

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON-ALTURA REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ISD #857
January 10, 2022

The 2022 organizational and a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on January 10, 2022 in the Altura Intermediate School gymnasium and the public was able to view the meeting via ZOOM. Members Brummer, Koverman, Pringle, Maki, Meisch, Meyer, and Sommer were present.

Acting Chair Brummer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Maki, seconded by Meyer to approve the January 10, 2022 agenda with the modification of the removal of discussion of Policy 491. MCU.

Meyer nominated Brummer to be Chair. There were no other nominations. Brummer was declared Chair.

Meyer nominated Maki to be Vice - Chair. There were no other nominations. Maki was declared Vice-Chair.

Maki nominated Meisch to be Clerk. There were no other nominations. Meisch was declared Clerk.

Brummer nominated Meyer to be Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Meyer was declared Treasurer.

Motion by Maki, seconded by Sommer to set the 2022 Regular Board meetings to be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the High School Library unless prior notification to hold the meeting at the Elementary or Intermediate School. MCU.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Meisch to designate Superintendent Gwen Carman as the Identified Official with Authority for ISD 857 to authorize user access to State of Education secure websites. MCU.

Motion by Brummer, seconded by Meyer to designate Superintendent Gwen Carman as the Chief Financial Officer of the School District with authorization to pay bills in advance. MCU.

Motion by Sommer, seconded by Pringle to designate Minnwest Bank of Lewiston, The Peoples State Bank in Altura, Merchants Bank in Winona and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund as official depositories for school district funds. MCU.

Motion by Meyer and seconded by Sommer to authorize Superintendent, Business Manager and Finance Assistant to make Official District Electronic Transfers. MCU.

Motion by Meisch, second by Maki to designate Kennedy and Graven, Chartered as the official school district law firm and provide the Superintendent and Board Chair the authorization to contact legal counsel on matters relevant to the school district. MCU.

Motion by Koverman, seconded by Sommer to designate The St. Charles Press & Lewiston Journal as the official publication of the school district. MCU.

Motion by Meyer, second by Meisch to set compensation for School Board Directors and Board Chairperson per regular, special and appointed committee meetings and MSBA Trainings at \$65.00 per meeting for Directors and \$80.00 for Board Chair.

Motion by Brummer, second by Meyer to designate Maki as Board Representative to the MN State High School League.

The Board Chair appointed Board members to serve on the following committees in 2022:

Negotiations

Certified Negotiations: Brummer, Pringle

Principals and Superintendent: Maki, Meisch, Sommer

Non-Certified Work Agreements

Support Staff: Sommer, Koverman, Meisch

Transportation: Sommer, Koverman, Meisch

Activities Steering Committee: Maki, Sommer

Meet & Confer: Meyer, Brummer, Pringle

District Staff Development/Continuing Education: Maki (Alt: Koverman)

Hiawatha Valley Education District: Koverman

Community Education and EC Advisory: Pringle (Alt: Sommer)

Policy Review Committee: Meyer, Sommer (Alt: Koverman)

Health & Safety/Wellness: Sommer (Alt: Meisch)

Systems Accountability: Koverman (Alt: Pringle)

The Board, Altura Mayor John Mask and Altura City Council members introduced themselves. The Board agreed to stay in communication with the Council and Altura community as the district continues with long term planning.

Public comments were heard.

PK-6 Principal Dave Riebel and 7-12 Principal Dr. Cory Hanson presented reports.

Motion by Meyer, second by Pringle to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU.

Motion by Pringle, second by Meisch to support the 2021-2023 Master Agreement with EdMN/L-A.MCU.

Motion by Meisch, second by Maki to support Matthew Wilmes' request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence effective January 31 – June 10, 2022 pending his appointment to an EdMN Vice President position and the district's ability to hire an appropriate replacement to assume his instructional duties. MCU.

Motion by Meyer and second by Brummer to approve bid from Musco Lighting to replace the football/track field lights for \$196,601 and a Control-Link Adder for \$9,800. MCU.

Motion by Sommer and second by Maki to approve the School Perceptions staff and community survey. MCU.

Motion by Meisch, second by Meyer to approve for a second reading Policies 501 School Weapons Policy, 413 Harassment and Violence, 201 Legal Status of the Board, 202 Board Officers, 203 Operation of the School Board, 203.1 School Board Procedures, Rules of Order, 203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting, 203.5 School Board Agenda & 203.5F School Board Agenda Items Request Form. MCU.

Superintendent Carman presented updates.

Board members presented committee reports.

Motion by Koverman, seconded by Meisch to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. MCU.

Melissa Meisch, Clerk