**Liberal R-II School Board Minutes**

**April 13th. 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, in the Board of Education Office. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by McKibben to approve the presented agenda for the regular April 13th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Ulrich to approve the Open Session minutes from the special meeting held on March 3rd, 2022. Motion carried. 5-0-2. King and McKibben Abstained.
2. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by James to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on March 17th, 2022. Motion carried. 4-0-3. King, McKibben, and Simpson Abstained.
3. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to pay the April 2022 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2. Williams (ck #1613) and Ulrich (ck #88023) abstained
4. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by James to approve the monthly bank statements from February 2022. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Motion** by McKibben, seconded by James to transfer $24,208from the Debt Service account to the NOW account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 7-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

1. Mr. Walton recommended to the board that they register the school as a 6-12 school rather than a 7-12 school. This would allow 6th graders to play on middle school teams at board discretion should there be limited numbers for middle school sports.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to register Liberal R-II schools as a 6-12 school. Motion carried 7-0.

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**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry presented for the elementary school. She highlighted several events from the previous month including the school spelling bee, the 4th grade SCAC program and parent teacher conferences, which had a 35% attendance rate. Leticia also noted that kindergarten screening took place in March and the school evaluated 16 students for next year. Also, in March there were reading events put on by Barbara Winningham and Hedi Lanz, as well as a science assembly. Mr. Fry reported that Terri Harrison was named the Liberal R-II school district educator of the year on April 7th. Finally, Leticia gave on overview of planned field trips through the end of the year

**Middle School/High School**

Mrs. Ruddick Presented for the Middle and High schools. She covered Senior trip, FCCLA state competition, and a grant for the purchase of exercise equipment for staff wellness. Nicole also discussed FBLA State and District Band events.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton presented on school athletics. He updated the board on spring sports records and upcoming district tournaments. Baseball: 5-4, Softball: 5-8. Tract districts are 5/7 in skyline. Baseball districts are hosted in liberal May 13th-21st.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Harvey spoke briefly on the districts financial position. He noted that revenues are ahead of expenditures by $753, 750. Mr. Harvey also discussed various accounts and their values this year vs last year at this time. He then moved on to discuss potential changes to the healthcare plan and the various costs and coverages associated with those changes. Mr. Harvey also discussed some legislature that the state of Missouri is considering that could affect the school district if passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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1. **Motion** by McKibben seconded by Ulrich to offer PPO insurance plan #’s 15, 5, and 8 as well as HSA plans 11,12, and 16. Additionally gap insurance with health screening paid by the school. Motion carried 7-0
2. **Motion** by Ulrich seconded by Simpson to choose Boomers BBQ in Carthage for the Faculty Appreciation dinner. Catered menu $33 per plate. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

1. **Motion** by Morrow seconded by Williams to purchase a 6010 Mahindra tractor for the district for $26,000. Motion carried 7-0

**Motion** by Morrow seconded by McKibben to go into closed session for exceptions:

#1 (legal actions, causes of action or litigation)

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

#6 (scholastic Probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individual, including records)

#13 (Individually identifiable personnel records)

#14 (Records which are protected from disclosure by law).

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

(8:05 p.m.)

**Motion** by Simpson seconded by James to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSING TIME:** 9:03 p.m.