

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 21, 2020

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on January 21, 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 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 Copies of the January 21, 2020 agenda, the December 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes, the December 18, 2019 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the January 21, 2020 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. Additional bills for January 21, 2020 bills were presented at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Eichler seconded by Yearout, to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- a. January 21, 2020 board agenda
 - b. December 18 2019 regular meeting minutes
 - c. December 18, 2019 executive minutes
 - d. Payment of Bills
- Program Evaluations The evaluation for the Guidance and Counseling Programs was presented by the High School counselor Sandra Terrell and Elementary School counselor Sarah Beaman. They reviewed various items included in the evaluation.
- a. Guidance / Counseling
 - b. Special Services
- The Special Services Program Evaluation prepared by the district’s special services program director, Karen Reese, was reviewed with the board by Mrs. Reese. After the presentation, Mrs. Beaman, Mrs. Terrell, and Mrs. Reese left the meeting.
- After discussion a motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Ebeling to approve the Guidance/Counseling evaluation and the Special Services evaluation as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Budget Amendments Mr. Smith reviewed the listing of the proposed budget amendments for 2019-2020. Motion by Parrott seconded by Ebeling to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- Athletic Programs Mr. Smith shared information regarding the start of JH Track and Field from the 2018/19 school year; JH Track and Field will continue this school year. It has been asked about High School Track and Field. The concern is the conflict of other spring sports that students are involved in; spring softball, spring baseball and golf.

The board would like more information in regards to a possible co-op with another area district for HS Track and Field; they would also like to know if there are students interested in HS Track and Field as well as a sport they possibly already play. Mr. Smith will get more information and bring back to the board next month.

Parrott left the meeting at 7:35 PM

Administrator Reports

A new school bus lease has been ordered, this will be a 5-year lease, and will replace a route bus. Mr. Smith shared with the board area districts that will be going to a 4 day school week and those districts that are voting or still discussing. Today’s school attendance was very low due to school wide illness. Mr. Smith is watching the weather and student illness this week and will make decisions for classes if need be. Currently softball team has ten players at their first meeting. Candidate filing for the three board member positions closed today, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Shannon Ebeling, Kyle Eichler, Dusty Koll and Susyn Sanders have filed for the three positions. There will be an election on April 7, 2020.

Mr. Spunaugle reported that the 7-12 current enrollment is 231 with a 93.52% attendance rate. Current senior class is attending at 85% due to sport injuries, illness, or unknown reasons. 86% of students entered the second semester sports eligible which is good. Archery is underway with tournaments and practices, JH and HS girls and boys basketball both underway and going strong. JH Basketball tournament has been rescheduled to being Wednesday, January 22nd due to weather related cancellations.

Mrs. Eifert shared that the K-6 enrollment is 258 with a 96% attendance rate. Current illness rate has dropped attendance for 3rd quarter to 91%. Mrs. Eifert is looking into new reading books for next school year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to go to executive session at 7:58 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-absent; Beaman-yes; Rutherford-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:24 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education