**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**April 11. 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Tuesday April 11th, 2023, 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

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

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Maddie Kirby

Brian Lemmons

Tanya Crabtree

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by James, seconded by Bazal to approve the presented agenda for the regular April 11th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by James, seconded by Meadows to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on March 23rd, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0.
2. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by James to pay the April 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1. Meadows Abstained (ck# 89089)
3. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by Bazal to approve the monthly bank statements from March 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Meadows to transfer $300,000 from the MoSIP account to the NOW account to pay bills. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Bazal to transfer $24,318 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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Brian Lemmons had a list of questions for the board regarding various policy and procedure. The questions are attached at the end of these minutes. The questions were answered in writing and mailed to Mr. Lemmons as per his request.

Maddie Kirby Presented a restructured Professional Development Plan to the board at this time.

**Motion** by Bazal, Seconded by Meadows to approve the Professional Development Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry Presented for the elementary. Barton County electric gave a safety presentation to the 4th grade on 3/30. Teachers and students are preparing for end of year MAP testing. PAT is meeting on 4/11 to make a garden in a tub. Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in a field day event in Lamar on 5/1.

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented for the Middle and High schools. Middle school enrollment is 65, high school is 111. 6th-8th grade art classes won 1st MODOT’s 2023 no more trash contest. Samantha Crabtree is heading to Louisville, KY for archery 3D nationals. Senior trip was a success, and everyone had a great time.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton did not have an athletic report at this time. He did speak to the board regarding a quote from Chris Kiddoo for refinishing the high school gym floor. The floor is refinished every 15 years and is scheduled to be refinished in two years. With the gym floor being renamed Mr. Walton and Chris think it is a good time to refinish the floor which will have no issue lasting 17 years until its next refinishing as per the original schedule.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey gave the financial report. Revenues are down $26,000 but there is $291,000 in transfer money requested from DESSE and ESSR III which should arrive by next month. When looking at cash accounts the district has $3.7 MIL compared to $2.8 MIL at this time last year. Mr. Harvey briefly covered school finances with the board to help the new board members understand some basic info about the accounts and their uses. Finally, Mr. Harvey discussed the Employee appreciation dinner to be held after the last day of school.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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No Unfinished business at this time.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson to accept the quote from Chriss Kiddoo to refinish and re-paint the high school gym floor. Motion carried 7-0
2. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by McKibben to enlist Boomer Sooners to cook the employee appreciation dinner for an estimated cost of $26 per person. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to schedule a special meeting for 5/4 @ 7:00 pm. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by Robertson, seconded by Simpson to schedule the regular May meeting for 5/25 @ 7:00 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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

#13 (Individually identifiable personnel records)

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

(8:11 p.m.)

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 8:43 p.m.

Questions Asked by Brian Lemmons

1. Has the Board Adopted Policy that defines the capabilities and limitations of the board?
2. Are your policies and procedures up to date and currently in use?
3. How many officials have taken the state certification to sit on the board?
4. Are there copies of the policy open and available for the public to use for free?
5. Are the minutes recorded per policy and available according to law?
6. Does the board use the assistance of an attorney for policy?