

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 **September 14, 2026** meeting).

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

Members Absent: Lynnea Hawkins

Employees Present: Bill Grant, Sue Williams

Others Present: David Rackmales, Amron

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Personnel

FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Bethany Dube	Grade 6 Teacher	McMahon Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Amanda Fields	SEL & Student Behavior Support Specialist	Farwell Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Leanne Guimond	Grade 4 Teacher	Connors Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Emily Hebert	SPED FLS Teacher	Lewiston High School	August 24, 2026
Hunter Landry	Social Studies Teacher	Lewiston High School	August 24, 2026
Shannon Levesque	Science Teacher	Lewiston Middle School	August 24, 2026
Rebecca Trott	Special Education RISE Teacher	Connors Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Michael Tyson	SPED Resource Room Teacher	Lewiston Middle School	August 24, 2026
Coaches			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Angela Arno	SPED CLIMB BHP Ed Tech III	McMahon Elementary School	July 21, 2026
Fatouma Assoweh	SPED FLS BHP Ed Tech II	Lewiston High School	August 26, 2026
Katelyn Chamberlain	SPED CLIMB BHP Ed Tech I	McMahon Elementary School	July 13, 2026

Management					
Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Resignations:					
Administration					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Certified Professionals					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Caryn Berry	Special Education Teacher		Connors Elementary School		July 31, 2026
Samuel Hopkins	Grade 2 Teacher		Montello Elementary School		June 17, 2026
Charis Pierson	Healthcare Pathway Instructor		Adult Education		
Caitlin Saras	English Coach		Lewiston High School		July 22, 2026
Linda Van Vranken	ELL Teacher		Montello Elementary School		July 15, 2026
Matthew Wiltshire	Music Teacher		Lewiston High School		July 28, 2026
Coaches					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Farhan Abdillahi	Cross Country Coach		Lewiston Middle School		July 21, 2026
Educational Technicians					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Amber Cloutier	Day Treatment BHP Education Technician		McMahon Elementary School		July 10, 2026
Amelia Farrin	Library Aide Ed Tech		Lewiston High School		July 23, 2026
Phoebe Fast	1:1 Ed Tech		Farwell Elementary School		July 24, 2026
Shannon Levesque*	Ed Tech III RISE		Lewiston Middle School		August 23, 2026
Management					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Isabella Snyder	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant		McMahon Elementary School		August 6, 2026
Support					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Kevin Berriault	Custodian		McMahon Elementary School		July 24, 2026
RETIRING					
Certified Professionals					

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Michelle Agate	Math Teacher	Lewiston Middle School	July 24, 2026

PUBLIC INPUT

David Rackmales – Schools are a reflection of their community. 1948 Law School example. “Who sent you” and shared barriers for families to engage in schools. Hopeful for solutions to bring community together.

Amron – Resources for youth in community. Conflict resolution through sports. Youth want to help youth. Need to figure out the system can work with youth and support them.

FIELD TRIPS

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the field trip request to attend Colleges of the Fenway in Boston, MA. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (8-0).

TRUANCY AND SAFETY

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented on multiple strategies in place for truancy and safety as part of systems overview.

- What might be areas of focus?
- Regulation (Start of Day)
- Re-entry support (quickly)
- Parent Training
- Why will next year be better than previous years?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

No vote. Bring back to School Committee with edits.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to allow at Superintendent’s discretion LMS football on Sundays as needed. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (7-0).

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (3) Motion to approve the resolve in the Maine Municipal Association Workers’ Compensation fund. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (7-0).

CURRENT GRADING SYSTEM

Superintendent Jake Langlais reviewed contexts behind current grading system as part of systems overview.

SVPP-COPS GRANT TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SECURITY

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (4) Motion to approve request for submitting an SVPP-COPS grant to improve school security systems and access points.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported that we are working on a Nellie Mae grant. Cell phone messaging will be going out. Trainings are taking place. New staff induction will be coming up on August 20th. We’re working with the Business Office and City on the interest – revenue that grows on accounts that LPS holds. It should go to the schools. Admin Retreat is coming up.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

City Council Representative Scott Harriman reported that the City Council meets on August 4th. The City Administrator has introduced a plan to address violence in the City.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

Negotiations - General Government is done.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PowerSchool Presentation
Grading
Technology – Screen time use

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTED: (5) Motion To enter into executive session to discuss a personal matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A). Janet Beaudoin – Julia Harper (7-0).

Entered into executive session at 7:49 PM

Returned to open session at 8:15 PM

VOTED: (6) Motion is we find cause for a term hearing. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (6-1) Scott Harriman

ADJOURN

VOTED: (7) Motion to adjourn. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (7-0) 8:16 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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