

Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., the meeting being open to the public and proceeded in notice as required by law. Notice of this meeting was given to the President and all members of the Board and a copy of the acknowledgement of notice and the agenda is noted in the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the public in advanced notice and to the President of the Board and all Board members.

The meeting was called to order, the Open Meetings Law poster recognized, and verbal notice that the meeting was recorded was given by the President and on a roll call vote, the following members were present: Rule, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: Schuster. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Linda Thomas, and several visitors.

Rick Kentfield, Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Nick Thomas and Tyler Wehrbein as new members of the school board.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Searcey and seconded by Sisco “to approve the agenda as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments.

The board conducted an election for 2021 President of the Board. Moved by Sisco and seconded by Wehrbein “to nominate Rule for 2021 President of the School Board.” Ballots by the board were cast and Aaron Rule was elected President by a 5-0 vote.

President Rule continued the officer elections. Moved by Sisco and seconded by Thomas “to nominate Searcey for 2021 Vice President of the School Board.” Ballots by the board were cast and Linda Searcey was elected Vice President by a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Sisco and seconded by Thomas “to nominate Schuster for 2021 Treasurer of the School Board.” Ballots by the board were cast and Schuster was elected Treasurer by a 5-0 vote.

Aaron Rule, President, appointed Rick Kentfield as 2021 Secretary of the School Board.

Moved by Sisco and seconded by Searcey “to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020, regular school board meeting and the January 6, 2021, board workshop meeting as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Linda Searcey, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Discussion was held. Moved by Sisco and seconded by Thomas “to approve the January treasurer’s report, January payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$282,403.30.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Alex McNeil, science teacher, and Ean Rule, student, shared information on virtual reality programming.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, addressed conflict of interest laws for board members. The necessary paperwork was completed and will be kept on file at the school office.

Discussion was held regarding board committees. Aaron Rule assigned each school board member to their respective committees.

Mr. Kentfield updated the board on facility projects including the vocational/agricultural building, and track project. After discussion, the board recommended Mr. Kentfield order a new scoreboard for south gym.

Mr. Kentfield reported there had been no changes in certified staff negotiations in surrounding schools.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Sisco “to approve extending Rick Kentfield’s superintendent contract to the 2022-2023 school year.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Searcey, Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Sisco and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Rick Kentfield’s Superintendent salary as presented and posted on the district’s website for the 2021-2022 school year.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Rule, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, reported on MAP testing, early childhood behavior matrix, girls junior high basketball, pee wee basketball, high school MUDECAS basketball, upcoming Winter Concert on website, FFA District Leadership, Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen winners, and Management and Leadership textbooks.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information on COVID, school reserves, the final general fund balance transfer, final closing of all Mainstreet Bank accounts except the activity fund, tax levy information, and upcoming February meeting agenda items.

Board Committee report – No reports at this time.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Sisco “to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Monday, February 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield  
Board Secretary, Dist. #69