**LIBERAL R-II SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**July 15. 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Christie Ulrich.

**Members Present:** Christie Ulrich (2023), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022)

Denise James (2024)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Wendy Rose, Board Secretary

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Barton to approve the presented agenda for the regular July 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on June 25, 2021. Motion carried 5-0-2; Barton and Morrow abstained.

**B. Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Suschnick to pay the July 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statement from June 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**D. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by James to transfer $420,000 from the MoSIP General Account to the NOW Account. Motion carried 7-0.

**E. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to transfer $24,083 from Debt Service Account to the NOW Account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 7-0.

**F. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to rollover CD #81906320 for 12 months at the current interest rate of 0.40% with Citizen’s Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Barton to rollover CD #81906321 for 12 months at the current interest rate of 0.40% with Citizen’s Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by James to rollover CD #81906322 for 12 months at the current interest rate of 0.40% with Citizen’s Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

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**PROGRAM REVIEW**

**A. Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Simpson to adopt the following presented MSBA Board Policies:

AC EBBA

AH ECG

BCB IGBCA

DK JG-R1

EBAB

Motion carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Harvey presented the final 2020-2021 budget that ended with a $550,785 surplus. He also presented the preliminary 2021-2022 budget that was approved at June’s meeting. The district’s assessed evaluation including the windmill farms arrived after the budget was put together; it raised to $64,184,964. The budget will need to be amended at next month’s meeting. Harvey has been working with LJ Hart on options of how to set to the tax levy due to the raise in assessed evaluation. The levy could be lowered to $0.41 which would leave the pay back years on the bond issue the same length or the levy could be left at the same rate $0.60 which would allow an earlier pay off which would save the district interest money.

Teacher orientation will be held August 18-20th. The Christian and Methodist churches have once again volunteered to feed the staff the first day of orientation. The board and Harvey discussed how to hold Meet the Teacher night. Last year it was stretched out over 4 days due to social distancing. The board decided to drop those two nights this year, August 18-19. An open house for both new buildings will be held Sunday, August 15th from 2:00 – 4:00.

The elementary gym project had one minor glitch in the last couple weeks due to moving the volleyball standard and hitting the main electric line. It has been repaired. The bleachers are still being discussed due to the lack of space between the out of bonds line and the first bleacher. Otherwise, it is nearly complete and the district will be signed off on everything July 26th. Phil Spallo of MUSIC toured the building earlier this week. Once the district settles with Branco and the insurance company, then the remaining bond money will be considered. Other uses for that money would be painting the existing high school and the board office.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton approve the presented Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan (SRCSP) for the district and to remove the statement that social distancing recommendations will be followed on the sports team bench**.** Motion carried 7-0.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by James to set the tuition rate at $6,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. Motion** by James, seconded by Morrow to authorize participation in the Federal Nutrition Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to authorize transporting students living less than one mile from school during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**D.** **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to correct the balances in student activities account for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**E.** **Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Simpson to authorize the required monthly transfers from Fund 1 to Fund 2 for certified payroll for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**F.** The next board meeting will be held on the regular day and time of Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**G.** **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to hold a tax rate hearing prior to the next regular meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Williams, 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, Morrow-yes, Simpson-yes, Suschnick-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 7-0. **(8:45 p.m.)**

**Motion** by Barton, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSING TIME:** **8:55 p.m.**