

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON-ALTURA REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ISD #857
January 8, 2024

The Organizational and a Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on January 8, 2024 at 6:00pm in the High School Library. Members present were Bree Maki, Sara Daley, Daniel Kreidermacher, David Baer, Jenny Koverman, Sarah Sommer. Dave Pringle was absent.

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

Motion by Sommer and second by Koverman to approve the January 8, 2024 meeting agenda with the addition of a new business item as requested by Baer. MCU.

Sommer nominated Maki to be the 2024 Board Chairperson. There were no additional nominations. Maki elected Chairperson.

Koverman nominated Sommer to be the 2024 Vice Chairperson. There were no additional nominations. Sommer elected Vice Chairperson.

Baer nominated Pringle to be the 2024 Board Clerk. There were no additional nominations. Pringle elected Board Clerk.

Koverman nominated Baer to be the 2024 Board Treasurer. There were no additional nominations. Baer elected Board Treasurer.

Resolution to Delegate the Duties of Clerk and Treasurer to the Business Manager was moved by Sommer moved and seconded by Kreidermacher. Ayes all, nays none. Resolution approved.

Koverman nominated Kreidermacher as the 2024 MSHL Board representative. Sommers seconded. MCU.

Motion by Koverman and Sommers seconded to set the Regular Board meeting schedule at 6:00pm in the High School Library on the 1st Monday of the month except for November when Veteran's Day is the 2nd Monday. The dates of the 2024 Regular meetings will be January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 12, December 9. MCU.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Kreidermacher to maintain Board compensation for regular, special and appointed committee meetings, and MSBA trainings at the rate of \$80.00 for the Board Chair and \$65.00 for Directors. MCU.

Motion by Kreidermacher and seconded by Koverman to designate Minnwest Bank, The People's State Bank, Merchant's Bank and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund as official depositories for school district funds. MCU.

Motion by Sommer and seconded by Kreidermacher to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to make Official Electronic transfers and pay bills in advance. MCU.

Resolution to designate Gwen Carman as Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for ISD 857 to authorize user access to MDE for secure data submissions was moved by Sommer and seconded by Daley. Ayes all, nays none. Resolution approved.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Daley to authorize updates to and use of 2024 computerized signature files and further authorize use of the 2023 signatures until updates are complete. MCU.

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

Board Chair Maki appointed board members to the following committees: Teacher Negotiations/Meet and Confer: Pringle, Maki, Baer; Transportation and Support Staff Handbooks: Kreidermacher, Sommer, Daley; Principal Negotiations: Sommer, Daley, Kreidermacher; Superintendent Negotiations: Maki, Koverman; District Staff Development: Maki (Alt: Koverman); Finance Committee: Baer, Pringle; Community Engagement Committee: Maki, Daley, Sommer; HVED Board Representative: Koverman; CmEd and EC Advisory: Pringle; District Policy Review: Baer (Alt: Sommer); Health & Safety/Wellness: Daley (Sommer); Systems Accountability: Baer (Kreidermacher); Activities: Kreidermacher, Sommer.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Koverman to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Sommer to approve the FY23 Audit as presented. MCU.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Koverman to approve the Appendix A2 corrections to the 2023-2025 EdMN/L-A Master Agreement. MCU.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Sommer to approve the 2023-2024 Seniority List. MCU.

Resolution directing administration to make recommendations regarding the reduction and/or discontinuance of programs and positions and reasons therefore was moved by Koverman and seconded by Sommer. Ayes all, nays none. MCU.

Todd Netzke, President of School Management Services, presented information regarding the district's FY24 and FY25 budgets.

The Board discussed processes and options for setting the FY25 budget.

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

A new business item presented by Baer was related to Board member stipends. It was agreed by consensus to have the discussion at the February meeting.

The upcoming meeting schedule was reviewed.

Motion by Koverman, seconded by Sommer to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. MCU.