

Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Board
Minutes of Meeting
September 14, 2026

Board members Present: Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Liz Kauffman, Elizabeth Aloisio; Cambridge: Jan Sander, Katie Audette, Susan Prescott, Mark Stebbins, Amy Listenik; Hyde Park: Lisa Jones, Phillip Kiely; Eden: Jeff Hunsberger, Tiffany Cochran; Waterville: Bart Bezio

Board members Absent: Hyde Park: Tina Lowe, Patty Hayford; Johnson: Scott Meyer, Kyle Hill; Belvidere: Stephanie Sweet; Cambridge: Denise Webster

Administrators Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark, Kim Hunt, Michele Aumand, Catherine Gallagher, Dylan Laflam, Carrie Bullard, Diane Rielly, Randy Kline, Dan VanNosdeln, Christopher Dodge, Jan Patrick, Erik Remmers, Bethann Pirie, Jeremy Scannell

Others Present: N/A

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

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

Approval of Agenda: Some revisions were made to the agenda - remove legislative update, ACT 170, and administrator update; add print services bid quotes. Hunsberger made a motion to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Sander. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Routine Business:

Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of the June 16, 23, July 7, 21 and August 18, 2026, Personnel

Committee Meetings: Audette made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Managed Print Services and Contract Consolidation: The district issued an RFP to consolidate multi-function printer (MFP) leases and establish a predictable one-rate printing service, including maintenance and toner. One bid was received from Symquest, the district's current MFP provider at all sites except Cambridge. Current annual printing and lease costs for the units to be replaced total \$91,936.68. Symquest bid to replace 23 multi-function printers at a monthly cost of \$5,217.12, annual cost of \$62,605.56, and a total of \$313,027.80 for 60 months. The first-year savings are estimated at \$29,331. Next year, even more can be consolidated to potentially increase the estimated annual savings to \$34,411.44 for years 2-5. Stebbins made the motion to award the five-year Managed Print Services and Contract Consolidation contract to Symquest for \$313,027.80, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

Continuous Improvement Plans – Discussion & Possible Action. All elementary schools reported goals for literacy, math and social emotional learning. All elementary schools reported continuing to work on adoption of ARC and professional development with math. All elementary schools also reported a focus on effective MTSS.

Stebbins made the motion to accept these goals, seconded by Stebbins. Bezio asked if the 10% for math and literacy is across the board and the answer is yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Data Update: Gallagher shared that the community BBQ was a huge success. There were over 300 people, and it was a very rainy night. Community surveys for middle level and high school has been given out. Two years ago, there were 66 responses, last year there were 350 responses, and as of this year there are already 446 responses.

Hunt shared an overview of early math and aMath, FASTBRIDGE. 77% of students made enough growth for early math. 64% made enough growth for aMath. Enough growth means that 30% or above increased nationally. NWEA Map math growth Fall to Spring slide for all grades was shared. 18% of students need more intervention, and 58% have made enough growth. Reading for all grades NWEA MAP 64% of students had enough growth, and 18% need intervention. This year there is more professional development. The middle and high school SEL Data for Students and staff results highlights were shared. The elementary school SEL data were shared. The state recently adopted a chronic absentee strategy. They are using our relationship with the restorative center. Our percentage of Students in Attendance numbers are above 90%. The state average is lower than that. The board should be pleased with year one, and there is a lot of work to do in year 2.

Appoint Authorized Representatives for both LNSU and LNMUUSD for the VEHI/VSBIT

Annual Meeting – Discussion & Possible Action: Clark explained we are members of VSBIT and the Annual Meeting is on Friday, October 30, 2026, at 8:00 am. We get a vote at the Annual Meeting. Sanders made the motion for LNSU to appoint Bart Bezio as the representative, seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously. Sander made the motion to appoint Bart Bezio as the LNMUUSD representative at the VSBIT meeting, seconded by Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review Gallagher shared that the first four polices should be reviewed before the next meet; there have been no changes to them. Policy C16 is a policy produced by the AOE that we need to adopt. It needs to be reviewed also before the next meeting.

B3 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace – First Reading

B5 – Employee Unlawful Harassment – First Reading

C3 – Transportation – First Reading

C14 – Policy on Section 504 and ADA Grievance Protocol for Students and Staff – First Reading

C16 – Model Policy on Student Use of Cell Phones – First Reading

Heating Oil Bids – Discussion & Possible Action: Laflam shared that there was one bid received from Fred's Energy for #2 Fuel oil at \$4.62/gallon; this is a \$1.94 increase over last year. The administration is recommending that the Board move to award the 2026-2027 fuel contract to Fred's Energy with a bid of \$4.62/gallon of fuel oil. Motion made by Stebbins seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

Wood Chip Bids – Discussion & Possible Action: There were two bids received, one from Couisenau Valley Chipping, and the other from IM Trucking, LLC, for three years for all campuses with wood chip heat plants within LNSU. Although the contracted amount is higher for IM Trucking, LLC, the chip quality seems to be much better and the recommendation from the boiler manufacturer is our string of recent breakdowns have been mostly due to the chip quality. The administration is recommending that the Board move to award the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 Heating Chip contract to IM Trucking, LLC, for all three years. Motion made by Stebbins, seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Orders – Discussion & Possible Action: Clark explained the board orders and the amount of work it requires to scan them. Michele attaches all board orders to all notes. We have a clerk that reviews it all. Does the Board want to continue receiving all Board orders with the agenda each time? The group would like to continue to see the Board orders each month.

FY28 Budget Development Update – Discussion & Possible Action: Preliminary budgets are out to all administrators for their review. The FCC met tonight and discussed the schedule.

Other Business: Healthy Lamoille Valley will have their October Kickoff & Legislative Breakfast on October 27, 2026, from 8:30-10:00 am at GMTCC in the CEC.

Adjourn: Audette made the motion to adjourn, at 7:13 pm.