

**MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 19, 2026** meeting).

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

Members Absent: Janet Beaudoin, Lynnea Hawkins, Meghan Hird

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Rob Callahan, Jae Zimmermann, Jaye Rich, Kirsten Crafts, Tiffany Sax, Erica Gosselin, Deanna Ehrhardt, Benjamin Allen, Katie Colosante

Others Present: Danielle Biggart

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) Minutes
- 2) Personnel

Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Coaches			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Basra Abadir	Special Education Resource Room Ed Tech	Connors Elementary School	9/30/2026
Tracy Dubois	Special Education RISE, BHP Ed Tech	McMahon Elementary School	10/2/2026
Fathiya Khaireh	Special Education RISE, BHP Ed Tech	Farwell Elementary School	9/29/2026
Stacy Shapiro	Special Education Resource Room Ed Tech	Geiger Elementary School	10/13/2026
Kelsey Taylor	Special Education Day Treatment, BHP Ed Tech	McMahon Elementary School	9/28/2026
Trista Tibbetts Hall	Special Education Day Treatment, BHP Ed Tech	Lewiston High School	10/2/2026
Oleg Weber	Special Education RISE, 1:1 BHP Ed Tech	Farwell Elementary School	9/28/2026
Management			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Support			

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Sabrina Dufresne	Senior Principal Clerk	Connors Elementary School	10/5/2026
Calliope Hatt	Food Service Assistant	Connors Elementary School	10/8/2026
Taylor Jenkins	Food Service Assistant	Geiger Elementary School	9/24/2026
Antoine Walton	Custodian I	Montello Elementary School	10/1/2026

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

Educational Technicians

Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective

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

Coaches

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Haley Jackson		Lewiston Middle School	9/21/2026

Educational Technicians

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
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Management

Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
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Support			
Heather Henley	Principal Clerk	Connors Elementary School	9/25/2026
Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective

PUBLIC INPUT

Danielle Biggard, representing the commander of American Legion Post 22, is interested in helping to reestablish or find a new space for the Air Force Junior ROTC Program.

RECOGNITION

Rob Callahan recognized the LRTC Summer Employment Program. Teachers, Jason Merritt and Rodney Boynton were recognized and several students.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Montello Elementary School, Next Step and Lewiston Regional Technical Center Administrators shared updates with template.

Luke Jensen requested data on incidents on school buses across schools.

CLIMB PROGRAM

Kirsten Crafts presented on the CLIMB Program and shared slides. Kirsten Crafts and Katie Colosante recognized Nicole Desjardins and Piper Norcross.

PROCEDURAL RULES

Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the updated procedural rules.

Luke Jensen – Emily Levasseur (6-0). 7:13 PM

POLICY

Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

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

Julia Harper – Emily Levasseur. (6-0) 7:15 PM

a. BDB – School Committee Officers

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chairperson shared that due to staff illness we were unable to present a couple items.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported that he is away at a conference. We have a scheduled list of items for the next several meetings of critical talking points that align with the goals.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

The City Council meeting is tomorrow evening at 6 pm. There are 2 workshops; update on wayfinding signs for the downtown; and trash and recycling service. The regular meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

Curriculum – Overview of PowerSchool for elementary, middle and high school.

Finance Committee – Solar contract \$80,000 credit, annual audit starts next week. We did overspend but got additional state funds (ML & SPED), used less of fund balance than planned (FY26).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help ME Grow – in partnership with 211 Maine – early childcare & education, basic needs, etc. Link families.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTED: (3) Motion To enter into executive session to discuss negotiations in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(D). Julia Harper – Emily Levasseur (6-0).

Entered into executive session at 7:23 PM

Returned to open session at 7:34 PM

VOTED: (4) Motion to approve the General Government contract from 7/2026-6/2029. Luke Jensen – Julia Harper. (6-0)

VOTED: (5) Motion To enter into executive session on a legal matter in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E). Luke Jensen – Emily Levasseur (6-0).

Entered into executive session at 7:36 PM

Returned to open session at 8:44 PM

ADJOURN

VOTED: (6) Motion to adjourn. Emily Levasseur – Elizabeth Eames (6-0) 8:44 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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