

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 30, 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 **April 27, 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: Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Adam Hanson, Jason Fuller, Dudley Davis, Krista St. Cyr, Meg Charest, Jenny Darigan

Others Present: Christine Holden, Chris Nadeau

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Professional

Lina Diaz Brett, English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher, Connors Elementary School, effective March 26, 2026

Denisa Cundick, English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher, McMahon Elementary School, effective May 4, 2026

Michelle Geaghan, Special Education Resource Room Teacher, Lewiston Middle School, effective April 1, 2026

Coach:

Kamron Bisson, Men's Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach (JV Head Coach) Lewiston High School, effective March 30, 2026

Management:

Jared Luczynski, Air Force JROTC Aerospace Science Instructor, Lewiston High School, effective March 30, 2026

Support:

Aguinalda Miguel, Food Service Assistant, Montello Elementary School, effective March 12, 2026

David Serrano, Custodian I, Lewiston High School, effective March 26, 2026

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

TRANSFERS:

Certified Professional:

Michael Dudley, Math Coach, Lewiston High School to Math Teacher, Lewiston High School, effective August 24, 2026

RESIGNATIONS:

Coach:

James Caron, Assistant Baseball Coach, Lewiston High School, effective February 19, 2026

Sarah Pomerleau, Girls Hockey Varsity Coach, Lewiston High School, effective February 19, 2026

Management:

Jennifer Deitch, CLIMB, BHP, McMahon Elementary School, effective March 12, 2026

Terence Donahue, Special Education District Wide Clinical Supervisor, Dingley Building, effective March 24, 2026

Alexandra Radcliffe, CLIMB, BHP, McMahon Elementary School, effective April 10, 2026

Support:

Jade Mumau, Special Education Secretary, Connors Elementary School, effective April 3, 2026

Louise Tancrede, Food Service Assistant, Montello Elementary School, effective March 19, 2026

RETIRING:

Education Technician:

Kristin Chicoine, Day Treatment, BHP Education Technician, McMahon Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Nadeau – Special Education Director turnover at Connors. Services online. He wants more information.

Christine Holden – Happy to continue to pay taxes for education. It's important we support our schools.

FIELD TRIP

Athletic Director Jason Fuller presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the field trip request for the Girls Basketball Team to attend a basketball camp at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan with a female chaperone if possible. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0).

21st CENTURY GRANT

Jenny Darigan shared slides.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve the 21st Century Grant application. Luke Jensen – Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

SEWALL FOUNDATION

Jenny Darigan shared slides.

VOTED: (3) Motion to approve the submission of the Sewall Foundation application. Meghan Hird– Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

TITLE I SUMMER PROGRAM GRANT

Jenny Darigan shared slides.

VOTED: (4) Motion to approve the Title I Summer Program Grant. Meghan Hird– Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE

Jenny Darigan shared slides.

VOTED: (5) Motion to approve the Special Education Reserve for cost overruns. Meghan Hird– Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin reported that there are budget challenges due to revaluation. He will draft a letter to send to City Council.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported on the budget workshop on Wednesday at Connors. We're waiting for the comp update. There are 66 students sitting for their Seal of Biliteracy assessments. We have Nutrition RFPs going out. There is an effort to create a Bridge or a one year opportunity to bridge between the changes in the ED279 that we recently moved along.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

Scott Harriman reported on Bridge funding being considered. No word yet. Regarding the Colisee, the City Council has a meeting to consider a 250K loan 0% interest for 14 years for backing Colisee-purpose.

Luke Jensen asked about process.

Scott Harriman offered it wasn't a surprise but wanted more information.

Meghan Hird shared there may have been confusion about a City presentation.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

Starting this week.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet thanked everyone for emailing the committee.

The Budget Workshop is 4/1/26.

The Library Murder Mystery event is 4/11/26. The theme is Wild West.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

How do we grow multilingual courses at younger ages?

What online offerings do we have – specialties (speech, etc.)?

Update on Sped AP's.

Revisit Goals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Entered into executive session at 6:55 PM

Returned to open session at 7:10 PM

VOTED: (7) Motion to approve engaging in the MLD pending consultation with legal. Julia Harper – Elizabeth Eames. (7-2) Meghan Hird, Janet Beaudoin

ADJOURN

VOTED: (8) Motion to adjourn. Meghan Hird – Elizabeth Eames (9-0) 7:11 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools