

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 15, 2021

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on March 15, 2021 were Mehrens, Yearout, Parrott, Sanders, 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, welcomed visitors and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- Amendments to the Agenda No amendments were made to the agenda.
- Citizens Comments There were three guests from OPAA present.
- Consent Agenda  
a. March 15, 2021 board agenda  
b. February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes  
c. February 22, 2021 executive meeting minutes  
d. Payment of Bills  
Copies of the March 15, 2021 agenda, the February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes, the February 22, 2021 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 15, 2021 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 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- Contracted Service Renewals--OPAA! Mr. Smith updated the board on the food service program contracted with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. In January, Mr. Smith had published a request for bids for Food Service contracting in the Sedalia Democrat for two weeks. He received three companies wanting to bid, only one bid was received by the February deadline. It is his recommendation that the district continue with OPAA! for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion by Parrott, seconded by Sanders to continue with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays
- Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 School Year Start Date The proposed calendar identifies the first day of school for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year to be August 24, 2021, 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 Yearout, seconded by Eichler to set the first day of school for students for the 2021-2022 school year to be August 24, 2021 and adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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Health Insurance-OSBA (Ozark Schools Benefit Association) Renewal 2021-2022

Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the OSBA health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2021 through June 2022 school year have been received. The plans offered were discussed by board members. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to offer the various different plans from OSBA with the district paying up to \$471.25 per month per eligible employee toward the individual monthly health insurance premium. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Salary Schedule for 2020-2021

Mr. Smith presented the 2021-2022 proposed salary schedule at this time with no increase to the base, using the same salary schedule as the 2020-2021 school year, with current events still uncertain in the state, he would like to wait until he has more information on state and local funding. Motion by Parrott seconded by Sanders to approved the salary schedule as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Report

Mr. Smith shared information regarding membership counts, this time last year (January 2020) our count was 483, this January 2021 our count is 473, we do have families that have chosen to home school this year, verses on line learning – we cannot count the home schooling students for daily attendance. Mr. Smith discussed information regarding the food service CEP program that our district qualified for beginning the 2020/21 school year, during the fall DESE offered the Seamless Summer option to remain in place for the entire school year, our district switched over to this option in November so that in the event of a school closure we could offer to continue to fee students and families with children birth to 18. The district will need to decide if we want to return to CEP program next fall or return to our Free and Reduced application lunch program as in past. Mr. Smith shared information regarding the electric usage comparison from last school year to present school year, the LED lighting upgrades in classrooms is showing to be saving for the district. The Greenhouse project is underway, the concrete pad should be poured soon, and materials are starting to be delivered.

Mr. Spunaugle shared attendance remains steady with current 7-12 enrollment attending school is 225 with a 94.73% attendance rate. Spring sports have gotten started, hoping the weather stays dry for all sports. FCCLA is attending the state conference virtually this week, the Kaysinger Music contest was a good turnout. The state archery tournament will be held this weekend in Branson.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently attending is 250 with attendance at 97%. Math and Spelling Bee will be held next week. PTO recently donated books for K-6, the annual penny drive was recently with kids bringing in just over \$1100. MAP testing will be held this year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Yearout seconded by Eichler at 7:39 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Koll-yes; Eichler-yes; Sanders-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Yearout-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:10 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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