

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON-ALTURA REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ISD #857
February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm in the High School Library. Members present were Bree Maki, Daniel Kreidermacher, David Baer, Jenny Koverman, Dave Pringle and Sarah Sommer. Sara Daley was absent.

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

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Baer to approve the meeting agenda. MCU.

Kent Whitcomb from MiEnergy discussed the proposal from Solar Connections regarding possibly installing solar panels at the elementary and high school. He recommended the district pursue the grant due to the relatively quick pay back of the district's upfront expenses in energy savings.

Sue Peterson, ISG, presented the Post Referendum Survey results. The Board discussed next steps.

Motion by Sommer and seconded by Pringle to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to approve the 2023-2024 Lewiston – Altura Principals' Association Contract. MCU.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of Luke Acord, a Tier I teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Pringle and seconded by Sommer. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of Carly Steele, a Tier I teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Pringle and seconded by Koverman. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of James Young, a Tier I teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Sommer and seconded by Kreidermacher. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of Sarah Gruett, a probationary teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Baer and seconded by Pringle. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of Dylan Gowlland, a probationary teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Pringle and seconded by Sommer. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing the nonrenewal of Erick Hernandez, a probationary teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Pringle and seconded by Baer. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Resolution proposing placement of Lori Anderson, a Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on 0.5 FTE Unrequested Leave of Absence at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Pringle and seconded by Koverman. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Baer, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Maki, Pringle, Sommer. Against: None. Resolution approved.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to approve the change of the High School Schedule from a Block Schedule to a 7-Period Schedule plus homeroom effective with the 2024-2025 school year. MCU.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Sommer to approve changes to Policy 613 and 613A to change graduation requirements to align with the 7-period schedule effective with the 2024-2025 school year. MCU.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. MCU.

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Baer to approve 2024-2025 calendar modifications to change November 1, 2024 and April 17, 2025 to Professional Development days for teachers, reducing the number of student contact days to 169. Ayes: Sommer, Kreidermacher, Pringle Baer. Nays: Koverman, Maki. Motion approved.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to suspend School Board stipends through December 2024. Ayes: Baer, Pringle. Nays: Sommer, Koverman, Maki, Kreidermacher. Motion failed.

There was Board discussion regarding the full-time equivalency of the superintendent position for 2024-2025 school year if the current superintendent resigned. It was agreed by consensus that the Board believes a full-time superintendent would still be needed to effectively provide the leadership and address the challenges of the district.

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

Motion by Koverman, seconded by Kreidermacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. MCU.

Dave Pringle, Clerk