

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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 23, 2026** meeting).

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

Members Absent:

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Leah Boucher Enos, Robert Shepard, Jon Radtke, Alisa Roman

Others Present: Martin Chartrand, Mock Trial Students

CALLED TO ORDER

Superintendent Jake Langlais called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

TO ELECT SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Roll Call Vote:

Meghan Hird nominated Janet Beaudoin. Janet declined and shared a statement.

Julia Harper nominated Phoenix McLaughlin. Phoenix accepted and shared a statement.

Luke Jensen nominated himself. Luke accepted and shared a statement.

Phoenix McLaughlin – Donna Gallant – no, Luke Jensen – no - withdrew name.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve Phoenix McLaughlin as Chair. Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FOR APPROVAL:

Education Technician:

Desma Angelides, Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician, Lewiston High School, effective January 20, 2026

Meagan Dube, Special Education Functional Life Skills BHP Education Technician, Lewiston High School, effective February 2, 2026

Management:

Kelly Cabral, Marketing and Content Workforce Training Assistant, Adult Education, effective February 4, 2026

Elizabeth LaManna, Student Information System Specialist, Central Office, effective January 26, 2026

Emily Lisio Board Certified Behavior Analyst, McMahon Elementary School, effective February 9, 2026

Support:

Diana Marfo, Food Service Assistant, Lewiston High School, effective January 29, 2026

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

TRANSFERS:

Education Technician:

Patricia Prout, 1:1 BHP Education Technician, Lewiston High School to Day Treatment BHP Education Technician, Lewiston High School, effective January 20, 2026

RESIGNATIONS:

Certified Professional:Coach:

Alexis Bailey, Kindergarten Teacher, Montello Elementary School, effective February 28, 2026

Kayla Brooks, School Counselor, Lewiston Middle School, effective February 2, 2026

George Noyes, Math Teacher, Lewiston Middle School, effective February 13, 2026

Education Technician:

Sierra Richards Marquis, RISE, BHP Education Technician, Geiger Elementary School, effective January 30, 2026

Support:

Robert Latuscha, Food Service Aide, Geiger Elementary School, effective February 11, 2026

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Robert Shepard introduced the Mock Trial Team.

FIELD TRIP

Robert Shepard presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve the field trip request for Mock Trial to attend the National Championship. Luke Jensen – Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

UPDATE ON SCHOOL IMPACTS FROM IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais shared an update with slides.

Martin Chartrand, Ward 3. Safety needed for learning. Need more mental health for the collective trauma.

LATIN HONORS DISCUSSION

Jon Radtke shared a sheet on Latin Honors. The committee supports.

FY26 BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Jake Langlais gave an update on the FY26 Budget and shared overage concerns.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin mentioned the Forum on Thursday.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported on the Mock Trial Championship and the Skills Competition. A discussion on goals, procedural rules and sub committees will be added to a future agenda. Kathy McNamara was selected as the State School Counselor of the Year. Details were shared on a bus accident. 66 high school students are scheduled for the Seal of Biliteracy on 2/3/26. The Forum for 287 Main Street and the Dingley Building is 2/5/26.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

Councilor Scott Harriman shared that there was a workshop with the Police Chief for the Take Home a Vehicle Program. The Ward 5 seats have been filled with the City Council and School Committee. The City Council will meet on 2/3/26. Councilor Harriman reported on the Zoning and Land Use updates, the Audit report, parking fines, the Public Health and Safety Committee and Public Health Coordinator. An update was given on revaluation topics.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

None

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lewiston/Auburn Advisory Council is planning a youth forum. They will survey kids 12-25. The deadline is 2/6/26 on Instagram.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

DOE framework update – will it change rules, standards, or expectations?

State “No Cell Phone” Rule (Governor).

Update on Montello recess. Student speaker.

Set a process for a work plan with agenda.

Goals review before survey.

Procedural rules.

Sub Committees.

Math entrance exams, school wide behavior matrix, Pre-Algebra, Math Lab, Ditching IM, District Math Proficiency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTED: (3) Motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0).

Entered into executive session at 7:55 PM

Returned to open session at 7:59 PM

VOTED: (4) Motion to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(D). Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0).

Entered into executive session at 7:59 PM

Returned to open session at 8:19 PM

VOTED: (5) Motion to approve Tech Support contract. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0).

VOTED: (6) Motion to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(D). Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

Entered into executive session at 8:20 PM

Returned to open session at 9:28 PM

VOTED: (7) Motion to direct the Superintendent to engage with STA on a 5-year contract. Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (7-1) Elizabeth Eames, Lynnea Hawkins abstained.

VOTED: (8) Motion To enter into executive session on a legal matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E). Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

Entered into executive session at 9:30 PM

Returned to open session at 9:34 PM

ADJOURN

VOTED: (9) Motion to adjourn. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0) 9:35 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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