**LIBERAL R-II SCHOOL BOARD MINTUES**

**October 14, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Brian King.

**Members Present:** Brian King (2021), President

Christie Ulrich (2023), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022)

Chris Morrow (2023)

John Simpson (2021)

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS / MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS / MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

Matt McKee

Candace Dyer

Jay Johnson

Wendy Rose, Board Secretary

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Suschnick to approve the presented agenda for the regular October 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton to approve the open session minutes from the regular meeting held on September 23, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Suschnick to pay October 2020 bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1; Williams abstained from direct deposit ck #340.

**C. Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Suschnick to approve the monthly bank statement from September 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

**D. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson to transfer $295,000 from MoSIP General Fund Account to the NOW account. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Morrow to transfer $175,000 from MoSIP Bond Account to the NOW account. Motion carried 7-0.

**E.** No MOHEFA transfer needed this month.

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**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry reported enrollment for the elementary at 114 for in class students and 7 for distant learners. Parent – teacher conferences are coming up soon and will be held mostly through online meetings. Fall parties will be held with students and teachers only.

The district is participating in the Summer Food Service Program through the Missouri Department of Health. This program will provide free meals (one breakfast and one lunch) to all children under the age of 18 living in our school district through June 30, 2021. We are providing meals to current in class students, distant learners, quarantine kids and preschoolers in the district.

**Middle School / High School**

Mrs. Ruddick reported enrollment for the middle school at 87 for in class students and 9 distant learners. The high school has an enrollment of 110 in class students and 14 distant learners. Upcoming parent-teacher conferences will be held through ZOOM or phone call. Parents are using a program called Signup Genius to register for conferences.

A virtual Veteran’s Day Assembly will be held on November 11th; veterans will be encouraged to join the assembly online.

Candace Dyer and Jay Johnson were present to demonstrate some of the technology equipment the district received through a Donor’s Choice Grant. They demonstrated the Google Expedition Kit which allows students to virtually travel to many different sites that go along with a teacher’s classroom curriculum. The kit contains enough goggles and phone for 20 students to participate at one time. Dyer and Johnson are working on obtaining more equipment from additional grants.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton briefly updated the fall sports seasons. The ending middle school football record was 0-6 and middle school volleyball ended with a record of 6-5. High School volleyball has a record of 4-11-2 and received the 4th seed in districts which will start October 26th. High School football has a record of 5-2 and will begin district play on October 30th.

Middle School basketball has begun practice with 14 girls and 15 boys. Games will start early in November.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Harvey reported that district revenues and expenditures are both down when comparing this year to last year by approximately $32,558. He is in hopes the state pro-ration factor will continue to improve and revenues will begin going up. The district was notified of an additional round of CARES funding from the state will be issued.

The September 2020 membership counts have total enrollment at 317 which is down 50 students from last year at this time. It will be helpful that the district has been appointed as a hold harmless district due to this declining enrollment.

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Harvey reported that he will be doing a walkthrough of the high school building project tomorrow with the engineers and architects to make a punch list of anything that still needs worked on. The waiting period on the gym floor is now over and can be walked on and used. Completion date for the project is scheduled for November 5th and a middle school game is scheduled for that night. The board discussed a possible open house in the near future allowing the public to view the new facility.

The elementary building project is still on schedule for the FEMA February deadline. The pre-engineered pieces of the gym were delivered today. Stem walls are completed on they gym. Block layers have been working today on the FEMA shelter part of the building and will begin filling in with grout tomorrow. Roof beams are scheduled to begin going up next week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Morrow to hold the next regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to go into closed session for exception #3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel) and exception #6 (scholastic probation, expulsion or graduation of identifiable students). Roll Call Vote: Barton-yes, King-yes, Morrow-yes, Simpson-yes, Suschnick-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 7-0. **(8:35 p.m.)**

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

**CLOSING TIME: 8:45 p.m.**