

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

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on October 10, 2022. The Board members met in the High School Library. Members Bree Maki, Melissa Meisch, Dave Pringle and Sarah Sommer were present. Toby Brummer, Connie Meyer and Jenny Koverman were absent.

Vice-Chair Maki called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A L-A High School Student Report was presented by Levi Overing.

Motion by Sommer and second by Pringle to approve the October 10 meeting agenda. MCU.

Motion by Meisch and second by Sommer to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU.

There was discussion regarding long range financial and facility strategic planning, Facilities Task Force recommendations and input received at the October 5, 2022 Community Meeting.

Board Member Pringle introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED CLOSURE OF  
LEWISTON-ALTURA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, at the regular School Board meeting on September 12, 2022, Lewiston-Altura Facilities Task Force representatives presented a recommendation to close the Altura Intermediate School at the end of the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 123B.51, closure of a schoolhouse may occur only after a public hearing on the question of the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. A public hearing on the question of the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing of Lewiston-Altura Intermediate School will be held on November 1, 2022 at 6:30pm, at Altura Intermediate School, 325 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Altura MN 55910.
2. School District administration shall ensure that the Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A is published for two consecutive weeks in the St. Charles Press/Lewiston Journal the official newspaper of the School District, and that all other applicable meeting notice requirements are fulfilled.
3. To facilitate the orderly operation of the hearing and ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, comment from members of the public at the above-mentioned hearing shall be limited to three (3) minutes of speaking time per person. Speakers are not permitted to merge their time with other speakers. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting, and speakers will be provided the opportunity to comment in the order listed on the sheet.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Sommer, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Meisch, Pringle, Sommer, Maki. and none voted against the same, whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Sommer and seconded by Meisch to schedule the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm in the High School Library. The regular school board meeting will follow at approximately 6:20pm. MCU.

Motion by Meisch and seconded by Pringle to purchase a 2023 7-passenger Traverse SUV from Lewiston – Auto not to exceed \$45,000. MCU.

Motion by Meisch and seconded by Sommer to approve purchase of new 77-passenger Bluebird school bus not to exceed \$125,000- delivery date to be determined. MCU.

Reports were presented by Principal Riebel, Dr. Hanson and Superintendent Carman. Board Committee reports were discussed.

Motion by Meisch and seconded by Sommer to close the meeting for the purposes of Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Sommer to end closed session at 7:52pm. MCU.

Motion by Meisch, seconded by Sommer to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. MCU.

Melissa Meisch, Clerk