**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**October 19th. 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022, in the Board of Education Office. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Brian King. The minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Eli Short.

**Members Present:** Brian King (2025), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Brian Williams (2023)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Christi Ulrich (2023)

Denise James (2024)

Dean McKibben (2025)

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS/MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Eli Short, Board Secretary

Matt Boehne

Kale Marti

Jared Hibbitts

Mercedes Pankau

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular October 19th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on September 14th, 2022. Motion carried. 7-0.
2. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by McKibben to pay the October 2022 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1. Williams abstained (ck #2081)
3. **Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statements from September 2022. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to transfer $150,000 from the MoSIP account to the NOW account to pay bills. Motion carried 6-1.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

1. The board participated in Required Annual Board Member Training (MARE).
2. Mr. Harvey briefly discussed upcoming board evaluations.

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**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry presented for the Elementary and noted that enrollment is down 4 from last month. Mrs. Fry highlighted multiple recent events including the PAT family night, Pup squad practices, and the scholastic book fair. Leticia also discussed local community helpers who have been talking to the preschool in recent weeks. Finally, she mentioned the school had its first tornado drill which was a success.

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented for the middle and high schools. Middle school enrollment is 68 and high school is 114. Mrs. Ruddick discussed recent events including PSU Math Honors Day, Show me crowder day, and FFA Farm Fest. Mrs. Ruddick also noted that the industrial arts classes are making jack-O-lanterns using recycled boards from the old high school bleachers. Mrs. Ruddick also discussed FCCLA community service projects and competitions.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton gave the athletic report. HS football is 6-2, MS football is 4-2, HS Volleyball is 7-20-2, MS Volleyball is 16-2-1. Cross Country districts are Oct 29th.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey presented on Financials. At this time the general ledger report is down compared to this time last year. Revenues are up but so are expenditures, this is due to the salary increases put in place in June. This is expected and we expect to recoup a majority of the deficit with ESSR III reimbursement. Operations monies have increased approximately $1.5 Mil compered to this time last year. Mr. Harvey also discussed the September Membership. Current Membership is 306 which is down from 317 last year and continues the downward trend over the past ten years.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Matt Boehne and Kale Marti presented the senior trip to the board. The seniors plan to take 18 students and 7 sponsors on a cruise to Cozumel. They will take a charter bus to the port and will have an excursion when they arrive in Cozumel. The total cost of the trip is ~ 19,300 and the senior class is well on track to raise the necessary funds for this trip.

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**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to approve the senior trip as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by James to increase the basketball cheerleading team size from 8 to 12. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by Simpson to set the filing dates for the 2023 Board of Education election as follows. Motion carried 7-0.

Applicants may file for office beginning at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 and will continue during the districts regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district’s central office is closed due to inclement weather. The Board of Education Office will also be closed during Christmas recess beginning at 3:30 pm on Friday, December 16th, 2022. Filing will resume on Tuesday, December 27th, 2022 at 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm which is the end of the filing period for the April 2023 election.

1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by McKibben to set the date for the November Regular Board Meeting as Nov 16th @ 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to go into closed session for exception(s):

#3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel)

Roll Call Vote: Morrow-yes, Ulrich-yes, McKibben-yes, James-yes, Williams-yes, Simpson-yes, and King-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

(8:29 p.m.)

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSING TIME:** 8:30 p.m.