**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**February 16th. 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, February 16th, 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)

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

Robert Williams

BJ Goodell

Tanya Crabtree

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Morrow to approve the presented agenda for the regular February 16th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by McKibben to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on January 23rd, 2023. Motion carried. 6-0-1. Simpson abstained (absent 1/23)
2. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to pay the February 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1. Williams abstained (ck# 2042)
3. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by McKibben to approve the monthly bank statements from January 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by Simpson seconded by Ulrich to rollover CD # 81906323 for 1 year at 4% interest with Citizens Bank of Amsterdam Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by McKibben seconded by Morrow to rollover CD # 81906324 for 1 year at 4% interest with Citizens Bank of Amsterdam Motion carried 7-0.
6. **Motion** by McKibben seconded by Simpson to rollover CD # 81974420 for 1 year at 4% interest with Citizens Bank of Amsterdam Motion carried 7-0.
7. **Motion** by Williams seconded by Morrow to rollover CD # 81974421 for 1 year at 4% interest with Citizens Bank of Amsterdam Motion carried 7-0.

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1. **Motion** by Williams seconded by Ulrich to rollover CD # 81974422 for 1 year at 4% interest with Citizens Bank of Amsterdam Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by James to transfer $1,000,000 from the NOW account to the MOSIP account to pay bills. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Morrow to transfer $48,415 from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 7-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

The principals presented the review of the districts Goals & Objectives, Mission Statement, and Philosophy.

**Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by James to adopt the Goals & Objectives, Mission Statement, and Philosophy as presented. Motion Carried 7-0

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry Presented for the elementary school. Enrollment is unchanged. The school spelling bee was held in late January and the winner will compete in the Joplin globe spelling bee in March. Teachers have been working to select math curriculum for the students and attended the first CSIP meeting for MSIP 6. February 7th was the 100th day of school, classes had different activities to celebrate the day. Valentine Day parties were held on the 14th and were successful.

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented for the middle and high schools. Middle school enrollment is 70 and High school is 112. Mrs. Ruddick covered several recent events including: FFA Bowling, WEMO Conference Band, the ASVAB assessment, and ms/hs scholars bowl meets. FFA week is 2/20-2/24. The school is working on setting up a spring special Olympics event as well.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton updated the board on sports performance. Girls basketball is 14-11. Boys are 10-15, JV is 8-11, and C team is 4-10. Mr. Walton also proposed the dead week for summer 2023 as July 1st-9th

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey gave the financial report. Revenues are up $83,980 but expenditures are up $328,907. Federal monies for Title 1 and ESSR III are still coming in and once received will equal an additional $368,355 to make up the deficit. When comparing bank statements, the district has $2.8 Mil available for cash purposes which is an increase of $1.05 Mil compared to this time last year. Bill went over the recently refinanced bonds and discussed the savings and reduced payoff time with the board. Finally, Mr. Harvey reminded the board of the upcoming board election and discussed some training for the entire board to complete once the new members are elected.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by James, seconded by Ulrich to approve option one for the 2023-24 school calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by McKibben to solicit bids for lawn mowing services. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to set the dead week for summer 2023 as 7/1 – 7/9. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by James to set the date for the March regular meeting as 3/23 @ 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: Morrow-yes, Ulrich-yes, McKibben-yes, James-yes, Williams-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

(7:50 p.m.)

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 8:18 p.m.