

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 18, 2021

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on January 18, 2021 were Mehrens, Yearout, Rutherford, Parrott, Sanders, Eichler and Koll,

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 citizens comments made.

Consent Agenda  
a. January 18, 2021 board agenda  
b. December 17 2020 regular meeting minutes  
c. December 17, 2020 executive minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the January 18, 2021 agenda, the December 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the December 17, 2020 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the January 18, 2021 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for January 18, 2021 bills were presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Parrott seconded by Sanders, to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Program Evaluations  
a. Guidance / Counseling  
b. Special Services  
The evaluation for the Guidance and Counseling Programs was presented by the Elementary School counselor Sarah Beaman, High School counselor, Sandra Terrell was unable to attend. They reviewed various items included in the evaluation.

The Special Services Program Evaluation prepared by the district’s special services program director, Melinda Strathman, was reviewed with the board by Mrs. Strathman. After the presentation, Mrs. Beaman, and Mrs. Strathman left the meeting.

After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to approve the Guidance/Counseling evaluation and the Special Services evaluation as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Candidate filing for the two open board member positions will close tomorrow, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Angela Parrott and Jason Smallwood have filed for the two positions at this time. At this time unless another filer comes in, there will be no election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

The Greenhouse project is underway, Do-Rite Construction has donated several

hours of labor on their billing for dirt work, the district would like to extend a huge thank you to Do-Rite Construction. Recently two estimates were obtained for concrete flatwork, the district has chosen to have Cody’s Concrete Flatwork for the job, concrete will be coming around the first of February with the building to be erected by the end of February 2021. Mr. Smith and Brandi Maddux are working with Stuppy’s Greenhouse Inc. on the building of the Greenhouse for our district.

Mr. Smith shared that we had several students return to the classroom after the winter break from learning at home. We do still have a few students remaining on our Launch program for at home learning. Also, recently we had a local family lose their home to a fire, this past week, we held a “jeans week” for staff to make a good will donation to this family and wear jeans, the staff raised \$1100 to donate to this family during this time. The family shared their appreciation to Mr. Smith, who has passed it on to all staff. The parking lot lights in the Preschool parking lot have been fixed by Evergy.

Mr. Spunaugle reported that the 7-12 current enrollment is 223 with a 95.15% attendance rate. Archery is underway with tournaments and practices, JH and HS girls and boys basketball both underway and going strong. Spring activities are to be held virtually per MSHSAA, however as a conference administrators are trying to hold in person events for students. More information will follow as Administration knows more.

Mrs. Eifert shared that the K-6 enrollment is 241 with a 97% attendance rate. The spring Spelling Bee / Math competition are being discussed among the Kaysinger conference to be able to hold the events for students.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to go to executive session at 7:50 P.M. for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Kollt-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders – yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Yearout-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:15 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Koll to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education