

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 **October 5, 2026** meeting).

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

Members Absent:

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Cindy Gish, Michelle Dunham, Christiana Ellis, Charlotte Johnson, Jeff Ramich, Hiedi Lampron, Jon Radtke, Emily Shaner, Gabriel Blais, Todd Cifelli

Others Present:

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Personnel

Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Kelly Johnsen	K-6 Gifted & Talented Teacher	Connors Elementary School	9/23/2026
Coaches			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Jamie Powers	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician II/III	Lewiston Middle School	9/14/2026
Claudia Provost	Special Education Functional Life Skills, BHP Education Technician II/III	Lewiston High School	9/21/2026
Taylor Whalen	Special Education Day Treatment, BHP Education Technician II/III	Lewiston Middle School	9/21/2026
Management			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Support			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective

	For Informational Purposes:				
Transfers:					
Administration					
Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Certified Professionals					
Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Peter Gagnon	Student Services Coordinator	Lewiston Regional Technical Center	Industrial Arts Teacher	Lewiston High School	8/24/2026
Kara Ritz	EASE Geiger General Education Clinician	Geiger Elementary School	Geiger General Education Social Worker	Geiger Elementary School	8/24/2026
Educational Technicians					
Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Jose Santos	Functional Life Skills, BHP	Connors Elementary School	RISE, BHP	Connors Elementary School	9/15/2026
Management					
	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Resignations:					
Administration					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Certified Professionals					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Abdulla Altaee	Next Step Alternative Teacher		Longley High School		9/14/2026
Coaches					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Educational Technicians					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Kimberly Chabot	Resource Room Education Technician		Connors Elementary School		7/28/2026
Management					

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Support			
Citlalli Constantino Alvarez	Food Service	Montello Elementary School	11/4/2026
Thomas Smith	Custodian	Geiger Elementary School	9/11/2026
Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective

PUBLIC INPUT

None

RECOGNITION

Superintendent Jake Langlais and Jon Radtke recognized Donna Olsen for Maine’s History Teacher of the Year and Abigail McCoy for Maine Teacher of the Year Finalist.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Geiger Elementary School, McMahon Elementary School and Lewiston High School Administrators shared updates with template. Kindergarten transition and Pilot information were also shared.

POLICIES

Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the 2nd read of the following policies with 2 edits:

Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin. (9-0) 6:34 PM

- a. BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting
- b. BE – School Committee Meetings
- c. EBCA – Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency and Management Plan
- d. EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators
- e. JJIF – Management of Concussions
- f. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- g. JLF-E – Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Form

Edits:

- BE: Special Meeting – 1/3 of sitting members.
- BDA: Change 3/5’s to majority.
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Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve the 1st read of the following policy:

Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin. (9-0) 6:35 PM

- a. BDB – School Committee Officers

PROCEDURAL RULES

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented. No motion to approve procedural rules.
The Superintendent will update to align to changes in policy.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chairperson shared that we need more time for some of the agenda items that had been requested.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported on the St. George visit regarding programming. We submitted a Nellie Mae grant. Students with permission slips visited the Black Poster Project by LHS kids.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

None

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

Facilities – RFP's

- Bathroom engineering design
- Blinking light repairs/research
- Lighting upgrades
- Alarm at Montello is done.
- Montello canopy repair.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynnea reported on bad driving by many drivers in the community. She asked people to stay safe and don't drive tired. Pre-K parents need to be at the door to receive student.
Friday is the last Art Walk.
The Rally for Recovery is Saturday.
The armory shared the "Rec House" programs \$10/day with some transportation. After school at the Armory Wednesday & Thursday until 4:00 pm. Check programs out online.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Attendance Improving
Behavior strategies – code of conduct workshop? What other things can we try?
Data on early elementary behaviors
State of the State Highlights (end of term)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTED: (3) Motion to enter into executive session to conduct Student A disciplinary hearing [Title 20-A §1001(9) and Title I §405 (6) (B)]. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0)

Entered into executive session at 7:25 PM

Returned to open session at 7:41 PM

VOTED: (4) Motion to expel until parent is available. (M.W.) Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0)

ADJOURN

VOTED: (5) Motion to adjourn. Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (9-0) 7:43 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools