

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Tuesday, February 15th, 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, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: Schuster. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, and Linda Thomas.

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, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no visitor comments.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Searcey “to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular school board meeting as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Rae Bredemeier, and Rick Kentfield presented the monthly claims, payroll, and transfers. Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the February treasurer’s report, February payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$298,011.46.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the paraprofessional rates on the 2021-2022 Fees and Rates Schedule as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Howell “to approve Matthew Sholty’s employment agreement as presented”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Those abstaining: Rule. Motion carried, 4-0-1.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the NASB membership dues as presented”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Howell, Rule, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, shared information on the Lease Corporation Financing for the new Agricultural/Vocational building.

Moved by Bredemeier and seconded by Howell “to approve the 2021-2022 master calendar revisions as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Howell, Rule, Searcey, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Searcey “to approve Juli Smith’s principal contract for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Howell. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve Juli Smith’s principal salary at \$94,160 for the 2022-2023 school year and reimbursement for expenses up to \$3,000 to attend a national conference annually.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Kentfield shared information on LEA negotiation data.

Juli Smith, Principal, reported on MAP testing.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, gave an update on COVID, election certification process, facility use application and agreement, new school funding data, cost per pupil 2019-2020, teacher vacancy, access road, board workshop, and March agenda items.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Howell and seconded by Searcey “to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Howell, and Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69