

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON-ALTURA REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ISD #857
November 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on November 13, 2023 at 6:00pm in the High School Library. Members present were, Daniel Kreidermacher, David Baer, Jenny Koverman, Dave Pringle and Sarah Sommer. Sara Daley arrived at 6:40pm. Absent: Bree Maki

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

Motion by Baer and second by Pringle to approve the November 13, 2023 meeting agenda with the addition of an item to change the date of the December Regular Board Meeting. MCU.

A L-A High School student report was presented by Owen Sommer and Levi Overing.

Preliminary results of the FY23 Audit were presented by Craig Popenhagen. Final data is still being processed which prevent the closure of the audit at this point, but the final audit's financial information will be essentially unchanged from what he presented.

Superintendent Carman presented the 2023-2024 World's Best Workforce plan.

Public comments were given by Scott Weins about next steps for the district. On behalf of the American Legion, David Baer thanked Ethan Scheck and the staff for an outstanding Veteran's Day program on November 9th.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Kreidermacher to approve the Consent Agenda, with the addition of a \$2782.00 donation to the Trap Shooting Club from American Legion Post #90. MCU.

Baer moved to approve a Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election November 7, 2023:

At said election, a total of 1090 voters of the School District voted on the question of a referendum authorizing an increase its general education revenue (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1), of which 539 voted in favor, 551 voted against the same, and there were 0 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having not received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed.

At said election a total of 1085 voters of the School District voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2), of which 452 voted in favor, 633 voted against the same, and there were 0 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having not received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed.

At said election a total of 1075 voters of the School District voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3), of which 319 voted in favor, 756 voted against the same, and there were 0 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. The passage of School District Question 3 is contingent upon the passage of School District Question 2. Question 2 having failed and Question 3 having not received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, Question 3 is hereby declared to have failed.

Koverman seconded the motion. Ayes by roll call vote: Baer, Daley, Koverman, Kreidermacher, Pringle, Sommer. Nays: None. Resolution approved.

The Board discussed next steps to address with the continued financial and facility needs of the district without the passing of the referendum questions. A Workshop Board meeting with public input will be held on Monday, November 27th.

Superintendent Carman updated the Board on discussions with the City of Lewiston regarding the costs of the recent improvements to Dutchman's Crossing Road. It was agreed by consensus to take no action at this point.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Koverman to approve amended Policies 602, 603, 604, 616,618,620, 621, 624 on a final reading. MCU.

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

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with EdMN/L-A at 8:03pm. MCU.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to end the Closed Session at 8:21pm.

Motion by Koverman and seconded by Pringle to approve the 2023-2025 EdMN/L-A Master Agreement. MCU.

Motion by Koverman, seconded by Kreidermacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. MCU.

Dave Pringle, Clerk