

Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Thursday, July 15<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: Rae Bredemeier, Aaron Rule, Dennis Schuster, Linda Searcey, and Nick Thomas. Excused Absence: Tyler Wehrbein. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Greg Iverson, Linda Thomas, Mike Fakler, and visitors.

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

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Schuster “to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021, regular school board meeting.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Dennis Schuster, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Discussion was held. Moved by Rule and seconded by Thomas “to approve the July treasurer’s report, July payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$265,781.14 and the transfer of \$20,000.00 from General Fund to Activity Fund.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, Bredemeier, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mike Fakler updated the board on the Fire Marshal’s report, current blueprints, board’s plan for next steps, and rebidding the project. Discussion was held.

Mr. Kentfield, Superintendent, updated the board on facility projects including the progress on the Track, which will continue as materials arrive. The elementary boy’s restroom remodel will be completed by Wrightsman Plumbing with a bid of \$3,745.00 and the Gym Floor will be repainted/refinished the end of July. The third grade classroom and high school math room have also been updated with paint and carpet.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Schuster “to approve the 2021-2022 Activities handbook, Staff handbook, and Student handbook as presented”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Thomas, Bredemeier, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Searcey “to approve the 2021-2022 Lewiston School fees and rates as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Kentfield shared a letter of response from Brian Rottinghaus, Superintendent of Pawnee City Schools regarding the Pawnee City Board of Education's interest in discussing the possibility of sharing future extracurricular activities. The letter stated Pawnee City's Board of Education is open to discussing future options should Lewiston's Board of Education choose Pawnee City as a sole discussion partner, but they are not interested in discussing the topic if Lewiston is actively engaged in discussing extra-curricular activities with another school. Thus far, there has been no response from Sterling Public School regarding their level of interest in discussing the sharing of extra-curricular activities. No formal action was taken regarding the sharing extra-curricular programming.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Bredemeier "to approve the 2021-2022 NRCSA membership dues in the amount of \$850.00 as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Thomas "to appoint Rick Kentfield, Superintendent of Schools, as the district representative for all state and federal programs including Title I, Title IX, Homeless Liaison, and board secretary for the 2021-2022 school year." Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Thomas "to appoint Juli Smith, Principal, as Tech Prep Advisory Representative, Drug & Alcohol Advisory Representative, Multicultural Liaison for the 2021-2022 school year." Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Thomas "to approve Darrell Johnsen's bus driver employment agreement for 21-22 as presented." Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, Bredemeier, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, gave a presentation on the MTSS process for effective learning.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, reported on COVID protocols for 2021-2022, discussed possible expenditures for ESSER III funds, proposed Nebraska Health Education Standards update, lunch room table purchase, district reserves, and August meeting agenda items, i.e. 21-22 Budget discussion.

Greg Iverson, Athletic Director, reported on girls and boys projected sports participation numbers for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Due to projected participation numbers it appears there will be little opportunity to participate in a full junior varsity schedule at the high school level. Junior High participation numbers are projected to be very low and there may be some challenges playing a full schedule.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Schuster "to adjourn at 9:35 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Thomas, Bredemeier, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Monday, August 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield  
Board Secretary, Dist. #69