

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was open to the public and preceded in notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Rule and he verbally acknowledged the Open Meetings Law poster on the wall and that the meeting was recorded. Roll call found the following members to be present: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey and Sisco. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Jay Spearman from Piper Jaffary, and several visitors.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Schuster and seconded by Searcey “to approve the agenda as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Husa “to approve the February 17th, 2020 and the March 5th, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Steve Janssen, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Discussion was held. Moved by Husa and seconded by Sisco “to approve the March treasurer’s report, March payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$311,546.71, and the transfer of \$3,500.00 from Main Street Bank General Fund to the Main Street Bank Lunch Fund and \$12,100.00 from Pinnacle Bank General Fund to Pinnacle Bank Nutrition Fund.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Sisco “to approve the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement as presented and approved by the Lewiston Education Association.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding the 2019-2020 master school calendar.

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Moved by Searcey and seconded by Husa “to approve the low bid submitted by Johnson Controls Inc. in Omaha, NE in the amount of \$353,510.00 to replace HVAC rooftop units.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding 2019-2020 extended summer contracts.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Janssen “to approve a resolution approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the lease-purchase agreement between the Board of Education of Pawnee County School District 0069 (Lewiston Consolidated Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) and NASB Leasing Corporation with respect to the acquisition and financing of HVAC equipment for use by the District and approving and adopting a tax-exempt financing compliance procedure”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, and Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No action was taken regarding the Lewiston Pee Wee Basketball Program.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed new track, the proposed new football field, and the proposed new AG building.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent provided information from the Commissioner of Education and the Governor of Nebraska regarding the state recommendations and the district’s COVID-19 plan of action. It was discussed and determined that all certified and noncertified school employees will continue to receive their regular pay and an action plan will be created by each employee. The impact of COVID-19 on the district’s day to day operations and its employees will be reviewed at the regular board meeting in April, 2020.

Juli Smith, Principal, shared several informational items related to student activities and achievement.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information about the upcoming board election, NRCSA Spring Conference, Lewiston’s Facebook page, and the district’s reserves.

Board Committee report – No reports at this time.

Moved by Husa and seconded by Sisco “to adjourn at 9:29 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Janssen, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69