

**MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 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, Elizabeth Eames, Julia Harper, Lynnea Hawkins, Meghan Hird, Donna Gallant, Scott Harriman, Jake Langlais

Members Absent: Janet Beaudoin

Employees Present: Karen Paquette, Tiffany Sax, Amanda Bryant, Lysa McLemore, Cindy Gish

Others Present:

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

FY2027 BUDGET

Superintendent Jake Langlais shared a memo and view.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve as presented FY27 Budget @\$129,710,257.

Luke Jensen – Donna Gallant (8-0)

Scott Harriman shared budget information.

-Delay reval implementation.

-Chief Assessor's decision.

-If delayed – new tax rate would not take effect.

-Estimated 35 or 36 dollar rate.

-City continues to discuss budget.

May 6 & 7 Early Voting

During Public Comment options – no one spoke.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Phoenix McLaughlin reported that the next regular meeting is April 27th. It would be helpful to get one more meeting added in May. Please check your calendars.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais mentioned May 18th as a possible day to add a meeting because the following week is a holiday.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

None

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

No updates.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library Murder Mystery was successful.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Goals – Retreat or Workshop
287 Main Street

ADJOURN

VOTED: (8) Motion to adjourn. Meghan Hird – Luke Jensen (8-0) 6:25 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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