

**Lamoille North Supervisory Union and  
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 14, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Cambridge: Laura Miller, Jan Sander, Bill Sander, Denise Webster, Mark Stebbins; Eden: David Whitcomb, Jeff Hunsberger; Hyde Park: Chasity Fagnant, Tina Lowe; Johnson: Angela Lamell, Mark Nielsen; Waterville: Bart Bezio

**Board Members Absent:** Cambridge: Sue Prescott; Hyde Park: Lisa Barry, Patty Hayford; Johnson: Bobbie Moulton, Katie Orost, Allen Audette, Jr.

**Administrators Present:** Deborah Clark, Michele Aumand, Charleen McFarlane, David Manning, Brian Pena

**Others Present:** Gail Whitten

**Minute Taker:** Sue Trainor

**Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment:** Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. McFarlane requested that an item be added to the agenda: a half-time Pre-K/half-time Math Interventionist teacher hire at Johnson Elementary School. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by Bezio, to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Nielsen noted this would be the Board's last virtual meeting. Webster asked if the option would still be available to meet remotely. Nielsen stated he would research the question and let Board members know. There was no public comment.

**LNSU/LNMUUSD Routine Business: Consent Agenda Items**

**Minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting, Technology Committee Meeting and Finance and Capital Committee Meeting; May 20, 2021, Personnel Committee meeting; May 10, 2021, Social/Racial Justice Committee Meeting:** J. Sander made a motion, seconded by Sweet, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Orders:** Miller made a motion to accept the Board Orders attached to the agenda. Whitcomb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve a Pre-K/ Math Teacher Hire at Johnson Elementary School:** McFarlane stated the recommendation was to hire Pamela Fontaine as a 1.0 FTE, half-time Pre-K/half-time Math Interventionist teacher at a salary of \$50,360. Sweet made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Cambridge Board members abstaining.

**Review Contracted Student Transportation Bids:** Clark reported that the RFP had been sent out to four vendors, was advertised in three newspapers, and placed on Works in Progress and School Spring. The District received one bid from their long-time provider, Lamoille Valley Transportation. Clark requested that the Board approve the bid for the MUUSD elementary transportation of \$493,000, the bid for MUUSD secondary student transportation including Wolcott and transportation from the Eden Elementary School of the Eden secondary students for \$543,500, the bid for the MUUSD secondary late runs of \$44,275 and the bid for the MUUSD field trips at \$2.55 per mile charge plus \$36 per hour for any time waiting. The total cost for this first year of a three contract would be \$1,080,775. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Whitcomb, to approve the bids.

Fagnant asked if sports trips were extra. Clark stated they were extra and would be the same price as the field trips. Webster asked how much the cost had increased. Clark stated the increase from the

2019 to the 2022 contract was 4.37% increase. Lamell asked if they were going back to the same routes in place in 2019. Clark stated they probably would not due to a driver shortage. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Award Student Transportation Van Bids:** Clark informed the Board that the 2015 Toyota van had 152,000 miles on it and required continued maintenance. Clark stated it was time to trade the van in and get a replacement van. An RFP had been sent to five vendors and Heritage Toyota was the only one to bid. They offered a 2021 Sienna for \$36,517 with a trade in allowance of \$9,500. With fees and taxes, the total purchase cost was \$29,082.96. Student transportation vans from LNSU were an enterprise fund and usually paid for itself or made a small profit. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the purchase of the 2021 Sienna van for \$29,082.96. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Sander stated that Shearer Chevrolet ran the municipal buying program for most of the towns and villages around the State. He asked whether they had been sent an RFP. Clark stated that Lamoille Valley Chevy had been asked to bid. One of the requirements had been that the van be all wheel drive and that may have limited the choices. The motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize an individual to Execute FY 2022 Tax Anticipation Loan:** Clark requested a motion to appoint Mark Nielsen as the authorized individual to execute the FY2022 Tax Anticipation Loan. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by J. Sander, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

**GMTCC RFP, Touch Panels:** Pena requested that the Board accept the bid of \$23,122 from 2<sup>nd</sup> Gear based on item availability, pricing, models bid, additional software included, and successful order fulfillment history. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the bid of \$23,122 from 2<sup>nd</sup> Gear. The motion passed unanimously.

**LUHS RFP, Chromebooks 1:1:** Pena stated that the funding for the request would come from the local budget. They would use funds that were in the budget for next fiscal year and any available surplus in the secondary level from this year. Pena requested that the Board accept the bid of \$199,878.90 from Dell based on item availability, pricing, models bid, and successful order fulfillment history. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the bid of \$199,878.90 from Dell. Clark explained that coming out of this current fiscal year there was sufficient projected surplus to cover the excess that Pena was referring to. The motion passed unanimously.

**LUMS RFP, Tablets 1:1:** Pena stated the funding source was the same as noted for the Chromebooks in the item above. Pena asked that the Board accept the bid of \$66,213 from Apple based on the decision to use iPads for continued instruction by teachers and staff of LUMS. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Whitcomb, to approve the bid of \$66,213 from Apple for 140 iPads. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** Clark stated she was looking forward to seeing everyone in person on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the CEC. Clark would research Webster's question about virtual participation. Her concern was the quorum count. Whitcomb suggested speaking with the Vermont School Boards Association as well.

**Adjourn:** Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.