**LIBERAL R-11 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**November 17th. 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Christie Ulrich. The minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Eli Short.

**Members Present:**

**Others Present:**

Christie Ulrich (2023), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022)

Denise James (2024)

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

Chris Morrow (2023) – Absent

William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/ MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS/ MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Shanda Shaw, HS Counselor

Madi Harris, Senior class rep

Ragan Spurling, Senior class rep

# PRELIMINARY MATTERS

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular November 17th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0

# CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on October 20th, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to pay the November 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1. Williams Abstained (check #1240)
3. **Motion** by Barton, seconded by Simpson to approve the monthly bank statement from October, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton to transfer $300,000 from the MoSIP General Account to the NOW Account. Motion carried 6-0.

# PROGRAM REVIEW

1. Mrs. Ruddick presented the Comprehensive school improvement plan

**Motion** by James, seconded by Barton to accept the plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0

1. Mr. Harvey discussed the Safe return to in person instruction plan. There have been no developments since last meeting and there are no current cases or quarantines in the district.

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# BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

## Elementary

## Mrs. Fry Presented on the Elementary and discussed the success of the recent Farm Safety day as well as Parent Teacher Conferences which had a 95% attendance rate. She also mentioned that the fall parties were held, and everyone had a good time. Finally, Mrs. Fry highlighted important dates and events for the rest of the semester, including the PTO Bazaar and Santa Day event which is 12/4 from 11:00am to 3:00pm

## Middle School

## Mrs. Ruddick Presented for the middle school, stating that Parent teacher conferences had a 37% in person attendance. She also noted that the middle school student council opted not to have a winter dance but instead have a movie night, and it was well received.

## High School

## Mrs. Ruddick also presented for the high school. She Discussed the success of the Veterans Day ceremony. Mrs. Ruddick went on to highlight various community outreach and donation efforts going on at the high school during the holiday season. She also mentioned they got new tables in the library and noted the dates of the Christmas programs

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## Athletic Director

## Mr. Walton presented the final records for the fall sports teams and went over all of the district and state honors for fall sports. He also spoke about practices starting for winter sports and noted the dates for the first games of the season.

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

# Mr. Harvey discussed the final insurance payments for the fire. He also highlighted the school’s financial position and noted that it continues to improve vs last year at this time. Mr. Harvey also pointed out that starting in December the district would start to see tax money from the windmill project which will further improve our financial position. Mr. Harvey also announced that the district has been approved for ESSR III money that he applied for in the summer. This will pay for tutoring before and after school, summer school, pay for supplemental teacher positions at the MS/HS, purchase new HVAC units for the Elementary school, and purchase a 14-passenger bus.

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# Mr. Harvey discussed the final cost of the FEMA building projects and noted that they were completed under budget which helped allow for the re-painting of the schools and superintendents office. Finally, Mr. Harvey went over the schools claims for contents of the old high school and discussed how increasing prices have made some of those insurance monies less than the cost of replacement but, the school will use some of the remaining money donated to the DOGS foundation for fire relief, as is its purpose.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Madi Harris and Ragan Spurling presented on behalf of the senior class and outlined their choice for senior trip. The senior class plans to travel to Salida CO. the week of Apr. 6th and will stay in cabins while enjoying white water rafting, hiking, and other various activities. The senior class is on track with previous classes in obtaining the necessary funds for their trip

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to approve the senior trip as presented. Motion Carried. 6-0

1. The board discussed with Mr. Walton the potential of entering into a football cooperative with Bronaugh for the 2022-23 school year.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Barton to approve entering into the co-op. Motion Carried. 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Harvey suggested now would be a good time to start soliciting bids for the new 14-passenger bus the district would like to purchase.

**Motion** by Barton, seconded by Williams to start soliciting bids for the new bus. Motion carried. 6-0

1. **Motion** by Barton, seconded by James to set the date for the December Regular meeting as December 22nd at 6:00 pm. Motion Carried. 6-0

**Motion** by James, seconded by Simpson to go into closed session for exception #3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel). Roll Call Vote: Barton-yes, James-yes, Simpson-yes, Suschnick-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 7-0. **(7:10 p.m.)**

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

**CLOSING TIME: 9:45 p.m.**