

Meeting of the  
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and  
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 11, 2026

**Board members Present:** Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Kyle Hill, Liz Kauffman, Elizabeth Aloisio, Scott Meyer; Cambridge: Jan Sander, Denise Webster, Katie Audette, Mark Stebbins, Amy Listenik, Sue Prescott (virtual); Hyde Park: Patty Hayford, Lisa Jones, Tina Lowe, Phillip Kiely; Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Eden: Jeff Hunsberger; Waterville: Bart Bezio

**Board members Absent:** Eden: Tiffany Cochran

**Administrators Present:** Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark, Kim Hunt, Rene Thibault, Paula Beattie, Dylan Laflam, Michele Aumand, Bethann Pirie, Chris Hennessey, Erik Remmers, Christopher Dodge, Dane Van Nosedeln, Jan Patrick, Carrie Bullard

**Others Present:**

**Minute Taker:** Savannah Droney

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Hunsberger made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:**

**Consent Agenda Items:**

**Minutes of the April 13, 2026, board meeting and Curriculum/Social-Emotional Wellness & Safety**

**Committee Meeting:** Jones made the motion to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Legislative Updates:** Bezio stated that things are still very much up in air. He shared a H.955 bill update and he will share when the senate committee rules. There are several other bills currently being discussed about chronic absenteeism, e-tech products, immigration protocols, etc.

**Data Update:** Hunt shared data slides about FastBridge Fall to Winter Growth in Early Math and aMath and NWEA measure of assessment progress in math and reading for grades K-6 and 9-10.

**Lamoille Union Middle School Principal Hire – Discussion & Possible Action, Proposed Executive Session:** On behalf of Superintendent Catherine Gallagher, Paula Beattie made a recommendation to hire Randy Rininger-Kline as the LUMS Principal with a contract term of two years, effective July 1, 2026. Kiely made the motion to approve, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director Contract Renewal – Discussion & Possible Action, Proposed Executive Session:** On behalf of Superintendent Catherine Gallagher, Paula Beattie made a recommendation to renew Erik Remmers,

Director of GMTCC, with a contract term of three years, effective July 1, 2026. Hunsberger made the motion, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

**Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Overview – Discussion & Possible Action:** Thibault shared that Act 72 now requires that there is a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan in place; this Act which was signed into law July of 2025. Schools must incorporate cardiac emergency response protocols into Emergency Operations plans. Plans must address: AED access, placement, and maintenance; staff response protocols; training and drills; athletic-specific emergency planning. Phase 1: 2025-2026, development of plan protocols and inventory audit; Phase 2: 2026-2027, full implementation by July 1 is required by law; Phase 3: mandatory compliance this is not optional; plans must be developed and ready. Laflam shared that AEDs are already on site and have been used in the past.

**Award LNSU Audit Bid – Discussion & Possible Action:** Clark shared that there was only one bid received from Kittell, Branagan & Sargent, Year 1 \$129,000, Year 2 \$135,000, Year 3 \$142,000. The administration is recommending that the Board move to accept the sole bid from Kittell, Branagan & Sargent. Motion made by Stebbins, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

**Award LNMUUSD FY'27 Tax Anticipation Borrowing Bid – Discussion & Possible Action:** Clark shared the tax anticipation borrowing went out to bid to Community Bank N.A., Community National Bank, Union Bank, and Northfield Savings Bank. Community Bank N.A. and Northfield Savings Bank only bid on a line of credit. Union Bank and Community National Bank bid on a tax anticipation note with associated re-investment account. Union Bank is offering a slightly higher rate spread between the tax anticipation borrowing at 3.34% and the associated investment account earning 3.75% as Community National Bank borrowing is at 3.23% and the associated investment account earning at 3.63%. However, Union Bank is offering earning at 3.75% on all funds deposited in the investment account, whereas Community National Bank investment earning rate of 3.63% is not extended to deposits in excess of the borrowing limit. Based on the interest rates bid, the opportunity to earn the full rate on deposits in excess of borrowing, and that Union Bank currently holds the district's accounts and offering 3.5% on the checking account, the Administration is recommending that the Board award their FY27 Tax anticipation Note to Union Bank. Meyer made the motion, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed, Nielsen abstained.

**Award 2026-2027 School Year Chromebook Bid – Discussion & Possible Action:** Hayes shared the Centralized Chromebook purchase bid for school year 2026-2027. There was one bid from Resilient Networks. The other two did not bid because they could not hold the price for an extended period of time. Due to the increase in cost per unit, we have adjusted our device deployment cycle and are requesting the purchase of 275 Chromebooks rather than the originally bid quantity of 450 units. This adjustment brings the overall cost to \$161,443.80. At this time, the administration is recommending that the Board award the bid to Resilient Networks to be paid from the FY27 General Fund. Stebbins made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

**Award 2026-2027 School Year Staff Device Bid – Discussion & Possible Action Administrator Updates:** Hayes shared the bid for staff laptops for the 2026-2027 school year. There was only one bid received from Resilient Networks for 72 units. The cost is \$1,149.90 per unit with a total bid of \$82,792.80. Due to the increase in cost per unit, we have adjusted our device deployment cycle and are requesting the purchase of 35 laptops rather than the originally requested 72 units. This adjustment brings the overall cost to \$40,246.50. At this time, the administration is recommending that the Board award the bid to Resilient Networks for the Centralized Computer and Peripheral purchase in the amount of \$40,246.50

to be paid from the FY27 General Fund. Hunsberger made the motion, seconded by Stebbins. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Administrator Updates:**

**Dodge:** ECS has been named one of just 12 recipients of the Children's Literacy Foundation Year of the Book Grant program. The school will receive \$25,000 to support expanded reading and literacy activities for students next school year. This investment in reading will mean free books for students, new books for the school library, author visits, and literacy-based activities across the school year. ECS is planning a Memorial Day remembrance on May 22 at 1:15 p.m. and all are welcome!

**Patrick:** April was testing month. WES received \$1,000 from the Cambridge Rotary to purchase books for the library. WES hosted MyNBC Channel 5 for a Weather at Your School visit on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Concert is on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**Van Nosedeln:** JES has been offered the Disney Stage Connect Grant for the next two years which provides the foundational training for educators to successfully produce a school musical. There will be a Community Discussion at the library on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Hennessey:** LUMS will have a new science and math teacher next year. He was able to join the teams from Infinity and Alpha at the Statehouse and it was a great experience. The New York City trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will happen in a few weeks. End of year celebration is June 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. which recognizes each 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He thanked the Board for all their support during his time as principal at LUMS.

**Pirie:** Testing is happening at LUHS; once testing is over, the rest of the year is packed. Last week was Teacher Appreciation week and the student council made breakfast for the teachers and staff. A group of students went to Iceland over April break. A couple of free rider skiers who are students at LUHS competed in a national event in British Columbia. A student went to Norway to participate in the largest Biathlon event. The LUHS boys' basketball team and coaches went to the Statehouse to be acknowledged for winning the State championship.

**Remmers:** GMTCC is in the final phase of all their programs. They are in the process of organizing all of the SkillsUSA trips. The Stowe Rotary dinner is happening on May 21<sup>st</sup> where they generously award many students scholarships. There will be a Tech Expo happening May 29<sup>th</sup> and all the details were shared. There will be more industry professionals who will be onsite. Completion ceremony is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** Jones shared that May is mental health awareness month and this weekend, they are raising money for suicide prevention near Jones Road in Hyde Park. They will be selling baked goods on the ATV trails.

**Adjourn:** Hunsberger made the motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.