**LIBERAL R-II SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 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) *-ABSENT*

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Wendy Rose, Board Secretary

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by Barton to approve the presented agenda for the regular February 17, 2021 meeting with the following addition in Unfinished Business: (C) Consider approving the Food Service Management bid. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Suschnick to approve the open session minutes from the regular meeting held on January 27, 2021. Motion carried 5-0-1, Williams abstained.

**B. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Barton to pay the February 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1; Williams abstained from direct deposit #626.

**C. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statement from January 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

**D. Motion** by Barton, seconded by Suschnick to rollover CD #81906323 with Citizen’s Bank for twelve months at a 0.40% interest rate. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Ulrich to rollover CD #81906324 with Citizen’s Bank for twelve months at a 0.40% interest rate. Motion carried 6-0.

**E.** No transfer from the MOSIP account to the NOW account was needed this month.

**F. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Williams to transfer $48,915 from debt service to the NOW account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 6-0

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

**A. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Ulrich to adopt MSBA polices AC and EF. Motion carried 6-0.

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**BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Elementary**

Mrs. Fry submitted a written report prior to the board meeting.

**Middle School / High School**

Mrs. Ruddick presented a written report prior to the board meeting.

**Athletic Director**

Mr. Walton presented a written report prior to the board meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Harvey reported the district is up approximately $133,249 when compared to last year at this time. The district received word that additional CARES ESSER ll funding up to approximately $325,000 has been allocated for our use. This funding could possibly be used for extended learning opportunities such as summer school or after school.

Harvey was contacted by the Liberal City Office in regards to the cost of natural gas. The city reserves are almost depleted and the cost of fuel has drastically raised in price. The district will begin seeing this price increase in next month’s bill. The city is requiring that all thermostats be set at 65 or lower and all non-essential business close for now. The additional CARES funding can’t be used for utilities but could be used for additional salaries which would free local budgeted money to help cover the utility increase.

Mr. Harvey reported the school will most likely be canceled for the remainder of the week due to weather and possible utility costs; all of the days this week were considered snow days. AMI days were used last week for the two days out of school. The district has 5 AMI days and 5 weather days allowed before days must be added at the end of the year. Any days out due to utility prices would have to be used as AMI days.

The building projects have had very little activity this week due to the weather; higher temps are predicted for next week and should allow work to return to normal. The board asked if the elementary track will be put back after the project is complete as well as when bus barn bids should be considered. Harvey said Double S Dirtworks and the asphalt company that paves the parking lot will help restore the elementary track. Bus barn planning and taking bids will need to begin within the next couple months. Branco is estimating there will be money left at the end of the current building project which could be to used in the cost of replacing the barn.

Bus inspections are supposed to be held this Friday by the highway patrol but the weather may cause those inspections to be rescheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Suschnick to approve the presented school calendar for 2021-2022 school year as is with no changes. Motion carried 6-0

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**B.** **Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Ulrich to purchase a second 2021 Stock Bus model IC/CE 77 passenger with a 5-year lease for $87,808 and to also purchase the extended 5-year warranties on body / chassis and tow for an additional $3,060 from Midwest Transit of Nixa. (The bus is identical to the bus purchased during the January 2021 meeting.) Motion carried 6-0.

**C. Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to approve the presented food service contract bid from OPAA! Food Management, Inc. for a period of five years; school years contracted from 2021-2022 school year through the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick for Mr. Harvey to solicit bids for lawn mowing services for April 1, 2021 to March 30, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

**B.** The next meeting will be held on the regular day and time of Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. No motion is required.

**Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Williams to go into closed session in accordance with Missouri State Statute 610.021 for the purpose of exception #3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel) and #13 (Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees). Roll Call Vote: Barton-yes, King-yes, Morrow-yes, Suschnick-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 6-0. **(7:10 p.m.)**

**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Barton to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

**CLOSING TIME: 7:35 p.m.**