

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 5:30 PM AT THE GREEN LADLE. (NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the School Committee. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the **February 2, 2026** meeting).

Members Present: Luke Jensen, Phoenix McLaughlin, Janet Beaudoin, Elizabeth Eames, Julia Harper, Donna Gallant, Scott Harriman, Jake Langlais

Members Absent: Meghan Hird

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Suzanna Gallant, Adam Hanson, Melissa Shields, Jen Damon, Hilary Koch, Nicole Pendexter, Aimee Ranger, Mimi Marstaller, Rebecca Spilecki, Kevin Bolduc, Robert Shepard, Misty Deraps, Deanna Ehrhardt, Noah Marquis, Cameron Bigelow, Jae Zimmerman, Kayleigh Pulsifer, Alex Levesque, Karissa Nelsen, Krista St. Cyr, Jaye Rich, Sue St. Hilaire, Pam Butler

Others Present: Mohamed Dakane, Zara Bimbi, Hamdi Mohamed, Maya Gonther Bean, Julie McCabe, Matthew Agren, Allison & Julien Lytton, Tyler Tracey, Sarah Tracey, Martin Chartrand, Atheya Brimage, Seinab Abdi

CALLED TO ORDER

Superintendent Jake Langlais called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

ELECT CHAIR PRO TEM

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve Phoenix McLaughlin and he agreed to be chair pro tem. Janet Beaudoin - Luke Jensen (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of School Committee meetings
- 2) Personnel

FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Professional:

Jamie Salvatore, English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher, Connors Elementary School, effective February 23, 2026

Education Technician:

Shaqaeq Ahmadi, Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician, Farwell Elementary School, effective Jan 12, 2026

Cailey Ferguson, Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician, Geiger Elementary School, effective January 13, 2026

Katelyn Palacios, Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician, Geiger Elementary School, effective January 13, 2026

Jay Poirier, Special Education, 1:1 BHP Education Technician, Farwell Elementary, effective Jan 13, 2026

Management:

Support:

Jeanette Priester, Food Service Aide, Geiger Elementary School, effective Jan 15, 2026

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

TRANSFERS:

Support:

RESIGNATIONS:

Certified Professional:Coach:

Education Technician:

PUBLIC INPUT

None

POLICIES

Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve with edits the 2nd read of policies A-C. Janet Beaudoin – Scott Harriman (7-0).

- a. IMDA – Patriotic Exercise
- b. IMDB – Flag Displays
- c. JICA – Student Dress

Students support keeping flag displays in schools to represent our diversity and identity.

HIRING PROCESS

Human Resource Director Suzanna Gallant presented on the District Hiring Process. Slides were shared.

Frankie - Protection orders wouldn't show up unless there is a conviction.

FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW

Ron Smith from RHR Smith & Company presented the Financial Audit Review.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported that the budget is in process.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

Councilor Scott Harriman shared that the new Council has started. Iman Osman stepped down. The Charter calls for the Council to nominate and approve within 30 days. 1/20/26 appointment scheduled.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

To be assigned.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The School Committee Retreat is 1/21/26.

Seniors last day is 5/29/26.

Ward 5 School Committee seat nomination by the Mayor is on the next City Council agenda.

Legislative session has begun.

The Library Wild West Murder Mystery Dinner is April 11th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The measures around school safety.

ICE - revisit process

ADJOURN

VOTED: (3) Motion to adjourn. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (7-0) 7:47 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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