

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 12, 2024

Board members Present: Johnson: Monica Stearns, Kyle Hill, Mark Nielsen, Kyle Nuse; Waterville: Bart Bezio; Cambridge: Nancy Guyette, Jan Sander, Denise Webster; Mark Stebbins, Amy Listenik; Hyde Park: Tina Lowe, Phillip Kiely, Lisa Jones, Patty Hayford; Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Eden: Jeff Hunsberger, David Whitcomb

Board members Absent: Cambridge: Susan Prescott

Administrators Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark, Bethann Pirie, Catherine Gallagher, Paula Beattie, David Manning, Betzi Goodman, Kim Hunt, Erik Remmers

Others Present: Equity Design Team

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Nielsen

Approval of Agenda: Changes are Sabbatical leave request and administrative updates removed. Stebbins made the motion to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – N/A

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items – Minutes of April 14, 2025, LNSU/LNMMUUSD Boarding Meeting, Curriculum Committee Meeting, Social-Emotional Wellness & Safety Committee Meeting; Minutes of April 16, 2025, SPECIAL LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Meeting; Personnel Committee Meetings on April 10 and May 1, 2025 – Hunsberger made motion to approve above meeting minutes, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Orders Sweet reviewed board orders and recommends the board approve them. Jones made the motion, seconded by Webster. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Updates – Possible Discussion – Gallagher will discuss later

Equity Design Team Student Presentation – Students presented slides and explained what the LNSU Equity Design Team is and what they stand for. LNSU Equity Design Team was started in 2021. The team handed out their executive report. This year they have had an increase in members. They included working with elementary students. They hosted two equity fairs. A Campus Climate Survey was completed. There were over 250 responses. The data from the survey was shared.

May 19, 2025, Special Board Meeting – Discussion & Proposed Executive Session, Possible Action – Jones made the motion to go into executive session at 6:25 pm, seconded by Hunsberger. Executive session ended at 6:27 pm.

Personnel Issue – Discussion & Proposed Executive Session, Possible Action – At 6:28 pm, Hunsberger made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Stebbins. The executive session ended at

6:31 pm. Hunsberger made the motion to make a one-time exception for a staff members' medical leave for 30 days, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Group Policy Work and Adoption – Board members broke into groups to review policies.

C-2, Student Alcohol and Drugs – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same

C-4, English Learners – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same. We do have a multilingual coordinator now.

C-5, Firearms – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same

C-7, Student Attendance – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same

C-11, Student Freedom of Expression – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same

C-15, Students Who Are Homeless – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same.

C-20, Student Conduct and Discipline – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – The policy is the same

D-1, Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – VSBA made this policy cleaner. It is now easier to understand.

Hunt discussed the following policies:

D-8, Selection of Library Materials – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – This is a new policy. VSBA requires this policy. It is required that procedures are in place that the librarians have created.

E-1, Title I, Part A: Parental Involvement Policy – Second Reading & Possible Adoption – VSBA requires this policy. Outlines the ways parents are engaged in involvement.

Stebbins made the motion to adopt the above policies, seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

F-2, Capitalization of Assets – First Reading & Discussion- Clark explained the change which now has a \$10,000 limit. This is a required policy.

Consider Belvidere Selectboard Request for Extension on Decision Making Regarding Belvidere School Building - Discussion & Possible Action – Clark spoke that Belvidere has responded to the letter. There is nobody from the selectboard present at tonight's meeting. Belvidere's selectboard has requested to extend this decision until 2026. This is a long time to leave the building inactive if there are interested buyers. The recommendation is to extend it until end of September 2025, unless the selectboard comes back with requirements that don't allow them to acquire before September 2025. Belvidere needs to get a brown water assessment done, which could be done by the end of June.

Hunsberger made the motion to give Belvidere selectboard until September 2025, or at least come back to the school board with their intentions, if they are unable to meet the September timeframe, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Disposition of Belvidere Central School Books – Discussion & Possible Action – This can be removed as the school owns the books. Sweet stated there is a book drive, and the question was asked if the books could be used for people in need.

Review and Award Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Anticipation Borrowing Bid – Discussion & Possible Action –

Clark shared there were two bids, one from Community Bank N.A., and one from Union Bank. Both came back the same. Union bank doesn't limit transactions, Community Bank N.A. does limit to six transactions. Clark recommends that the tax anticipation borrowing bid be awarded to Union bank. Kiely made the motion, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously. Nielsen abstained from the vote.

Gallagher shared graduation dates and some legislative updates. She will be out of the office from May 23rd to June 6th.

Jones shared that this Sunday is the 5th annual memorial for her daughter, Hannah, of Hyde Park. There will be baked goods, the event will be held on the ATV trail, but you can get to it by car. The money goes to Mental Health awareness.

Hunsberger shared that there was a great show with the jazz band and singers over the weekend. There were over 1000 participants. Graduation and prom are coming up. There is a student that just received their GED that was accepted to PACE Collage in New York.

Adjourn 7:15 pm motion to adjourn by Hunsberger, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.