**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**June 20th. 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Tuesday June 20th, 2023, in the Board of Education Office. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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

Denise James (2024)

Dean McKibben (2025)

Amanda Robertson (2026)

Beth Bazal (2026)

Kari Meadows (2026)

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS/MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Wendy Rose, Board Treasurer

Ron Mitchell, Superintendent (Selected Hire)

Jay Johnson

Jerri Davis

Tonya Crabtree

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Meadows, seconded by Robertson to approve the presented agenda for the regular June 20th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on May 25th, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0.
2. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to pay the June 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2. Bazal Abstained (ck #2755), Meadows Abstained (ck #89278).
3. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Meadows to approve the monthly bank statements from May 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Bazal to transfer $610,000 from the MoSIP account to the NOW account to pay bills. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by Simpson to transfer $13,896 from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for payment on 2018 bonds. Motion carried 7-0.
6. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Bazal to transfer $27,584 from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for payment on 2023 bonds. Motion carried 7-0.

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1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Meadows to Cash in CD #81906320 as it has reached maturity. Motion carried 7-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Meadows-yes, Bazal-yes, McKibben-yes, James-yes, Robertson-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

(6:12 p.m.)

After returning to open session Mrs. Miller presented the Career Ladder Plan and the WSCC Scholarship Grant. Jay Johnson presented the Updated technology and cyber security policies. Building principals presented their academic and athletic handbooks.

**Motion** by Meadows, seconded by Simpson to approve the Career Ladder plan presented by Mrs. Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Bazal, seconded by Simpson to approve the elementary handbook. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson to approve the middle and high school academic and athletic handbook. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Bazal, seconded by McKibben to adopt the Community Engagement Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey gave the financial report. Compared to last year at this time the district is down $115,000, but there are still additional federal funds expected to come in this month. When looking at operations the district is $1.78 MIL ahead of where it was this time last year. Mr. Harvey discussed enrollment with the board and noted that the district is hold harmless for next year and as a result revenues will not drop for the 2023 24 school year. Finally, Mr. Harvey went over the Highway Patrol bus inspection results with the board. Scores were lower than last year, but no buses had to be taken off their route due to failure.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Meadows to amend the 2022-23 budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Meadows, seconded by Simpson to approve the WADA transfer from fund 1 to fund 4. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Robertson to adopt the 2023-24 budget. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson to amend the agenda for the June 20th 2023 regular meeting to include the adoption of the Community Engagement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by James to approve the lunch prices for the 2023-24 school year as listed below. Motion carried 7-0.

Breakfast k-12 – $2.00

k-8 Lunch – $2.85

9-12 Lunch – $3.10

Adult breakfast – $2.50

Adult Lunch – $3.75

1. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by Simpson to approve eligibility criteria for free and reduced lunches for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by McKibben to set the date for the July regular meeting as 7/18 @ 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Meadows-yes, Bazal-yes, McKibben-yes, James-yes, Robertson-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

(8:47 p.m.)

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 9:20 p.m.