

Special Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
September 30, 2024

Board members Present: Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Monica Stearns; Waterville: Bart Bezio; Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Cambridge: Nancy Guyette, Jan Sander, Susan Prescott; Mark Stebbins; Eden: David Whitcomb, Jeff Hunsberger; Hyde Park: Lisa Jones, Tina Lowe, Philip Kiely, Patti Hayford (late)

Board members Absent: Cambridge: Amy Listenik, Denise Webster; Johnson: Katie Audette, Allen Audette, Kyle Hill

Administrators Present: Deborah Clark, Cole Hayes, Rene Thibault, Dylan Laflam, Erik Remmers

Other Present: N/A

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

Call to Order by Nielsen at 5:31pm

Approval of Agenda: Bezio made the motion to approve the agenda seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comment

Purchase Approval of a One-Ton Utility Truck for Sustainable Agriculture (CTE Geer Grant Funded): Remmer explained that Phil Scott, the Governor, has extra grant funds that should be used for large purchases. The funds would equal \$80,000. The funds need to be obligated today, Monday, September 30, 2024. The truck that the Sustainable Agriculture program has now is a 2007 and starting to fall apart. With the current budget, there will not be money for the truck to be upgraded. Bids were put out for a one-ton truck dump body, with a plow. There was only bid that came back, Lamoille Chevrolet, at \$77,442. Stebbins made the motion to approve Lamoille Chevrolet's bid for the one-ton truck, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Approval of a Minivan for GMTCC – Wide Transportation (Adult Ed Revenue Funded): Remmer explained that the Adult Ed program has two vans currently and one van is limping along. The one van can no longer be put on the roads. The vans are used often. The Adult Ed program has been earning revenue which is not the goal, but has been earning over the past four years. Now there is enough in the fund to purchase a new van. The request for a van was put out to bid and two bids came back. The first was from Toyota for \$48,000. The other was from Chrysler for \$46,000. Remmer's preference is the Toyota; however, they don't have them in stock and not sure when they will be in stock. Remmers' recommendation is to go with the Chrysler because the van can be delivered sooner, and it is cheaper. Hunsberger made the motion to approve the Chrysler bid for the new van, seconded by Guyette. They could have the van from Toyota around the end of November. There was discussion on Toyota vs Chrysler. Clark stated Toyotas last long and they have a good relationship with Toyota. The Dodge they once had didn't last as long. Motion to approve the Chrysler was unanimously voted no. Hunsberger made the motion to go with the Toyota van bid, seconded by Sander. Hayford abstained. All others voted in favor; motion passed.

Whitcomb made the motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm, seconded by Sander.