

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
March 9, 2026

Board members Present: Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Kiley Hill; Cambridge: Jan Sander, Denise Webster, Katie Audette, Mark Stebbins, Amy Listenik; Hyde Park: Patty Hayford, Lisa Jones, Tina Lowe, Phillip Kiely; Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Eden: Tiffany Cochran; Waterville: Bart Bezio

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

Administrators Present: Deborah Clark, Catherine Gallagher, Rene Thibault, Michele Aumand, Jeremy Scannell, Bethann Pirie, Jan Patrick, Chris Hennessey, Christopher Dodge, Carrie Bullard, Diane Reilly, Erik Remmers

Others Present: Laurie Flynn

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: Nielsen made a change to the agenda, added discussion for a Johnson candidate that would like to join the Board. Bezio made a motion to accept the revised agenda, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

Reorganization of the Board:

Elect LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Chair- Bezio nominated Nielsen, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

Elect LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Clerk - Bezio made the motion to nominate Sweet for Clerk, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss & Approve 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule & Date of Annual Meeting –The group decided to hold the LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board meetings on the second Monday of the month. The Annual Meeting will be February 15, 2027, with the Information Meeting to follow on February 22, 2027.

Discuss & Approve 2026-2027 Committee Meeting Schedule/Membership – Personnel Committee and Board Negotiations will meet as needed; Finance & Capital, Curriculum and Safety and Wellness committees will meet prior to the full board meetings on the second Monday of the month. Board members were asked to email Michele Aumand if they would like to change the committee(s) they are currently serving on.

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items – Minutes of February 16, 2026, LNSU/LNMMUUSD SPECIAL Board meeting- Bezio made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Legislative Update – Bezio shared that 82% of the school budgets that were voted on were passed. Unfortunately, those that did not pass were pretty much the same budgets that did not pass last year; mostly low-spending districts. Those that passed approved an average increase of just over 4% increase which is below the 6% estimate that was projected in December so that’s going to give a little bit of relief. There have been more discussions about the bill on the spending cap; instead of capping the percentage growth, there’s talk of potentially bringing down the excess spending threshold.

Data Update – Gallagher stated the State Report Card came out and was quickly in some ways pulled back because the Agency of Education realized an error on their part in how they translated data; that has been a problem since 2017. They’re saying that some schools that were identified shouldn’t have been; some schools that were identified should not have been.

Appoint New Board Member from Johnson – Nielsen received a letter of interest from Liz Kauffman for one of the three open Johnson board seats. Nielsen asked for a motion to appoint Liz as a new Johnson board member, so moved by Kiely, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Green Mountain Tech Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Result: Remmers provided information and shared slides regarding the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment results.

Policy Review:

C70, Use of Restraint and Seclusion, Second Reading, Discussion & Possible Adoption– Scannell gave an overview of C70. Sweet made the motion to adopt, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: N/A

Adjourn: Hayford made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm.