

Lewiston Consolidated Schools  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., the meeting being open to the public and proceeded in notice as required by law. Notice of this meeting was given to the President and all members of the Board and a copy of the acknowledgement of notice and the agenda is noted in the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the public in advanced notice and to the President of the Board and all Board members.

The meeting was called to order, the Open Meetings Law poster recognized, and verbal notice that the meeting was recorded was given by the President and on a roll call vote, the following members were present: Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Linda Thomas, Mike Fakler, Steve Knoche, and visitors.

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

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments at this time.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Howell “to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021, regular school board meeting as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Dennis Schuster, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the December treasurer’s report, December payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$280,473.15 and the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Activity Fund.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Searcey “to accept the bid from Goes Construction for the construction of a new Vocational Agricultural Building in the amount of \$2,190,825.00 and accept alternates 1, 9, and 13 pending the securing of financing with Pinnacle Bank.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: Wehrbein. Motion carried, 5-1-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Howell “to approve the food service employment agreement for Morgan Aquilano as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to accept Caroline Hunzeker’s resignation as office secretary as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held. Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Searcey “to approve the revised Return to Learn plan as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held and public input encouraged regarding the district’s use of ESSER III funds in the amount of \$269,982.00. No public input was received. The original plan of purchasing a new reading and social studies curriculum with \$54,000 and requesting reimbursement for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of 28 new HVAC units with the remaining \$215,982 was reaffirmed.

Mr. Kentfield updated the board on teacher negotiations. A tentative agreement has been reached. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held. Moved by Howell and seconded by Schuster “to approve the 2020-2021 district audit performed by Dana F. Cole and Company LLP as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

No formal action was taken regarding the purchase of property. The Board directed Mr. Kentfield to have an inspection performed for the proposed home purchase prior to any formal action being taken.

Mr. Kentfield updated the board on the track project and elementary restroom remodeling project.

Results of Mr. Kentfield’s 2021-2022 superintendent’s evaluation were distributed. The board will review results at the January board meeting.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the superintendent’s contract extension through 2023-2024 as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, gave a presentation on the district’s electronic social emotional health check system utilized to monitor student daily.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, gave an update on COVID, election certification, and NASB President’s Retreat.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Searcey “to adjourn at 9:49 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield  
Board Secretary, Dist. #69