

**Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 8, 2023**

Board Members Present: Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Cambridge: Mark Stebbins, Christy Liddy, Jan Sander, Denise Webster; Eden: Jeff Hunsberger; Hyde Park: Tina Lowe, Lisa Barry, Patty Hayford; Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Angela Lamell, Katie Orost, Allen Audette; Waterville: Bart Bezio

Board Members Absent: Cambridge: Sue Prescott, Denise Webster; Eden: David Whitcomb; Hyde Park: Chasity Fagnant; Johnson: Monica Stearns

Administrators Present: Catherine Gallagher, Deb Clark, Michele Aumand, Brian Pena, Jennifer Hulse, Denise Maurice, Betzi Goodman, Jan Epstein, Erik Remmers, Valerie Sullivan, Rene Thibault, Bethann Pirie, David Manning, Jeremy Scannell, Mary Anderson, Bob Fredette, Blake Nemeth

Minute Taker: Sue Trainor

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment: Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Bezio, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. There was no public comment.

**LNSU/LNMUUSD Routine Business: Consent Agenda Items
Minutes of April 10, 2023 Meeting; Minutes of Social-Racial Justice Committee Meeting;
Minutes of April 5, April 18 and April 25, 2023 Personnel Committee Meetings; Minutes of
April 19, 2023 Finance and Capital Committee:** Sander made a motion, seconded by Lamell, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by the LUHS Business Students and Student Store Tour: Bob Fredette informed the Board the Lamoille Union campus store was fully open. He noted the students had worked very hard to make this happen. The Board members left to visit the store at 6:05 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

Review Student Assessment Platform Bid: Valerie Sullivan informed the Board that the District had gone out to bid for the purchase of a subscription for a K-10 common assessment platform with associated teacher and leader professional learning. Three out of four vendors had responded to the RFP. Commonality of outcome across all schools was being sought. The Administration recommended accepting the bid from NWEA of \$88,260. Funding would come from ESSER funds. NWEA provided the possibility to expand the assessment plan to include science. NWEA also provided training for two years which would provide a solid base for those using the program. Bezio made a motion, seconded by Hunsberger, to approve the bid from NWEA for \$88,260. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel: Hulse recommended hiring Allison Hurlburt as a Special Educator at Eden Central School at a salary of \$43,955. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Sweet, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Update: Gallagher stated that following this meeting there would be a Town Hall on Vape Awareness presented by Healthy Lamoille Valley. Gallagher said this event was taking place because there were a number of students and families who had questions about vaping.

The AOE had recently granted a three-day waiver for Lamoille North. Gallagher stated the District was holding teachers to their teaching contract. A request had been received for teacher days to be waived. Gallagher noted that the pandemic was over and there were many things that could be done before the end of the school year.

Gallagher then reported that there was now a PCB class action and Pietro Lynn has recommended joining that class action. There would be no cost to join the suit and the District would pursue this.

There were two SRO's who were likely to begin working in the fall. One would be working on campus and the other would rotate through the elementary schools. Both were local individuals and trained in restorative practices.

Gallagher reported there were fewer requests for extensions this year. Graduation dates were being set.

Other Business/Adjourn: There was no other business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.