**LIBERAL R-II SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**June 25. 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Thursday, June 25, 2021, in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Christie Ulrich. Minutes were reordered by William Harvey.

**Members Present:** Christie Ulrich (2023), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022) - *ABSENT*

Denise James (2024)

Chris Morrow (2023) - *ABSENT*

Tonya Suschnick (2022)

Brian Williams (2023)

**Others Present:** William Harvey, Superintendent

Rachel Miller, HS/MS Asst. Principal

Travis Walton, Athletic Director

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Suschnick to approve the presented agenda for the regular June 25, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 5-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Simpson to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on May 20, 2021. Motion carried 4-0-1. Williams abstained.

**B. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by James to pay the June 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1. Williams abstained.

**C. Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Williams to approve the monthly bank statement from May 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Williams to transfer $360,000 from the MoSIP General Account to the NOW Account. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to transfer $24,083 from Debt Service Account to the NOW Account to reimburse the district for the MOHEFA payment. Motion carried 5-0.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

Mr. Harvey discussed the district Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) and recommended that the Board review the plan this month and formally amend the plan with any suggested changes during the July 15, 2021 regular meeting. No action was taken on the matter.

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the district’s finances and discussed the potential revenues the district will receive from the increased Assessed Valuation of the district as a result of the Liberty Utilities Windmill Farm recently built in the district. Mr. Harvey also expressed possible concerns on how the state budget may face possible cuts due to the ongoing Medicaid debate currently going on in the state legislature.

Summer maintenance projects include painting the Concession Stand at the High School Football field along with other routine maintenance at the MS/HS complex. Maintenance crews will begin working at the Elementary next week as soon as Summer School is over.

Mr. Harvey also updated the Board on the Elementary Gym Project. It appears that the project is nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy in July. Mr. Harvey will be involved with a walk-through punch list on June 26, 2021 to finalize what all needs to be finished prior to the substantial completion date. Plans are still in place to have the facilities open by the first day of school in August. Mr. Harvey also informed the Board that APEC Missouri will be paving the Elementary playground when they return to pave the Elementary track. Painting on the exterior portion of the existing Elementary School is nearly 50% completed and should be finished by the early part of July pending weather. The Board discussed options of hosting a Ribbon Cutting/Open House in early August to allow the public to see the renovated Elementary School and also the FEMA Shelter at the High School. A final decision on that date will be decided during the July 2021 Board meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by James to amend the 2020-21 budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures. The final numbers will be determined by June 30, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to approve the WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance) transfer by Harvey from Fund 1 to Fund 4 if needed. Motion carried 5-0.

**C.** Mr. Harvey reviewed the presented 2021-22 budget. The projected budget does include ESSR money to be used to pay for custodian and bus driver salaries and benefits but does not include any revenues from the increase of the district’s Assessed Valuation from the Liberty Utilities Windmill Farm. With all of the fire insurance money taken out, the budget reflects a surplus in operations using the ESSR money. The proposed budget raises the base pay to $31,750, which includes a $1250 raise for certified personnel along with their steps. It also includes a $1.00 per hour raise for all non-certified staff, $3000 raise for Principals, and $3500 raise for Superintendent.

Class Sponsor stipends were adjusted to: Sophomore Class $200; Junior Class $1000; and Senior Class $1000. An Industrial Arts Competition stipend of $1000 was added and Substitute pay was adjusted to $85 per day for Substitute Certification and $95 for Career Professional Certification. Mileage reimbursement was set at $.50 per mile.

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**Motion** by Suschnick, seconded by Williams to adopt the presented 2021-22 budget that reflects a $444,389 surplus in operations with the ESSR money and an approximate $50,779 surplus without. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** by Williams, seconded by Suschnick to approve the eligibility criteria for Free and Reduced Lunches for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Suschnick to accept a bid from Total Electronics (TED) for new security camera system throughout the district’s facilities. The bid of $37,300 for the equipment and the annual maintenance agreement (#4) of $4440 was approved. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Simpson 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). Roll Call Vote: James – yes, Simpson – yes, Suschnick – yes, Ulrich – yes, and Williams – yes. Motion carried 5-0. (9:30 p.m.)

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Suschnick to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

**CLOSING TIME: 10:05 p.m.**