

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 **March 30, 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, Adam Hanson, Lysa McLemore, Andrew Bard, Cindy Gish, Jon Radtke, Deb Rodrigue, Jeff Ramich, Travis Finney, Krist St. Cyr, Stephanie Poulin

Others Present: David Rackmales, Stephanie Poulin, Kelly Schussler

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Professional:

Amy Redmond, Grade 3-6 School Counselor, Montello Elementary School, effective April 27, 2026

Education Technician:

Jenna Bailey, Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician, McMahon Elementary School, effective March 10, 2026

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

TRANSFERS:

RESIGNATIONS:

RETIRING:

Certified Professional:

Jane Carver, Special Education Resource Room Teacher, Geiger Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Kathryn County, Special Education RISE Teacher, Lewiston High School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Melodie Dionne-Klick, Grade 3 Teacher, Farwell Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Patricia MacKinnon, ELL Coach, Lewiston High School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Diane Wigant, Intervention Teacher Title I Math Coach, Farwell Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Education Technician:

Mary Gagnon, Title I Education Technician, Montello Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

Richard Lafrance, Resource Room Education Technician, Montello Elementary School, effective end of School Year 2025-2026

PUBLIC INPUT

David Rackmales – PSA – Black History month. Concern about cross district students.

Requests agenda item but wants presentation before. Update policy but it's a black box. He shared questions.

Stephanie Poulin – Positions that may be considered in budget reductions. Advocating for clinicians and the important work they do.

Kelly Schussler – Advocating for clinical social worker in the budget. Shared benefits of social work for kids.

FIELD TRIP

Travis Finney presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the field trip request to Maine Maritime Academy in Castine.

Luke Jensen – Donna Gallant (9-0).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES AND ROLES

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented. All set. No vote needed.

PROCEDURAL RULES

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve the School Committee procedural rules. Meghan Hird– Janet Beaudoin (9-0).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Phoenix McLaughlin presented.

Appointed Elizabeth Eames for Legislative Liaison.

VOTED: (3) Motion to approve Luke Jensen for Parliamentarian. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (9-0).

VOTED: (4) Motion to approve Janet Beaudoin for Vice Chair. Meghan Hird – Luke Jensen (9-0).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

Superintendent Jake Langlais reviewed the Conflict of Interest form and reminded members that it needs to be completed annually.

DISTRICT GOALS

Superintendent Jake Langlais reviewed the notes from LPS District Goals from March 2, 2026.

No Vote.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Superintendent Jake Langlais shared detail and reviewed packet documents.

ADJOURN

VOTED: (7) Motion to adjourn. Janet Beaudoin – Luke Jensen (8-0) 7:27 PM.

Meghan Hird left at 7:24 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools