

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
June 9, 2025

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

Board members Absent: Cambridge: Susan Prescott, Eden: Jeff Hunsberger

Administrators Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark (Google Meet), Bethann Pirie, Catherine Gallagher, Paula Beattie, David Manning, Betzi Goodman, Kim Hunt, Erik Remmers, Dylan Laflam, Jeremy Scannell, Michele Aumand, Jan Epstein, Christopher Hennessey, Diane Reilly, Carrie Bullard, Rene Thibault (Google Meet)

Others Present: Katelyn Foss (Google Meet), John Moton (Google Meet), Melissa Manka

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda are Legislative update moved to below administrative update; removing CIP plans until the August meeting. VSBA Membership discussion added below administrative update. Sweet made motion to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items – Minutes of the LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Meeting on May 12, 2025; the Special LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Meeting on May 19, 2025; Social-Emotional Wellness & Safety Committee Meeting minutes on May 12, 2025; Personnel Committee Meeting minutes from May 27, 2025 and June 3, 2025: Stebbins made the motion to approve above minutes, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Orders: Sweet has reviewed board orders and recommends the board approve them. Bezio made the motion to approve board orders, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Literacy/Math Program Presentation: Presentation done by Hunt and K. Foss.

Bid Review and Award for Access Points at the Union School Campus, including GMTCC – Discussion & Possible Action: Hayes presented bids for replacing the access points. Received 3 quote from vendors. Hayes recommended the board award Brazilian Networks the bid of \$79,760.21 to replace the access points which is to be paid from the FY25 General fund. This bid did come in below the budgeted amount. Stebbins made the motion to accept the Brazilian Network bid, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review:

F-2, Capitalization of Assets, Second Reading & Possible Adoption: Second reading. The only change with the Capitalization is the amount was changed from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Clark recommends the board adopts the change as amended, Bezio made the motion to accept F-2, Capitalization of Assets updated policy, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

F-7, Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams, First Reading: Gallagher explained the policy. This is required by the Agency of Education. We have Behavioral threat assessment teams.

Other Policy Considerations: Gallagher explained the board may be seeing more required policies coming through this summer. The board agreed to allow the subcommittees to make decisions on these policies.

Legislative Updates – Possible Discussion: Bezio shared slides. VSBA updates: New board member academy concluded last week; these webinar archives are available on the VSBA website. On June 20th, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, there will be a webinar on the 2025 Legislative session and its implications for Vermont school districts. A refresher on all the services that VSBA provides was shared. A bill banning the use of cell phones is being considered. The legislature will reconvene on June 16th to continue work on H.454.

Administrator Updates: Gallagher spoke regarding the senate and house bills. We need to convene a group of people that represent the state of Vermont. There are questions that need to be answered regarding small schools. Why are we not looking into the cost of healthcare? She is very concerned about the tuition piece in both bills. She believes we need to advocate for our children, has anyone asked what the students want, they should have a voice.

VSBA Membership discussion: Nuse shared notes she created regarding if LNSU should consider continuing participation with a VSBA Membership. Nielsen wrote to Sue Ceglowski, the executive director of VSBA, and he has run the numbers. We paid just shy of \$10,000 this year in fees to the VSBA. Nielsen stated having policies vetted through the VSBA alone pays for our membership. If we withdraw, these services and many others that VSBA will cost us a lot more. Nielsen, Stebbins, and Bezio have represented the VSBA currently and in the past. Nielsen supports the district's continued membership with VSBA.

Other Business/Adjourn 7:17 pm motion to adjourn made by Sanders seconded by Webster. The motion passed unanimously.