**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**May 25th. 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, May 25th, 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

Ron Mitchell, superintendent (Selected Hire)

Terri Harrison

Brian Lemmons

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Meadows, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular May 25th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Bazal, seconded by Meadows to approve the Open Session minutes from the special meeting held on April 11th, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Bazal, seconded by McKibben to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on April 11th, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0.
3. **Motion** by Meadows, seconded by Robertson to approve the Open Session minutes from the special meeting held on May 4th, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0.
4. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Robertson to pay the May 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2. Meadows abstained (ck #89103), Bazal abstained (ck #2608)
5. **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.
6. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Bazal 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.

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1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson 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.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

**CSIP**: Mrs. Fry presented a rough draft of the CSIP plan to the board. The draft will be finalized at a later date.

Mr. Harvey discussed various potential facilities projects with the board at this time. Mrs. Miller presented proposed salary changes for the upcoming year. Mr. Harvey discussed the salaries budget with the board and other administrators.

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to approve the districts participation in Career ladder. Motion carried 7-0.

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

No Report this month. Final enrollment was 114.

**Middle School/High School**

No Report this month. Final enrollment was MS – 66, HS - 110.

**Athletic Director**

No Report this month.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey presented the financial report. The district is still waiting on federal money for reimbursements for Title I, Title IIA, Title IV, and ESSR expenditures. Revenues are up $198,142 while expenditures are up $449,479. Mr. Harvey expects to make up the $251,336 deficit with the federal money mentioned above. When comparing bank statements, the district is up $1,004,408 vs this time last year. Mr. Harvey expects we will have a surplus again this year. Mr. Harvey discussed a number of items with the board, including: Salaries, Facilities, Career Ladder, State Legislature, and staff openings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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No unfinished business at this time.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

Brian Lemmons came to speak to the board with a list of questions regarding various policy and procedure. The questions and the provided answers are attached at the end of the minutes.

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Meadows to set the June regular board meeting as 6/20 @ 6:00 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.

(10:33 p.m.)

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson amend the agenda for the May 25th, 2023 meeting to include the approval of the April bank statements. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Robertson to approve the April 2023 bank statements. Motion carried 7-0.

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 11:17 p.m.