

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 AT 5:30 PM AT CONNORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (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, Meghan Hird, Donna Gallant, Scott Harriman, Jake Langlais

Members Absent: Lynnea Hawkins

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Susan Williams, Adam Hanson, Jeff Ramich, Andrew Bard, Philip Johnston, Charlotte Johnson, Tiffany Sax, Lysa McLemore, Jon Radtke, Cindy Gish, Michelle Winslow, Rob Callahan, Amanda Bryant, Kirsten Crafts, Deb Rodrigue, Meg Charest

Others Present:

CALLED TO ORDER

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

FY2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Jake Langlais shared slides of the FY 2027 Budget.

PUBLIC INPUT

Stephanie Poulin – Equity – Aligning resources to need.

Karen Hobson – we can't vote on county or city budget. Tax burden – we can't do this on the backs of fixed income folks. Main Street is needed, but we don't have the money to put into it.

Martin C. – Thank you for working to keep support professionals, Librarians. Look at Administration.

Pam Perry – Technology Instructional Coach. Students have changed; information has changed. We need tech support – engages students and more. Attending Professional Developments and bringing strategies back to district.

Cam Bigelow – Teacher at Next Step and LEA. Systemic issue. Cuts or none – we need to invest in getting it passed. Will you all get out to encourage people to vote?

ADJOURN

VOTED: (1) Motion to adjourn. Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin (8-0) 8:21PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools