

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
June 8, 2026

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

Board members Absent: Hyde Park: Tina Lowe, Patty Hayford

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

Others Present: N/A

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: The equity Design team presentation will go after the board orders. Also, there will need to be a nomination for representation from the Lamoille North Supervisory Union Board to the Winooski Valley CESA, and representation from the LNMUUSD Board to the Study Committee Group 15. Kiely made a motion to accept the revised agenda, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

LNSU/LNMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of the LNSU/LNMUUSD Board Meeting, Finance & Capital Committee, Curriculum Committee and Social-Emotional Wellness & Safety Committee Meetings from May 11, 2026; Personnel Committee Meeting minutes from May 5, 2026; May 19, 2026; and May 26, 2026.

Hunsberger made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Equity Design Team Presentation: Lily-Jean French and SaraJayne Sargent shared slides with the Board about the work of the Equity Design team including their mission statement. The team has increased in members throughout the year. They have planned many events this year including workshops and equity fairs. The Campus School Climate Survey was conducted. There were over 250 respondents.

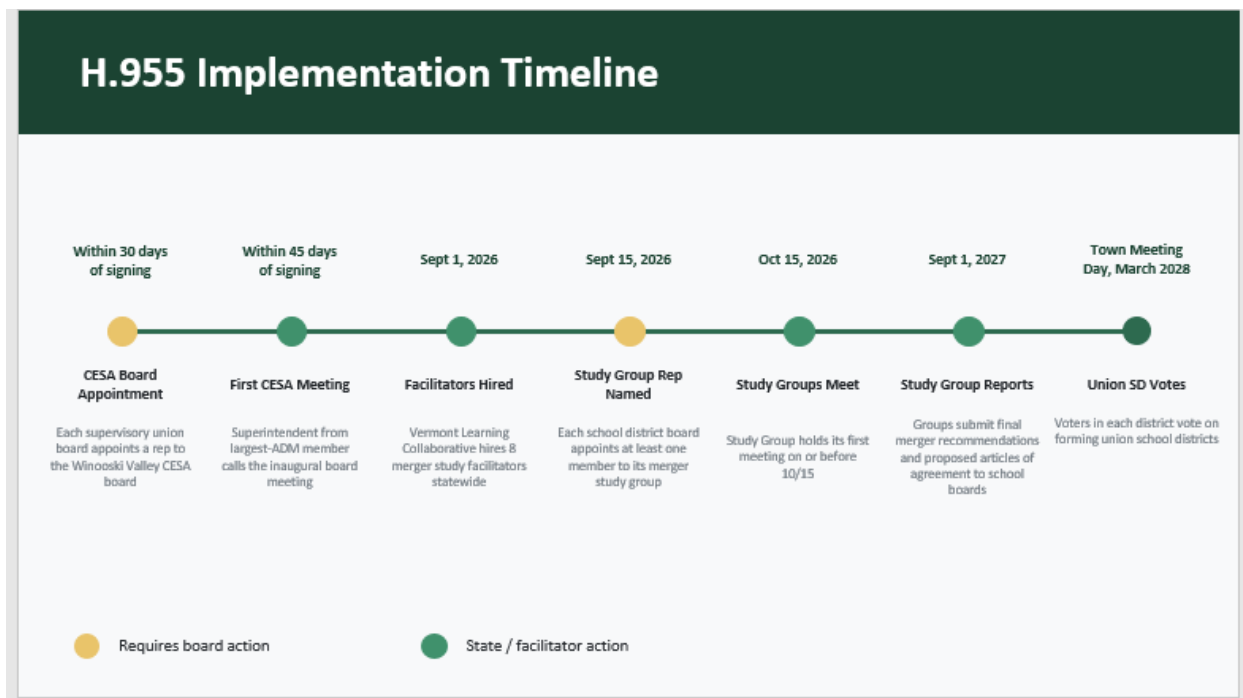
Legislative Updates Data Update: Bezio shared slides regarding H.955, the Education Transformation Act. What it does:

- Creates seven Cooperative Educational Service Areas (CESAs) statewide
- LNMUUSD is assigned to the Winooski Valley CESA (incl. Barre, Harwood, Lamoille South, Montpelier, Orange Southwest, Orleans Southwest, Washington Central, White River Valley)
- Establishes voluntary district merger study committees (no forced mergers)
- LNMUUSD is assigned to a Study Committee Group 15 with the following: Cambridge, Craftsbury,

Elmore/Morristown, Hazen, Mountain View, Stowe, Stannard and Wolcott

-Shifts education finance to a foundation formula — contingent on future legislative action

-Provides state aid for school construction tied to merger goals



There are two appointments that must be made tonight, appoint a representative to service on the Winooski Valley CESA Board. This can be a current board member, the superintendent or a designee. We must also appoint at least one current board member to represent LNMUUSD in the Study Committee Group 15.

Bezio moved that Lamoille North Supervisory Union Board appoint Cat Gallagher and Deb Clark to represent Lamoille North Supervisory Union as board members of the Winooski Valley CESA, seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

Sweet moved that the Board appoint Bart Bezio to represent LNMUUSD as a member of the Study Committee Group 15, pending Governor Scott's signing of the bill, seconded by Kiely. The motion passed unanimously. Cambridge will need to appoint their own representative.

Lamoille Union Middle School Dean of Students Hire – Discussion & Possible Action, Proposed

Executive Session: Beattie recommends hiring Alia Khatari as Lamoille Union Middle School Dean of Students. Hunsberger made the motion to hire Alia Khatari as the Lamoille Union Middle school Dean of Students, seconded by Sweet. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Award Bus Lease RFP for Eden – Discussion & Possible Action: Clark shared three bids that were received for replacement buses for Eden Central School. Eden needs to retire two buses and lease two new ones.

COMPANY	MONTHLY LEASE PRICE	ANNUAL LEASE PRICE	MAKE	ENGINE	WHEEL BASE	ALTERNATE-BUS BID PRICE	NOTES:
DeVivo	\$ 4,568	\$ 53,410	International	Cummins 6.7 240HP	276"	\$280,340.00	Available September 2026
Anderson Motors	---	\$ 76,000	Blue Bird	Cummins 6.7 240HP	280"	\$292,954.00	Available August-September 2026
	---	\$ 104,019				---	Lease to purchase w. residual value
W. C. Cressey	\$ 4,641	\$ 53,690	Thomas	Cummins 15B 240HP	279"	\$290,880.00	Available Fall 2026

Deb Newcomb, Eden's Bus Coordinator, has reviewed the bids and vehicle specifications. Deb prefers the Thomas buses. Clark recommends the board move forward with the bid from W.C. Cressey for the two Thomas Buses at \$53,690 for each bus. Kiely made motion to accept the bid from W.C Cressey for two buses, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed; Cambridge members abstained.

Cybersecurity Update – Discussion & Possible Action: Hayes shared a memo with the Board outlining Cybersecurity updates. Any questions, please direct them to Hayes.

Other Business: Gallagher asked to set the Board Retreat for August 10, 2026, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Adjourn: Hunsberger made the motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm.