

After a short break the Benton County R-2 School District board members continued the meeting in executive session on March 19, 2020 beginning at 7:48 P.M. Board members present were Mehrens, Beaman, Rutherford, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler and Yearout.

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

Mr. Smith shared the letters of resignation/retirement from Derek Norton, Onna Keuper, Emily McCullough, and Karen Reese. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout to accept the resignation as presented. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford – yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Mr. Taylor Mankin for the open HS English position. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Yearout to employ Mr. Taylor Mankin, as HS English for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Shelby Williams for the open K-12 Art position. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Ebeling to employ Shelby Williams, as K-12 Art for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Brittany Beeman for the open Special Education Para. A motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Parrott to employ Brittany Beeman, as Special Education for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Sarah Weatherby for the open Title I Math. A motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Parrott to employ Sarah Weatherby, as Title I Math for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Smith recommended Melinda Strathman for the open Special Education Director. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Ebeling to employ Melinda Strathman, as Special Education Director for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith presented available options and after discussion, Mr. Smith recommended Becky Eifert for the Title I Coordinator. A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to employ Becky Eifert, as Title I Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Smith recommended Brad Drehle for the open HS Varsity Football Coach Position and Weights program instructor. A motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to employ Brad Drehle, as HS

Varsity Football Coach and Weights program instructor for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

High School principal, Marc Spunaugle, reported on Jennifer Eckers evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered to Jennifer Eckers. After discussion a motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Yearout to offer a tenure teacher contract to Jennifer Eckers for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

High School principal, Marc Spunaugle, reported on Amy Smith evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered to Amy Smith. After discussion a motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Parrott to offer a tenure teacher contract to Amy Smith for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Elementary principal, Becky Eifert, reported on Travis Goosen evaluation and recommends a tenure teacher contract be offered to Travis Goosen. After discussion a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Ebeling to offer a tenure teacher contract to Travis Goosen for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

The Teachers for Consideration for 2020-2021 Contracts List was given to board members. The probationary elementary, special education, and secondary teachers were considered for 2020-2021 contracts. The respective principals reported on the individual teacher evaluations and answered questions presented concerning the individuals listed. After discussion a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to offer probationary teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year to Jonna Arnett, Derek Riggs, Heather Kessing, Kristin Owens, Margaret Cook, Laurel Larimore, Amanda Poindexter, Kelly Robey, Shawn Rhoades, Parker Rowe, Renae Denny, and Brandi Maddux. Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

There being no further business for executive session a motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the executive session at 8:50P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

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