**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**May 19th. 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, May 19th, 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

Tonya Crabtree

Rebekah Borghardt

Haley Workman

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to amend the presented agenda for the regular May 19th, 2022 meeting to include approving Bank statements for the month of april. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended for the regular May 19th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by McKibben to approve the Open Session minutes from the special meeting held on April 13th, 2022. Motion carried. 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Morrow to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on April 13th, 2022. Motion carried. 7-0.
3. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by McKibben to pay the May 2022 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2. King and Williams abstained. (King – ck# 88202 and 88204) (Williams ck# 1687)
4. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statements from April 2022. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Morrow 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.
6. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve a resolution Citizens Bank of Amsterdam -Liberal Branch to conduct financial business. Motion carried 7-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

1. Mr. Harvey addressed multiple MSBA policy updates with the board. Policies to be adopted are: EBBC (new), GCBDA, GDBDA, JGA, and JGGA.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to accept the updated policies as presented. Motion carried. 7-0.

1. Mrs. Fry presented the Elementary handbook for the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. Ruddick presented the High school and Middle school academic and athletic handbooks

**Motion** by James, seconded by Simpson to accept the Elementary handbook as presented. Motion carried. 7-0.

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Williams to accept the HS/MS Handbook as presented. Motion carried. 7-0.

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry presented for the Elementary school. Mrs. Fry went over recent MAP testing at the school and noted that the week of testing went well and had good attendance. She also spoke about the elementary band concert and wrapping up title 1 for the year. Mrs. Fry went on to discuss various end of the year fun activities for kids and some of the field trips the students went on recently. Finally, Leticia gave an overview of the kindergarten orientation from earlier in the month.

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented for the high school and Middle school. She highlighted several end of the year activities, including the 4-state Honor Band, JR/SR Prom, Fall sports meetings, and various student awards. Nicole also discussed the Book fair, the Library bake sale, the WEMO Art show, and the last day of school cookout.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton updated the board on school sports. The baseball team finished the season 13-9 and the softball team finished 12-15. Baseball has a sectional game on the 23rd and HS track has the state meet on the 20th.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey gave the Financial report. He presented the schools financial position compared to last year and without taking into account funds related to the fire. At this time when comparing revenues and expenditures the district is $730,000 ahead of this time last year. Based purely on bank statements the district is $1.3 Million above this time last year. Much of this can be credited to the windmill project. Mr. Harvey updated the board of some legislation that could affect the district if passed. He further discussed the school’s salary scale and how it could be affected by certain bills. Bill went over different scenarios and their implications to teacher salary and overall budget. Finally, Mr. Harvey covered various projects in progress at the school and discussed the potential of creating a capital projects plan for additional projects for the future.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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No unfinished business at this time.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to schedule a special meeting for June 15th @ 7:00pm to discuss the districts salary scale and the regular June meeting for June 23rd @ 7:00pm. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

#1 (legal actions, causes of action or litigation)

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

#6 (scholastic Probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individual, including records)

#13 (Individually identifiable personnel records)

#14 (Records which are protected from disclosure by law).

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

(8:23 p.m.)

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 9:16 p.m.