

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Wednesday, November 17th, 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: Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Linda Thomas, Brady Bledsaw and visitors.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Howell and seconded by Searcey “to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of moving agenda item 5.6 to 5.1.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments at this time.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Howell “to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021, regular school board meeting as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. 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 Schuster and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the November treasurer’s report, November payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$304,729.99.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Kent Hippen made a verbal offer to the school board for the purchase of a 3-acre parcel of property from the Charlene Hippen estate in the amount of \$160,000. Discussion was held and the school board will give a response to Mr. Hippen at the December school board meeting.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Michelle Baker’s Food Service Director’s employment agreement as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information on the school’s 2021-2022 enrollment.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Howell “to approve the annual ALICAP Safety Audit as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held. Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier “to accept Abel Gonzalez’ application for early graduation per board policy #5066 as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Kentfield reported on the progress of the new track and new Vo-Ag building projects.

Discussion was held. Moved by Howell and seconded by Wehrbein “to accept the revised 2021-2022 school calendar with no teacher in-service on November 23, 2021, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, and Heather Campbell, Art Teacher, gave a presentation on the multi tier system of support (MTSS) currently being implemented with our teachers and students.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, gave an update on COVID and our continued communication with Southeast Health Department, board committee information, and Pawnee County voting precinct changes handout.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Howell “to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69