LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD SAU #68 DATE: September 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Jay Duguay, Chairperson Brian Angelone Kevin Bell Joe Bossie Jasmine Weeden Ashley Youngheim Tamra Ham

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Judith McGann, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager Mark Pribbernow, Principal Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent Bart King, Technical Support Trey Aldridge, Technology Director Aaron Loukes, Teacher Representative

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Melissa Sabourn, Remote

Heather Krill, Remote

The public hearing was held in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

Meeting Call to Order: Jay Duguay called the public hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

Tamra Ham made a motion to open the public hearing. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the public hearing was opened.

Jay Duguay mentioned the public hearing was being held to gather public input regarding the use of monies from the Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for Elementary School water bottle filling stations as well as regarding the use of monies from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for campus Wi-Fi upgrades.

Jay Duguay noted there were currently no members of the public present in person at the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments from the board or staff present.

Joe Bossie asked if water bottle filling stations were also needed in the Middle/High School? Debbie O'Connor answered that water bottle filling stations have already been installed in the Middle/High School by using funds from past grant opportunities.

Jay Duguay noted that water bottle filling stations are now required by law.

Kevin Bell asked if there were single-use plastic bottles of water available to students? Mark Pribbernow noted that single-use bottles of water were not served to students but were available to purchase.

Tamra Ham made a motion to approve the use of up to \$3000 (three thousand dollars) from the Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for Elementary School water bottle filling stations. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: nothing further. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Tamra Ham made a motion to approve the use of \$31,753 (thirty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-three dollars) from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for campus Wi-Fi upgrades. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: Jay Duguay noted the expense for the Wi-Fi upgrades is an anticipated expense. Mr. Duguay continued that the upgrades were discussed during the budgeting process and the Board decided at that time to utilize the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for the expense.

Joe Bossie asked what the upgrades would cover. Trey Aldridge answered the updates would completely cover the Middle/High School with a dedicated access device in each classroom. Mr. Aldridge mentioned the older access points would then be moved to

the Elementary School to temporarily provide better Wi-Fi service throughout the Elementary building. Trey Aldridge mentioned the Elementary School retrograde Wi-Fi updates would then take place next year. Mr. Aldridge noted the cost to update the Elementary School Wi-Fi is approximately \$20,000 which will be included in the 2023-2024 technology budget or could, depending on the balance available in the Technology Expendable Trust Fund, be expensed through the Fund.

Kevin Bell asked what the current ratio is between Wi-Fi access devices and classrooms? Trey Aldridge answered the ratio is currently about one access device to every four classrooms in the Elementary School. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Tamra Ham made a motion to close the public hearing. Joe Bossie seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jay Duguay called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members were in favor and the public hearing was closed.

The public hearing moved to the regularly scheduled School Board Meeting at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Holt, Assistant to the Superintendent