

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 19, 2020

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 19, 2020 were Mehrens, Beaman, Rutherford, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler and Yearout.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith.

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

Amendments to the Agenda No amendments were made to the agenda.

Citizens Comments There were no citizen comments.

Consent Agenda  
a. March 19, 2020 board agenda  
b. February 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes  
c. February 18, 2018 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the March 19, 2020 agenda, the February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the February 18, 2020 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 19, 2020 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 and reviewed the budget amendments. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Health Insurance- MEUHP (Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan) Renewal 2020-2021  
Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the MEUHP health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2020 through June 2021 school year have been received. We have sent out for a quote to OSBA for medical insurance for staff, we have not yet received the information back, but hope to have in the next few weeks. Upon receipt of both health consortium plans, a meeting will be held with the board to discuss the options. All board members agreed to wait on the vote until further discussion can be had.

Salary Schedule for 2020-2021  
Mr. Smith presented the 2020-2021 proposed salary schedule at this time with no increase, using the same salary schedule as the 2019/20 school year, with current events happening in the state, he would like to wait until he has more information on state funding and board paid insurance. Motion by Ebeling seconded by Yearout to approved the salary schedule as presented for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Report  
Mr. Smith shared information from recent meetings with the Benton County Health Department in regards to the COVID-19 virus and the reason for school closures. The health department has been very helpful in keeping the school districts informed with up to date information. The next meeting will be March 27<sup>th</sup>. Currently we are set to resume school on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Smith does not want to

cancel too far out that students miss once in a lifetime events. DESE has recently canceled all state testing for this school year. Currently staff has sent home schoolwork for students during a parent pick up this week and we began serving meals with parent pick up and several staff members assisting in delivery of meals. This is a first for all people involved and as far as we know, Mr. Smith feels that we are handling this well. Custodial staff is thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the buildings, Mr. Smith intends on all staff to continue being paid on their contracts and letter of intents for this school year during this time.

Mr. Spunaugle shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment at 229 with a 94.19% attendance rate. High School staff have shown concern to keep in contact with students and have set times to allow students to come to the building for assistance as long as we are able. Staff also have given students email information to contact to receive help.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 255 with attendance at 94%. Elementary staff also very helpful and will be posting videos on the school website for students and parents to help with homework, as well are available by email for questions by students and parents.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott seconded by Eichler at 7:43 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:50 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education