Meeting of the
Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District
Finance & Capital Committee
Minutes of Meeting
October 19, 2026

Board members Present: Johnson: Mark Nielsen, Elizabeth Aloisio; Belvidere: Bart Bezio; Cambridge: Mark Stebbins, Katie Audette; Susan Prescott; Hyde Park: Lisa Jones
Administrator's Present: Cole Hayes, Deborah Clark, Catherine Gallagher, Diane Reilly, Dan VanNosdeln, Christopher Dodge, Jan Patrick

Minute Taker: Savannah Droney

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Prescott at 5:30 pm

Approval of Agenda: Nielsen made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: N/A

Renewing Contracts in Fiscal 2028 – Discussion, Possible Executive Session, Possible Action: Nielsen made the motion to go into executive session at 5:31 pm, seconded by Bezio. The motion passed unanimously. Exited executive session at 5:55 pm.

Meet with Elementary principles to Review Preliminary Fiscal 2028 Budgets- Discussion, Possible Action:

Dodge: shared that he looked at class sizes, there are smaller classes coming. He has looked into what the school quality standards recommend. Eden has three small classes of eight, eight and nine students. It would not be responsible if they to move those classes forward as is, so he is recommending some class combos. There are not a lot of other changes. There was no budget funding for PreK so they right sized the budget for that. The budget didn't roll over a vacant position; the music position hasn't been filled, but it is still in the budget.

Reilly: There are no increases in personnel and no increases in any gen ed line item other than personnel in FY27. Can manage without student support position; it has been removed. Reilly shared items that didn't roll over into this budget that need to be added; a teacher out on maternity leave and mentors. With the missing items added back to the budget, that would increase HPES budget by 2.47%. Stebbins asked for clarification regarding the salary for the teacher out on maternity leave, Clark explained the budget roll mechanism doesn't capture in-active positions. Prescott asked about class size. Reilly has looked at overall class size. This year, there are 246 total enrolled. Reilly explain; she is meeting with Clark, Gallagher and Hunt Friday to review planned on future class sizes.

VanNosdeln: There are two classrooms that will have nine students; 2nd grade will be consolidated and be a class of 18. There will be two Kindergarten classes and two 1st grade classes. There has been a 2% cut to all discretionary lines; $14,800 will be cut for facilities and technology. The largest increase is in salaries and wages. There are two staff members that have been here a long time. Clark will look at

salaries and benefits line. Clark double checked and the numbers are correct, the salaries for JPAC (alternative program) were not included in the last budget, but will be in this budget; that is the increase.

Patrick: Had to find money to support technology and facilities; nothing else has changed. Waterville classes are already made up of multi-age students. They are unable to combine more than two grades. Numbers are holding steady for the next couple of years.

Hayes shared that the technology increases have been included in budget numbers, except for Hyde Park.

Review LNSU Preliminary Fiscal 2028 Budget – Discussion, Possible Action: Clark shared non special ed revenue is down 64% and that is due to the reduced surplus coming out of FY26. State aid to transportation is always two years behind. Special ed revenue went up by 9%. Supervisory assessment is comparable to ed spending. General ed expenditures are down. Special ed expenditures are up. Personnel numbers were estimated and everything else needed to be reduced in order to meet the 3.5% increase in assessment combined. Transportation is underfunded, facilities is minimal. IT needs security to continue to grow. Clark explained that Jeremy Scannell will present Special Ed at the next meeting, but that the work continues to bring services in-house. Stebbins asked that Jeremy provide information on the metric being used to determine success with this strategy, knowing that last year there were struggles filling positions. GMTCC is not part of the current budget presentations as it is tuition based and doesn't directly impact the education spending. The enrollment at GMTCC is down.

Other Business: N/A

Adjourn: At 6:55 pm Prescott made a motion to adjourn.