

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Monday, May 17th, at 8:00 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, Sisco, Thomas and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: none. Also present: Rick Kentfield, Juli Smith, Linda Thomas, and 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: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors were welcomed. A visitor commented on the importance of board members being careful when making comments in public.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Thomas “to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021, regular school board meeting and the April 28, 2021, special board meeting as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster. 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. Discussion was held. Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve the May treasurer’s report, May payroll and claims as presented in the amount of \$303,486.94.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve Courtney Elle’s resignation as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Discussion was held regarding extra-curricular programming. Activities Director, Greg Iverson provided informational data for football, volleyball, and basketball for the past 11 years.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve summer projects as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Juli Smith, Principal, reported on Lewiston School’s activities i.e. NSCAS testing, music concerts, track meets, quiz bowl, Family Literacy Night, JH/HS Academic Night, JH/HS Activities Night, HS trip to Omaha Zoo, Grades 6-8 skating party, PreK round-up, Graduation, FFA Banquet, and Ground-Breaking ceremony for new track.

Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, reported on end of year staff checkout, Jared Knapp resignation, chain of command handout, General Fund Cash Reserves, and teacher exit surveys.

Andrew Sisco, School Board member, announced his resignation from the school board, effective at the end of the meeting. Aaron Rule, President, and other members of school board thanked him for his service on the board.

Board Committee report – No report at this time.

Moved by Schuster and seconded by Thomas “to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Schuster, Searcey, Sisco, Thomas, Wehrbein, Rule. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, June 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Kentfield
Board Secretary, Dist. #69