

The Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on December 18, 2019 beginning at 7:31 PM. Board members present were Mehrens, Beaman, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout. Rutherford was absent.

Kevin Smith, Becky Eifert, Marc Spunaugle, and Michelle Smith were also present.

Mr. Smith updated the board on recent student issues.

Mr. Smith shared that Special Education department had not yet hired a para for the opening of the Special Education Paraprofessional. Mr. Smith would like to keep the board permission to hire the best candidate to fill the Special Education Paraprofessional opening. Also adding that the department is assessing the needs and numbers of students to see that there is a need to hire a full time paraprofessional otherwise, he would like hire a long-term substitute to finish out the school year.

Mr. Smith shared information regarding senior student, Bridget Gile, and recommends that the board approve her for graduation at the end of this current semester. A motion made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout, to allow Bridge Gile to graduate at end of current semester. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-absent; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Ebeling to adjourn the executive meeting and return to the regular meeting at 8:07 PM. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-absent; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes;. Total vote was 6 yes, 0 no.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education