**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**August 22. 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Monday, August 22nd, 2022, in the Board of Education Office. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Brian King. The minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Eli Short.

**Members Present:** Brian King (2025), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Brian Williams (2023)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Christi Ulrich (2023)

Denise James (2024)

Dean McKibben (2025)

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** 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

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular August 22nd, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Williams to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on July 26th, 2022. Motion carried. 6-0-1. Simpson abstained (absent 7/26).
2. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to pay the August 2022 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1. Morrow abstained (ck #88356)
3. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to approve the monthly bank statements from July 2022. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Ulrich to transfer $100,000 from the MoSIP account to the NOW account to pay bills. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to transfer $24,208 from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 7-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

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1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the Special Education Compliance Plan as presented by Mrs. Ruddick. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Ulrich to adopt MSBA Policy JGA-1. Motion carried 7-0.

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry presented for the Elementary school. She spoke about Meet your teacher night and mentioned it was well attended. She also gave an overview of the starting attendance numbers for the school year. Pre-k: 9, K: 22, 1st: 23, 2nd: 20, 3rd: 21, 4th: 15, 5th: 20. Total k-5 121 which is down 5 from last year’s enrollment

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Miller presented for the middle and High schools. She also gave an overview of attendance. The middle school has 66 students, and the High school has 115 for a total 6-12 of 181. The largest class is the freshman class with 34 and the smallest class is the 7th grade with 21.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton presented for fall sports. He noted upcoming games and cross country meets and gave an overview of team participants. HS FB: 22, HS VB: 18, CC: 9 girls 5 boys, MS FB: 10, MS VB: 10.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey gave the superintendents report. He spoke briefly on financials noting that the district is $1.5 Mil ahead of this time last year. He also spoke about the potential for matching grants the district may be able to take advantage using some of this money. Mr. Harvey discussed creating a capital projects plan to identify and prioritize different needs for the district. This plan would act as a road map for carrying out various upgrades/repairs to the facilities across the campus. Bill also covered the program review process and expressed his desire to begin using it to discuss the different programs to identify any needs within each program for personnel/equipment. Finally, Mr. Harvey discussed leasing bleachers for the football games this year while the board explores the possibility of having a permanent grandstand installed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to amend the school lunch prices to reflect a $.10 raise in prices for the 2022-23 school year (reflected below). Motion carried 7-0.

Elementary Breakfast - $1.80

MS/HS Breakfast - $1.80

Adult Breakfast - $2.30

Elementary Lunch - $2.75

Middle School Lunch - $2.75

High School Lunch - $3.00

Adult Lunch - $4.30

Milk - $.45

1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to adopt the Board Resolution on COVID-19 leave for staff. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Morrow to set the tax rate at 3.81 with 3.21 in general and .60 in Debt Services. Motion carried 5-2.
2. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by James to set the date for the September Regular Board meeting as 9/14 @ 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Ulrich to go into closed session for exception(s):

#3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel)

Roll Call Vote: Morrow-yes, Ulrich-yes, McKibben-yes, James-yes, Williams-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

(7:55 p.m.)

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSING TIME:** 8:59 p.m.