**LIBERAL R-11 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**December 22nd. 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, December 22nd, 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

(6:02) John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022)

Denise James (2024)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/ MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS/ MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Renda Armstrong, Auditor

# PRELIMINARY MATTERS

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton to approve the presented agenda for the regular December 22nd, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0

# CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on November 17th, 2021. Motion carried 5-0-1. Morrow Abstained (absent 11/17).

Simpson Arrival 6:02

1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by James to pay the December 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1. Williams abstained (check #1314)
2. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton to approve the monthly bank statement from November 2021. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to transfer $175,000 from the MoSIP General Account to the NOW Account. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by James to transfer $4.11 from the MoSIP Bond issue Account to the NOW Account to empty the Bond issue account. Motion carried 7-0.

# PROGRAM REVIEW

1. Renda Armstrong presented the findings from the 2020-2021 district audit conducted by Daniel, Schell, Wolfe, and Associates, P.C. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by James to accept the findings of the audit. Motion carried 7-0
2. Mr. Harvey discussed an updated MSBA policy outlining school board election procedures.

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to accept the update policy. Motion carried 7-0

1. Mr. Harvey discussed the safe return to in person instruction plan and outlined some changes he recommended the board make based on new updates from DESE and BCHD. He recommended the plan be amended to change verbiage from “require” to “Recommend” when discussing masks and quarantines, removing CDC mandates that have been lifted, and changing any mention of “local” health agencies to include “Federal, State, and Local”.

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**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to make the recommended amendments to the plan. Motion carried 7-0.

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# BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

## Elementary

## Mrs. Fry presented for the elementary and reported that enrollment is down 2 to 120 total for k-5. She also discussed recent farm safety and PAT events that were held and mentioned that both went well with good participation. Mrs. Fry continued with the elementary Christmas program and informed the board that it went well and there was ample seating room in the new elementary gym for such an event.

## Middle School

## Mrs. Ruddick presented for the middle school and discussed the FFA barn warming and Christmas canned food drive events. Enrollment is 77.

## High School

## Mrs. Ruddick also presented for the high school and reported on the Drama play, barn warming, and a women in AG conference which we hosted. Four freshman girls received $1000 grants at the event. Enrollment is 112.

## Athletic Director

## Mr. Walton was absent from the meeting but provided his report to Mr. Harvey. It outlined the beginnings of winter sports. Girls basketball is 3-5 with JV record of 1-2. Boys Basketball is 4-2 with JV record of 3-2 and C team 1-2. Middle school girls basketball was 3-12 with B team record of 2-4. Middle school boys basketball was 4-10 with B team record of 8-2.

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

# Mr. Harvey had a short report this month. He outlined the general ledger position vs this time last year and pointed out the district continues to hold a stronger position vs last year. The local taxes will be received this week but will not be reflected on the ledger until next month. Mr. Harvey discussed the windmill taxes and outlined a change in the schedule for how the funds would be allocated to the district and how the value would be assessed. He noted this change creates a lower payment to the district for the first year but will benefit the district moving forward after that. Bill mentioned he talked to Midwest bin builders and they are still on track with the original schedule for when they will be able to begin rebuilding the bus barn directly behind the superintendent’s office. This building should start in June 2022 if things stay on track with their current projects and within the supply chain. Finally, Mr. Harvey discussed the schoolboard election filing period with the board. Filing is closed right now but will re-open on the 12/28 which is the last day to file.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Harvey recommended the district consider moving into a softball CO-OP with Bronaugh for the 2022 spring season.

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to Enter into the CO-OP. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Harvey outlined two bids for a new 14 passenger bus. The two bids were from Masters Transportation for $67,226 and from Midwest Transit for $74,832. Both bids were for the same bus with the same added camera equipment.

**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Simpson to accept the bid from Masters Transportation for $67,226. Motion carried 7-0.

*Amended – 1/24/22 – 2021 model no longer available. Bid for 2022 Model is $69,226.10*

1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to set the date and time for the January Regular meeting as January 24th @ 6:00pm. Motion carried 7-0

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by James to go into closed session for exception #13 (Individually Identifiable Personnel records, performance ratings pertaining to the employees or applicants.) Roll Call Vote: Barton-yes, James-yes, Morrow-yes, Simpson-yes, Suschnick-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 7-0. **(7:15 p.m.)**

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

**CLOSING TIME: 8:38 p.m.**