

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

May 20, 2019

- Board Members Present Board members present for the regular meeting on May 20, 2019 were Mehrens, Rutherford, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout. Beaman was absent.
- 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 Mr. Smith will add information regarding an Athletic Trainer.
- Citizens Comments There were no citizen comments.
- Consent Agenda
a. May 20, 2019 board agenda
b. April 15, 2019 regular minutes
c. April 15, 2019 executive minutes
d. Payment of Bills
Copies of the May 20, 2019 agenda, the April 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes, the April 15, 2019 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the May 20, 2019 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 presented at the board meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- Credit Recovery Program Mr. Spunaugle explained the criteria used to determine students that may be able to attend the credit recovery program and earn a credit for a subject they may have failed during the regular school term. The classes, limited to 25 students (22 have been invited), will be held for nine days with parents or students providing their own transportation. A motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Ebeling to pay \$1,500.00 to Emily McCullough to conduct the credit recovery class for nine days, which will be held May 28 through June 7, 2018. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- Summer Maintenance Mr. Smith reported to board members on items included on the summer maintenance schedule. Summer workers, Gage Kahler, Rider Smith, Brook Young and Shawn Rhoades have been hired to assist full time custodial staff with various items. The gym floors will be refinished mid-July, and classroom floors will be waxed as usual. Several classrooms and other areas are scheduled for painting. The parking lot will be cleaned and painted as well in the gravel parking lot the potholes are to be fixed. We will be adding additional security cameras and monitors, fencing will be added in the back by the classroom trailer. The staff will be working around the 4th of July events in place for the city of Lincoln celebration.
- Food Service Prices The National School Lunch Program that controls requirements for the free and reduced price meal program is requiring school districts to increase full cost lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year. The price for high school lunch for 2019-

2020 will be \$2.45; and the price for elementary lunch will be \$2.20. Reduced price lunch will remain at 40 cents. The price for a second lunch will also increase to \$2.85; adult lunches will be \$3.25 for the 2019-2020 school year. After discussion, a motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Yearout to set full price high school lunch cost to \$2.45; and full price elementary lunch cost to \$2.20 for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Athletic Trainer

Mr. Smith spoke to the board about the district need for an Athletic Trainer at sporting events, activities and practices. A full time Athletic Trainer is considered to be 20-25 hours a week, over 25 hours is paid at \$30 per hour, this trainer would be at practices, games, and tournaments. This gives our players optional physical therapy sessions in Warsaw. This is offered through SERC Physical Therapy for an introductory rate of \$10,000 the first year; this cost will increase year two and forward. This is a yearly contract for school year sports. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve the district to enter into a contract for an Athletic Trainer for the 2019-2020 school year.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith reported that the last day of school is tomorrow, May 21st, classes will be released at 11:00AM. Lunch will be served for the staff around 11:30. Mr. Smith commented about our minimal staff turnover and how fortunate we are that our teachers want to stay. Other area districts are seeing a large rate of turnover. Mr. Smith thanked the board members for their recent attendance at graduation and our district and state games that have been recently played by our athletes, also shared the positive feedback that he has received regarding our athletes and students behavior at these events and in general public settings. Mr. Smith shared the recent 911 meeting that was held on site. Lincoln R2 will hold an “active shooter” training on a teacher workday in August before classes resume for staff at Lincoln, Warsaw, and Cole Camp. He has a list of updates that will be needed in future that have been recommended from this walk through meeting.

Mr. Spunaugle reported that the current enrollment for Grades 7-12 is 211 with an attendance rate of 94.54% as of today. Graduation went well with a large crowd in attendance. He updated the board on end of the year student activities, Bo Kroenke placed 4th in State Golf, Softball girls were State Champions, adding that this is a first in school history and putting together a Pep Club to take to the state games was an added extra with school still being in session. He thanked area businesses for their use of parking lots and the community for its support for our softball girl’s home coming this past weekend after winning state.

Mrs. Eifert shared that the elementary enrollment is 258 with the attendance just above 94%. Preschool graduation was held Thursday, May 9th. Recently students grades 4 – 6 were taken to Lil Papa Jo’s for breakfast for reading, and that awards were handed out for perfect attendance for K-6 for the school year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rutherford, seconded by Parrott at 7:54 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13), made a motion. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Beaman-absent; Kroenke-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:54 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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