

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Thursday, June 17th, 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: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, and two visitors.

The agenda was reviewed. Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the agenda as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Thomas, Wehrbein, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Visitors were welcomed. No visitor comments

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Thomas “to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, regular school board meeting.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Dennis Schuster, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Discussion was held. Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the June treasurer’s report, June payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$280,308.35.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Rule and seconded by Searcey “to appoint Rae Lynne Bredemeier to fill Andrew Sisco’s vacant position on the Board of Education beings Rae Lynne was the next highest vote recipient in the last board election”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Rae Lynne Bredemeier was sworn in as a new board member by Mr. Kentfield.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Thomas “to approve Jared Knapp’s resignation for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Bredemeier, and Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Shelby Crowe’s employment agreement for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Bredemeier, Thomas, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the 21-22 Preschool Calendar as presented”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Bredemeier, Thomas, Wehrbein, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Mark Rinne’s bid for custodial services in the amount of \$47,000 for the 21-22 school year”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, and Schuster. Those opposed: none. Those abstained: Searcey. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

There was no formal action regarding propane purchase agreement.

There was no formal action regarding extra-curricular programming. The board of education directed Mr. Kentfield to send a letter to the Superintendent of Sterling Public Schools and Pawnee Public Schools to see if there was interest to discussing the possibilities of sharing extra-curricular programming in the future.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the purchase of a new reading / language arts curriculum published by McGraw Hill called Wonders for grades PK-8 in the amount of \$45,798.25 as presented to be paid with ESSERS III grant funds”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, and Searcy. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, reported on NSCAS scores, summer weights participation, MAP scores, MTSS process, early childhood training, new teachers, and leadership retreat in Lincoln.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, reported on alumni banquet, reserves, activities, building loans, and July meeting agenda items, fees, and handbooks.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Searcey “to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69