**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**March. 23rd 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, March 23rd, 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

Brian Williams (2023)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Christi Ulrich (2023)

Denise James (2024)

**Absent:** Dean McKibben (2025)

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/MS Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Justin Cawyer

Tanya Crabtree

Ron Mitchell

Kyle Noyes

Brianne Noyes

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular March 23rd, 2023 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on February 16th, 2023. Motion carried. 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to pay the March 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1. Williams abstained (ck #’s 88977, 2433, 2434)
3. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statements from February 2023. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Ulrich to transfer $350,000 from the MoSIP account to the NOW account to pay bills. Motion carried 6-0.
5. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Williams to transfer $24,318 from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 6-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

**Motion** by James, seconded by Simpson to approve policy updates to the MSBA policies listed below. Motion Carried 6-0.

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BDDB, BDDH, IGCD, IGCDA, JECA, and KC.

At this time the Board reviewed the Annual Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Performance Report.

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry presented for the elementary school and noted enrollment is down 2 since last month. Parent teacher conferences were successful with 55% participation. Elementary school teachers have selected a math curriculum and held their second CSIP meeting. Leticia also covered upcoming events including Electric safety presentation for 4th graders, MAP testing, and upcoming field trips.

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented for the middle and high schools. Enrollment is 68 for middle school and 112 for high school. Mrs. Ruddick covered Middle school stretch activities, FFA Creed Speaking, and FFA Quiz Bowl. Mrs. Ruddick also discussed NHS inductions and Parent teacher conferences.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton gave an update on sports. Baseball is 1-0, Softball is 2-4. HS track has 17 girls and 12 boys. MS track has 13 girls and 9 boys.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey have the financial report. He stated at this time the district is $390,000 behind where it was at this time last year. Mr. Harvey explained there is $291,000 in ESSR III money yet to be received and Railroad taxes yet to be received which will more than make up the deficit. When comparing bank statements, we are $902,840 of this time last year. After this Mr. Harvey discussed medical plans with the board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to accept the bid from Green Meadows Lawn and Landscaping for mowing services for the district. The bid consisted of weekly mowing for $520/Mow. This was the only bid received. Motion Carried 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to approve summer school for 2023. Motion carried 6-0
3. **Motion** by James, seconded by Simpson to apply for the Safe Schools Grant for the use of adding a locked breezeway to the front of the high school. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to accept the OPAA! renewal rates for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 6-0
5. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Simpson to purchase a 2023 Chevy Suburban for $64,477 from Victory Chevrolet in Garnett KS using ESSR III funds. Motion carried 6-0

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by James, seconded by Ulrich to Remove Medical Plan 11, Pay plan 15 @ $579, Offer Plans 5, 8, 12, 15, and 16, and include a Hospitalization plan as an additional wellness incentive. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to accept the Quote for re-sodding the Football Field for $31,105 and enter into a management contract with Cedar Creek Landscape Management. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to Allow 6th graders to participate in all middle school sports with the exception of football, should Mr. Walton and the board decide the teams would benefit from additional participants. Motion carried 6-0
4. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Williams to set the Board Reorganization meeting as 4/11 @ 6:45 PM and the April Regular meeting as 4/11 @ 7:00 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Morrow-yes, Ulrich-yes, James-yes, Williams-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

(8:43 p.m.)

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Ulrich to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

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