

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Wednesday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was open to the public and preceded in notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Rule and he verbally acknowledged the Open Meetings Law poster on the wall and that the meeting was recorded. Roll call found the following members to be present: Husa, Janssen, Rinne, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Absent: None. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Linda Thomas, and several visitors.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Schuster and seconded by Rinne “to approve the agenda as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rinne, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors were welcomed. There were no visitor comments.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Janssen “to approve the September 11, 2019, school board budget hearing minutes, property tax rate hearing minutes and regular school board meeting minutes as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rinne, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa, Janssen. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Dennis Schuster, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Moved by Janssen and seconded by Husa “to approve the October treasurer’s report, October payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$327,925.02 and transfer of \$33,000.00 from General fund to QCPUF fund and \$10,000.00 from General fund to Activity fund.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa, Janssen, Rinne. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Husa “to approve the 2019-2020 ALICAP safety audit as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Husa, Janssen, Rinne, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the HVAC replacement project. Mr. Kentfield reviewed equipment cost comparison information provided by Engineering Technologies Inc., Daikin Building Solutions, and Trane. Information regarding the bidding and financing of the HVAC project was and shared and discussed. No formal action was taken.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, provided a summary of the district’s current bussing fleet, necessary repairs for consideration, and lease purchase information for a new bus. A board transportation committee workshop was scheduled to continue looking at transportation needs.

Mr. Kentfield shared information regarding the district’s NSCAS scores and AQuESTT classification for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Rinne “to approve Hill Construction’s bid for the ADA parking project in the amount of \$10,870.00.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rinne, Rule, Schuster. Those opposed: none. Those abstaining: Searcey. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

Discussion was held on facility projects. Mr. Kentfield will contact the Lewiston School Foundation, Nemaha Valley Construction, and Fakler Architects to coordinate a November school board workshop.

Moved by Janssen and seconded by Searcey “to go into executive session at 9:01 p.m. regarding acquisition of property.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rinne, Rule, Schuster, Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Searcey “to exit executive session at 9:20 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rinne, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Sarah Rinne presented her resignation letter. School board members and Superintendent thanked her for her service. Moved by Husa and seconded by Janssen “to accept Sarah Rinne’s board member resignation as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa, Janssen. Those opposed: none. Those abstaining: Rinne. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

Mr. Kentfield explained the procedure of appointing a new the school board member.

Juli Smith, Principal, shared information on homecoming week, reading improvement, vo-ag courses, pre-enrollment for high school spring classes, MAP testing, MTSS process, special education file review, and Brighter Smiles program student participation.

Mr. Kentfield, Superintendent, discussed the NASB workshop with Marcia Herring, December 11th at 6:00 p.m., 2019 State Education Conference November 20-22nd, ESU 4 Board night November 13th, and superintendent goals update.

There were no board committee reports at this time. The transportation committee will meet on Monday, October 28th, at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Janssen and seconded by Rinne “to adjourn at 10:04 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Husa, Janssen, Rinne. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69