

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 19, 2018

Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 19, 2018 were Mehrens, Kroenke, Beaman, 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 Mr. Smith requested to add item “e” to the consent agenda for Budget Amendments.

Citizens Comments Mr. Jake Stroewski, Benton County Conservation Agent and parent addressed the board of his concerns for security in our schools.

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

Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 School Year Start Date The proposed calendar identifies the first day of school for the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year to be August 16, 2018. After discussion a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Ebeling to set the first day of school for students for the 2018-2019 school year to be August 16, 2017 and adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Health Insurance-MEUHP (Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan) Renewal 2018-2019 Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the MEUHP health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2018 through June 2019 school year have been received. The plans offered were discussed by board members. A motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Parrott to offer the following 3 plans to eligible employees: the HSA 5000 (premium amount of \$414.00); the HSA 4000 (premium amount of \$457.00) and, the PPO 2500 plan (premium amount \$643.00) and the district paying up to \$414 per month per eligible employee toward the individual monthly health insurance premium. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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Salary Schedule for
2017-2018

Mr. Smith presented the 2018-2019 proposed salary schedule with a \$1,200 increase on the base salary to \$31,700. Motion by Beaman, seconded by Yearout to approved the salary schedule as presented for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Transportation

Mr. Smith explained to the board the wages for trip busses is currently \$8 hour. He would like to increase the hourly rate to \$10 per hour for trip drivers. Motion by Parrott, seconded by Kroenke to approve the hourly increase the hourly wage for trip drivers to \$10 per hour. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith mentioned his findings from meeting with Sheriff Knox and Chief Greene in regards to security changes for both elementary and high school entrances. An intruder drill was performed last week with Benton County Sheriff, highway patrol and local police, overall our performance was good, with a few suggestions of replacing doors in a few areas and adding chain link fence. Local Police have also offered to randomly stop by daily, which has been greatly appreciated by all staff in district.

Mr. Smith suggested waiting on the repainting of the gym floor with pending changes that are needing to take place. He will bring this back to the board next year.

Mr. Smith spoke about our current preschool budget and tuition rates. He is planning to increase the daily rate for the next school year to generate a little more revenue and looking at other ways to generate revenue and trim expenses. Currently the daily rate is \$16 per day.

Mr. Spunaugle reported on high school student activities. High School music students have done very well in recent contests. Spring sports teams have begun their seasons. EOC / MAP testing to begin the first week of April, ACT Prep classes will be held for the Junior class this week, and Lincoln is still offering the ACT test at no charge to Juniors. Attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment at 226 with a 94.4% attendance rate.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 265 with attendance at 95%. She shared with the board about upcoming Spring activities. The 4-6 grade spring concert is this Thursday March 22nd, MAP testing for grades 3-6 begins the second week of April, and new item for testing next school year will be testing for Dyslexia, which she has several staff members attending a training in the next month to learn the testing processes.

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Executive Session

A motion was made by Kroenke seconded by Eichler at 8:49 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; Beaman-yes; Kroenke-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:17 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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