

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on February 18, 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 School Calendar for 2020-2021 approval was added to the agenda.
- Citizens Comments There were no citizen’s comments.
- Consent Agenda
a. February 18, 2020 board agenda
b. January 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes
c. January 21, 2020 executive meeting minutes
d. Payment of Bills
- Copies of the February 18, 2020 agenda, the January 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the January 21, 2020 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the February 18, 2020 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for February 18, 2020 bills were 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 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Agriculture Program Brandi Maddux, HS Agriculture teacher / FFA Sponsor presented the board of education with a Greenhouse Proposal grant. If the grant is approved the grant pays 75% and the district would pay 25%. The district would copy the design of the greenhouse in the Versailles School District. The structure would be 30’ x 72’ with 10’ side walls, include natural gas fired heaters (3), ventilation and cooling units (2), a 46’ evaporative cooling system and 2 20” fans for air flow within the greenhouse. Brandi is going to request a total of \$195,000. The proposal will be submitted by the end of February, and notification if granted will be July 1, 2020. If accepted, Brandi will be utilizing the greenhouse for all her classes’ curriculum and growing various plants for students to sell to the community. The board approved Ms. Maddux to follow through with the submission of the 75/25 Greenhouse Grant.
- Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 School Year Start Date The proposed calendar identifies the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year to be more than 10 calendar days before Labor Day. The district is holding this public hearing in order for the board to listen to questions, concerns, and comments from the public before making a decision. Mr. Smith recommends the first day of school for students for the 2020-2021 school year to be Tuesday, August 25, 2020, and for the school day to start at 8:05AM and end at 3:00PM, this

will allow for set holidays to remain in place and snow days to not be made up until after ten (10) have occurred. After discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Rutherford to set the first day of school for students for the 2020-2021 school year to be Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Policy and Regulation Updates

Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout to approve Policy 1210; Policy 2640; Policy 2874; Policy 4870; Policy 4871; Regulation 4871; Form 4871; Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. shared a neighboring districts “hall of fame” program that is for students and staff member recognition, devised of a committee that facilitates and oversees recognition. Mr. Smith would like to gain more information about the program and bring back to the board to see about starting this program for Lincoln R2 School District, the board approves. Bus fleet inspections are next week and as in past our buses are in great shape and he does not feel we will have any issues.

Mr. Smith shared bids that have been received for District lawn care maintenance, after discussion a motion made by Ebeling, seconded by Beaman to hire Precision Lawncare LLC to maintain the district lawn care. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, one abstained.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding High School Track co-op with other districts, the three neighboring districts that were approached are not willing to co-op due to various reasons. The district will continue with the JH Track program and reassess the consideration of adding a HS Track program for next school year at the end of the season during a summer board meeting.

Mr. Spunaugle reported on the current junior high and high school activities. Enrollment is currently at 231, with 94.1% attendance. Show Choir recently finished 2nd in the Nevada Mo competition. Archery is still having several students place in the top 5 at events, we have 1 high school student and 1 elementary student who have qualified for state archery, JH Basketball has ended this last week, varsity basketball ends this week with districts beginning next week, and baseball/softball is just around the corner.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary activities. Elementary enrollment is currently 255 with 92% attendance. Math and Spelling Bee is March. PTO goodies with mom and dad, and muffins with grandparents is also coming up in March.

Mr. Smith spoke to the board about a no-tax increase bond issue to build a new gym/storm shelter, new classrooms, and weight room, he would like to pursue speaking with an architect and getting the funding information for the board. The board agrees and would like to receive more information.

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Minutes – Regular Meeting

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Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to go to executive session at 8:25 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-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:24P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 9:24P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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