

BOARD NEGOTIATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA GOOGLE MEET

BNC members present: Sue Hamlyn-Prescott, Mark Nielsen, Chasity Fagnant, Bernard Barnes, Bill Sander, Katie Orost

Others present: Charleen McFarlane, Deb Clark, Cat Gallagher

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

S. Hamlyn-Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:01. No changes to the agenda were suggested.

C. Gallagher gave the BNC an update. LNSU has had a suspected ransomware issue. Student and staff identity information and privacy were not impacted. The learning platforms students and teachers use have not been impacted. Our server has been impacted. We are in the process of isolating the issue with help from a firm from Montpelier. Data has not been stolen as of yet. The data is just locked down. This has happened in many companies as of today.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott asked, there is no issue with online learning continuing? C. Gallagher said no.

**2. Board Negotiations Council – Executive Session**

B. Sander moved to go into executive session to discuss the memorandum of understanding between the Lamoille North Supervisory Union Board, and the Boards of Directors of the Cambridge Town School District and Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District and the Lamoille North Unified Education Association/VT-NEA on behalf of the Teachers and Support Staff of Cambridge Town School District, Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District and the Lamoille North Supervisory Union regarding issues related to COVID-19 for licensed and non-licensed professionals because premature general public knowledge would clearly place the school board at a substantial disadvantage, inviting D. Clark, C. Gallagher, C. McFarlane and D. Griffiths to remain, M. Nielsen seconded, the motion was passed and the BNC entered executive session at 6:04. K. Orost joined the meeting at 6:08. The BNC consented out of executive session at 6:41.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott said the BNC is going to send a modified version of the MOU back to the teacher and support staff associations, asking the associations to direct any questions to C. Gallagher to bring to the BNC. If the associations agree to the MOU, it will be brought to the full board for approval and signatures.

**3. Adjourn**

B. Barnes moved to adjourn at 6:43, M. Nielsen seconded and the motion was passed.