installed in the restrooms along with the toilet accessories. In the coming weeks the focus will be continuing with the trim out of mechanical, electrical and plumbing. In addition, the installation of the gym floor will be completed and they will start the sanding and finish process where the bleachers will sit. Bleachers are scheduled to be loaded out for delivery the last week of March. The exterior storefront doors and the interior wood doors are onsite and will start being hung.

Preschool is set to move into the new addition the first week of May. The Preschool playground will be moved over to the east side next to the current

elementary playground and be fenced off separately. Mr. Smith is looking at quotes for new playground equipment to bring before the board at a future date. He would like to update the playground equipment in phases.

Mr. Curtis and Mr. Burke, Athletic Director, recently visited several Kansas City schools with the Daktronics sales representative to view scoreboards for the new gym. Mr. Curtis stated how the newer type of scoreboards would be able to be utilized in the Sports Media classroom curriculum. One board will be a video board, with the other being the traditional score board, both having the traditional scores visible. With sponsors for permanent and video advertisements, the scoreboards could potentially be paid for within five years. The board would like to have \$5,000 in sponsorship in place prior to the ordering of the scoreboards presented. A motion made by Eckhoff, seconded by Parrott to approve the purchase if beginning sponsorship is in place. Motion carries 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Do-Rite has put together quotes for paving the parking lot. The options presented were (a) to do only the small south parking area of 3” asphalt on 6” thick base rock for \$50,000; (b) to only the small south parking area of two layers of 2” asphalt on 6” thick base rock for \$60,000; (c) to do the entire parking area of 5” asphalt on 6” thick base rock and an area of 3” asphalt on 6” thick base rock for \$205,000; or (d) to do the entire parking area there would be 5” asphalt on 6” thick base rock and 1,324 SY of two layers of 2” asphalt on 6” thick base rock except thicken the rock to 9” on the north 30ft for bus turning for \$219,140. After discussion a motion made by Parrot, seconded by Sanders to accept the quote for option (d) as presented. Motion carries 4 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstain.

#### Administrator Report

Mr. Smith shared that he has a few schools interested in the preschool trailer. He hopes to have the preschool trailer removed before the end of May.

Mr. Curtis shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 246 with a 93% attendance rate. Spring sports have gotten started, hoping the weather stays dry for all sports. The first home baseball game is March 19<sup>th</sup> and first home Softball game is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Recently had the school play with a dinner theatre held that went over very well and earned the drama club extra monies for new microphone equipment. FFA is getting very active with their spring events. State band will be this week, with April 26th being the district ensembles and solo. FBLA will be taking several students to state competition this next week, Archery is taking several JH/HS students to state archery in Branson this week, the Academic team recently took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at conference and the JH/HS Math teams have recently placed well in competitions. Prom will be April 27<sup>th</sup> and this year the prom committee won a venue to hold prom off site. Golf is also underway and recently participated in a jamboree.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 255 with attendance at 95%. PTO pastries with parents is this Friday, March 22nd. The Spelling & Math Bee was recently held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader place first in spelling, and a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader place first in Math. There will be 7 elementary students attending state archery. Students are preparing for upcoming

MAP testing.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Sanders seconded by Parrott at 8:44 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Eckhoff-yes; Smallwood-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Rutherford-yes; Parrott-yes; and Yearout-yes; Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:10 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Parrott to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

