

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on December 18, 2019 were, Mehrens, Beaman, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout. Rutherford was absent.

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

Call to Order President Mehrens declared a quorum present 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 comments.

Consent Agenda
a. December 18, 2019 board agenda
b. November 18, 2019 regular
c. November 18, 2019 executive meeting minutes
d. Payment of Bills
Copies of the December 18, 2019 agenda, the November 18, 2019 regular and executive meeting minutes, and pages 1, and 2 of the December 18, 2019 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page 3 for December 18, 2019 bills was presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information that the annual fire safety inspection will be on December 23rd. Dugan glass will be installing the new double doors in the special education hallway on the December 30th.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding repairs needed for Bus 20 may exceed the cost of a new-leased bus; he asked the board approve a \$13,000 expenditure to lease a new bus. A motion made by Beaman, seconded by Ebeling to allow up to \$13,000 to lease a new bus to replace bus #20. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Smith shared the extended gratitude he has received from outside the district over the High School Football team and State Championship. It was shared that several outside donations were made to help offset some of the incurred costs for the students to attend the away State Championship games, as well as provide extra necessities for the players, coaches and cheerleaders.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding the school district internet through MoreNet, current bandwidth is 100mbps, actually getting close to 50mbps. Mr. Smith has talked with Midwest Computech about a meeting with MoreNet and ShowMe Technologies about improving our services. He hopes to have more information at the next board meeting as to what each provider can offer our district

for better internet services within the district.

Mr. Smith shared information on current policy PR 2240, non-resident students tuition. After discussion, the Board of Education would like to remove this policy from operations of the Benton County R-II School District, effective immediately, unless a student is from a neighboring K8 district and that said district is going to pay for the student to attend grades 9 thru 12, the board will no longer accept out of district tuition from a student’s family for the student to attend that does not live within district boundaries. A motion made by Beaman, seconded by Parrott to remove PR 2240 from district policies effective immediately. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-absent; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith reminded board members about the filing dates for the upcoming election, December 17, 2019 through January 21, 2020 are the open dates for filing. Open positions are for Beaman, Eichler and Ebeling.

High school principal Mr. Spunaugle reported on student activities. Attendance is currently at 94.82% with 234 students enrolled. Mr. Spunaugle also shared information about receiving outside gratitude for our High School Football team and coaches and their recent accomplishments making it back to State Championship. Lincoln Christmas parade this past Saturday was a great turnout, Christmas celebration this Friday morning at the high school gym at 8:30 AM. He is leaving it up to teachers about their finals with the past three days being snow days, we are not mandated to have semester finals.

Elementary principal Mrs. Eifert stated attendance of elementary students remained at 96.78% for the quarter with 255 students enrolled. Elementary is looking into a new reading series to replace the ending current series that will end this school year. Mrs. Eifert is working with elementary teachers monthly to offer incentives for highest attendance percentage, this past month Mrs. Homan’s class averaged 99%

Executive Session

A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to go to executive Session at 7:30 P.M 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-absent; Beaman-yes; Mehrens-yes Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Beaman to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education