

Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Monday, August 16<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: Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Greg Iverson, Linda Thomas, and visitors.

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

Visitors were welcomed. Steve Knoche, Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation President, requested an update of the new Vo-Ag building project and provided information on the possibility of submitting another NET Grant in the future.

Nick Thomas, School Board member, announced his resignation from the school board, effective immediately. Aaron Rule, President and other members of the school board thanked him for his service on the board.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021, regular school board meeting.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein 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 Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the August treasurer’s report, August payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$243,212.36 and the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Schuster “to approve the Rebecca Janssen’s resignation as presented”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Searcey “to approve Shannon Burgett’s resignation as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Stacey Sisco’s employment agreement as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve Shannon Burgett’s employment agreement as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Searcey “to approve Jamie Jones employment agreement as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding extra-curricular activities. Greg Iverson, Athletic Director, reported on boy and girl participation numbers for the 2021-22 school year. Due to low participation numbers in football and the fact that the district must declare its intentions by November 1, 2021 for the next two-year cycle, the board scheduled a workshop on September 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm to hear input from students, parents, and patrons regarding football programming. Discussion was not held regarding any other extra-curricular programming. Correspondence received from Pawnee City Public Schools and Sterling Public Schools regarding their level of interest in discussing the possibility of sharing of an extra-curricular activity in the future options was reviewed.

Mr. Kentfield, Superintendent, updated the board on facility projects including the progress on the track, elementary boy’s restroom remodel, gym floor refinishing, HVAC units and humidity.

Mr. Kentfield reported on the Superintendent’s goals for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Juli Smith, Principal, shared information on the Open House and the start of the new school year. Pandora Worthey, PreK-4 Teacher, gave a presentation on the MTSS process for effective learning for early childhood.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, reported on COVID protocols for 2021-2022, free breakfast and lunches through the federal lunch program, ESSER III funds, ALICAP dividend, Health Education Standards update, student member of the school board policy, proposed budget adoption timelines, and superintendent evaluation instruments. Discussion was held regarding the vacant school board member position. The topic was tabled for further discussion at the September board meeting.

Greg Iverson, Activity Director, shared fall sports numbers and updates.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Rick Kentfield  
Board Secretary, Dist. #69