

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
October 13, 2025

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

Board members Absent: Eden: David Whitcomb; Hyde Park: Patti Hayford

Administrators Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark, Catherine Gallagher, Kim Hunt, Rene Thibault, Paula Beattie, Dylan Laflam, Michele Aumand, Dylan Laflam

Others Present: Tyler Barber

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: Hunsberger made a motion to accept the agenda with the change of adding approval of hiring a new teacher at Waterville Elementary school, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Gallagher stated that public comment is not a back-and-forth discussion. The public may share thoughts or concerns and if something needs to be followed up on, it might be an agenda item for a future meeting.

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items – Minutes of the September 8, 2025, LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Meeting;

Personnel Committee Meetings on September 9 and 16, 2025 Stebbins made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Orders – Sweet reviewed the board orders and recommends that the board approve. Bezio made the motion to approve the board orders, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Waterville Elementary School Hire- Beattie recommends hiring Alexandra Gordon for the .2FTE Art teacher in Waterville. Kiely made the motion, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Updates – Bezio shared the VT Redistricting Task Force has had several meetings now, the last one was Friday, 10/10/25. There are three upcoming public meetings. The closest meeting is at Winooski High School. They currently have three maps that are being considered.

Data Update – Possible Discussion – Hunt will share at each meeting. Hunt shared slides regarding literacy scores for informational text and writing. Last year, we worked on literacy outcomes in several ways: explicit writing instructions, knowledge building, improving our MTSS system, improving student feedback at the secondary level.

AI Update: There was a discussion and an advisory committee has been created consisting of two teachers, two students, Hayes, Thibault and Hunt. The committee is in the informational gathering stage.

Appoint Authorized Representatives for both LNSU and LNMUUSD for the VEHI/VSBIT Annual Meeting – Discussion & Possible Action – Bezio will be attending this meeting already and will be the representative. Hunsberger made the motion to appoint Bart Bezio as the authorized representative for both LNSU and LNMUUSD for the VEHI/VSBIT Annual meeting, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Bart Bezio as Voting Delegate for October 23, 2025, VSBA Business Meeting – Discussion & Possible Action- Bezio is the representative currently. Hunsberger made the motion to appoint Bart Bezio as voting delegate for the October 23, 2025, VSBA Business Meeting, seconded by Webster. The motion passed unanimously.

VSBA Resolutions – Discussion & Possible Action – Bezio shared there are 11 resolutions that were submitted to VSBA. Bezio shared the process of the resolutions. Bezio recommends accepting the VSBA recommendations of the resolutions. Hunsberger made the motion to adopt the VSBA position on the resolution, seconded by Guyette. The motion passed unanimously.

Belvidere Central School Conveyance to the Town of Belvidere – Discussion & Possible Action – The town of Belvidere has decided they would like to take over ownership of the Belvidere Central School building. Clark will work with the lawyers to get the contracts completed.

SPED Van Bids – Discussion & Possible Action – Clark shared the bids for the LNSU Student Transportation Services van purchase. For continuity of services at this time, the administration is recommending that the Board move to accept the bid of \$43,685 from Handy Cars (Toyota) for a 2025 Sienna LE. This van is available now. Motion made by Kiely seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Heating Fuel Bids – Discussion & Possible Action – Laflam presented the Heating Fuel Oil & Propane bids. Fred's was the only company to send in bids. At this time, the administration is recommending that the Board move to award the 2026-2028 propane contract to Fred's Energy with a bid of \$1.67, \$1.72, \$1.77 per gallon for years 1-3 for propane and \$2.769 per gallon in FY26 for #2 fuel oil. Motion made by Hunsberger, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater Three-Acre Permit Compliance Complete: Request for Use of Capital Reserve Funds for LNSD Required 10% Match – Discussion & Possible Action – Laflam brought this up in 2024. There was a grant and the work was around \$250,000. The project is closed out. This has been approved in the past. The motion was not to exceed \$30,000 for the match, it should be around \$27,000.

Administrator Updates – Gallagher shared there will be a new standing agenda item around board training. She understands that the Board can't always get to these trainings. Gallagher asked the Board questions on the difference between the Board and administrative tasks. The Board is the what and why; The Admin staff is the how.

Gallagher would like to host a budget development collaboration with the community and a presentation on Act 73 on November 10, 2025, with dinner, and round-table conversations.

Gallagher shared the rubric from the district quality standards. This is a pilot year. The board adopted three-year goals, and the superintendent adopted three-year goals.

Nielsen suggested hiring someone to coordinate with state and local officials. The recommendation is to hire a safety and bus coordinator. This would be a full-time position. Currently multiple administrators are doing part of this work. Clark discussed the budget and the savings and her role in coordinating transportation.

Other Business: Nuse went to the open house at the high school, it was great. Beattie shared that Gallagher has been selected for a Leadership Academy for Superintendents through Harvard University.

Adjourn: Hunsberger made the motion to adjourn at 7:10pm.