

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session after a short break on May 17, 2021 beginning at 8:26 P.M. Board members present were Yearout, Parrott, Rutherford, Sanders, Koll, and Smallwood. Eichler was absent.

Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, Adam Curtis, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith shared resignation/retirement letters from Brittany Beeman, Iris Allen and George Young Jr. A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Sanders to accept the resignation/retirement letters as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith shared information that George Young, Jr. is not retiring until July 31st, he will come back to the board at a later date to discuss hiring of a new custodian and would like to hire for an evening shift so that the buildings are covered from 6am to 11pm for opening and closing for activities.

Mr. Smith recommended Jill Reimund for JH English teacher. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to employ Jill Reimund for JH English. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Alisa Bittner for the open part time Pre School Aide. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Parrott to employ Alisa Bittner for the part time Pre School Aide position for the remainder of 2020-2021 school year forward. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Kimberly Gumbel for Special Services Paraprofessional. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to employ Kimberly Gumbel for Special Services Paraprofessional position for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Kristan Arbuckle for Special Services Paraprofessional. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to employ Kristan Arbuckle for Special Services Paraprofessional position for the 2021-2022 school year forward. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Katelynn Schuld for Special Services Paraprofessional. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to employ Katelynn Schuld for Special Services Paraprofessional position for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Vicki Young for Special Services Paraprofessional. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Rutherford to employ Vicki Young for Special Services Paraprofessional position for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith would like permission from the board to hire the best applicant for the Special Education teacher, a motion made by Sanders, seconded by Parrott to hire the best applicant for the Special Education teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith reviewed the Support Staff 2020-2021 Assignments and evaluations of support staff with board members. Motion by Smallwood, seconded by Koll, to employ Chris Sanders (Para Professional) for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-abstained; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no. 1 abstained

Motion made by Parrott, seconded by Koll, to approve the employment of the following Support Staff for the 2021-2022 school year--Michelle Smith, Debra Eichler, Joyce Gruhn, Michelle Paxton, Sheree Eckhoff, Diane Lines, Bonnie Griffith, Sandra Bryant, Danielle Hudlemeyer, Cindy Reser, Theresa Jones, George Young, Jr., Monte Young, Jason Vandaveer, Brad Crouch, Ron Griffith, David Crouch, Kenneth Mueller, Ryan Metscher, Stanley Wright, Steve Wright, Sarah Bancroft, Niki Ragsdale, and Mary Green. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the executive session at 8:12 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Smallwood-yes; Koll-yes; Eichler-absent; Sanders-yes; Rutherford- yes; Parrott-yes: and Yearout-yes; Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

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