

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
April 13, 2026

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

Board members Absent: Eden: Jeff Hunsberger, Johnson: Elizabeth Aloisio, Scott Meyer

Administrators Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark (remote), Catherine Gallagher, Kim Hunt, Rene Thibault, Paula Beattie, Dylan Laflam, Michele Aumand, Jeremy Scannell, Bethann Pirie, Chris Hennessey, Erik Remmers, Christopher Dodge, Dane Van Nosedln, Jan Patrick

Others Present: N/A

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: Change to the agenda, student matter moved to after board orders. Bezio made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of March 9, 2026, board meeting; March 26, 2026, SPECIAL Board Meeting; April 2, 2026, Personnel Committee Meeting: Kiely made the motion to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Student Matter – Discussion & Possible Action, Proposed Executive Session: Stebbins made the motion to enter executive session at 6:02 pm, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 6:45 pm. Kiely made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration. seconded by Bezio. The motion passed, Sanders abstained. The school board chair will transmit the message to the family.

Legislative Update: Bezio shared slides regarding the mid-session status of Act 73; House Ways and Means will set and pass the yield bill in the coming weeks and Governor Scott has again announced a \$105M "buy down" of the tax rate; an update regarding H.955, Next Steps in Education Transformation, and the Governor's response to it; the current status of H.842, Public School Employee Health Benefits.

Data Update: Hunt shared slides about data provided by FastBridge which is a comprehensive, research-based assessment system that is being used in grades K-8 in our district to evaluate student progress in reading and math.

FY27 Non-Represented Staff Pay Increases – Discussion & Possible Action, Proposed Executive Session: Nielsen made a recommendation to the Board for a \$2.00/hour increase for all hourly non-represented

support staff and a 4.5% increase for all salaried exempt non-represented staff. Listenik made a motion to accept Nielsen's recommendation for the non-represented staff pay increases, seconded by Bezio. Clark shared that this increase pertains to less than 25% of the staff and that these increases are already a part of the budget. The motion passed. Kiely, Audette abstained.

The meeting was paused for a brief recess at 7:04 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

E-Rate Category 1 Internet Service Provider Renewal Bid Award – Discussion & Possible Action: Hayes stated that the administration recommends that the Board award the contract to Fidium Fiber in the amount of \$73,728.00 annually, to be paid from the FY27 General Fund and Subsequent General funds. The district anticipates an annual E-Rate reimbursement of \$58,982.40 (80%), resulting in a net annual cost of \$14,745.60. Over the full three-year term, the total gross cost will be \$221,184.00, with an anticipated E-Rate reimbursement of \$176,947.20, resulting in a total net cost to the district of \$44,236.80. Bezio made the motion, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

E-Rate Category 2 Network Infrastructure Bid Award – Discussion & Possible Action: Hayes stated that the administration recommends that the Board award the E-Rate Category 2 contract to Resilient Networks in the amount of \$145,501.09, with the district's share of \$29,100.32 to be funded through the FY27 General Fund. Sweet made the motion, seconded by Prescott. The motion passed unanimously.

Accept FY25 Audits – Discussion & Possible Action: Clark shared that the audits have been completed. There is a clean, unqualified (meaning no findings) report. Accepting the audits doesn't mean that the Board agrees with them, just that they accept them. They will be posted on the LNSU website. Prescott made the motion to accept the FY25 audits, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Updates: Gallagher shared that the new Cambridge Elementary Principal has been hired. Chris Hennessey, principal of LUMS, is retiring at the end of this year, and the LUMS assistant principal is also leaving to be at home with her family. Paula Beattie, HR Director, has begun the hiring process.

Other Business: Clark said projections are done, the districts look healthy. The projections will be coming out this week.

Adjourn: Kiely made the motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm.