

MINUTES OF THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 21, 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: Karen Paquette, Bill Grant, Sue Williams, Jenny Darigan, Gretchen Pleasant, Natasha Turcotte, Rosemary Burgess, Aguinalda Miguel, Amanda Bryant, Pam Butler, Cassidy Delcourt, Kerry Jackson, Deb Rodrigue, Sarah Gentle, Andrew Bard, Bri Lunn, Ryan Patrie

Others Present: Ronnie Paradis, Amy Smith

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) Transactions
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Personnel

Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Chloe Bilodeau	Medical Science Teacher	Lewiston Regional Technical Center	September 4, 2026
Kirstie Brown	Instrumental Music/Band Teacher	Lewiston High School	August 24, 2026
Leslie Downes	Special Education Functional Life Skills Teacher	Connors Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Coaches			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Andrew Boulanger	Mock Trial Coach	Lewiston High School	September 14, 2026
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Aicha Ali	Special Education Day Treatment Education Technician	McMahon Elementary School	August 31, 2026

Kamron Bisson	Special Education Functional Life Skills, BHP Education Technician	Lewiston High School	August 31, 2026
Brianna Colson	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	McMahon Elementary School	September 3, 2026
Zahra Djama Rabi	Special Education 1:1 Education Technician	Lewiston Middle School	August 26, 2026
Hannah Dumont	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Geiger Elementary School	September 15, 2026
Brooks Ewald	Library Assistant Education Technician	Lewiston High School	August 26, 2026
Kelusodi Filemon	Special Education 1:1 Education Technician	Lewiston Middle School	September 15, 2026
Imna Flores Rodriguez	Special Education 1:1 Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Tyler Gammon	Special Education Day Treatment BHP Education Technician	McMahon Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Sandra Hewes	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	McMahon Elementary School	September 1, 2026
Mariah Holmes	Special Education Self Contained BHP Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Idil Ibrahim	Special Education Functional Life Skills, BHP Education Technician	Lewiston High School	August 31, 2026
Nazifa Khamosh	Special Education Self Contained BHP Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	September 15, 2026
Lillian Ketcham	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	September 3, 2026
Raymonde Likele	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Geiger Elementary School	September 7, 2026
Justin Meader	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Lewiston High School	August 26, 2026
Kristen Sargent	Special Education 504 1:1 Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	TBD
Melissa St.Claire	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	TBD
Mia Ward	Special Education RISE, BHP Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Management			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Support			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Jessica Cross	Food Service Assistant	Geiger Elementary School	September 3, 2026
Eliana Filemon	Food Service Assistant	McMahon Elementary School	September 10, 2026

Sadie Goyette	Food Service Assistant	Connors Elementary School	August 27, 2027
Caleb Hirschmann	Custodian I	Lewiston Middle School	TBD
Jesse Pilalas	Food Service Assistant	Montello Elementary School	September 17, 2026
Randall Williams	Food Service Cook	Connors Elementary School	September 3, 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
Christine Bossie	Title I Literacy Coach	Geiger Elementary School	Title Literacy Coach MTSS Teacher	Geiger Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Michelle Cabezas	Special Education Speech Teacher	Connors Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Julie Conkright	Special Education Speech Teacher	Farwell Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 24, 2026
Alice Covenant	Next Step Special Education Clinician	Longley High School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Maria Cullen	Special Education Clinician	Geiger Elementary School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Caroline Driscoll	Special Education Speech Farwell/Geiger	Farwell Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 24, 2026
Rebecca Drouin	Special Education Clinician	Farwell Elementary School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Janice Dumais	Special Education Clinician MCMA	McMahon Elementary School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Donna Fairbanks	Special Education Speech Teacher MCMA	McMahon Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 24, 2026

Nicole Gatcomb	MCMA Title I Math Coach	McMahon Elementary School	Title I Math Coach Farwell/McMahon	Farwell Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Ryan Hayes	Special Education Clinician LMS	Lewiston Middle School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Kathryn Landry Gradwell	Special Education Clinician MONT	Montello Elementary School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Barbara Larrabee	Special Education Clinician LHS	Lewiston High School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Anne Lasher	Title I Math Coach	Lewiston Middle School	Title I Local Math Coach LHS/LMS	Lewiston Middle School	August 24, 2026
Tina Leighton	Special Education Speech Teacher GEIG	Geiger Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 24, 2026
Roxanne Lenhart	Special Education Occupational Therapist TCHR MONT	Montello Elementary School	Special Education Occupational Therapist District Wide	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Lynn Lush	LMS Student Attendance & Engagement Specialist	Lewiston Middle School	LMS Title I Student Attendance & Engagement Specialist	Lewiston Middle School	August 24, 2026
Jennifer Pelletier	Special Education Clinician GEIG	Geiger Elementary School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Nancy Philbrik	Title I Math Coach	Geiger Elementary School	GEIG Title I Math Coach/MTSS Support Teacher	Geiger Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Pamela Rasmussen	Special Education Speech TCHR MONT	Montello Elementary School	Special Education Speech District Wide CPE	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Melissa Smith	Special Education Occupational Therapist MCMA	McMahon Elementary School	Special Education Occupational Therapist District Wide	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Jessica St.Pierre	Farwell Intevent Teacher/ Title I Literacy Coach	Farwell Elementary School	Title I Literacy Coach Farwell/McMahon	Farwell Elementary School	August 24, 2026
Amy Thiele	Special Education Clinician LMS	Lewiston Middle School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 0226
John Yeomans	Special Education Clinician LHS	Lewiston High School	Special Education Clinician District Wide K-12	District Wide	August 25, 2026
Educational Technicians					

Name	Position From	Location From	Position To	Location To	Date Effective
Joao Miguel	FARW RISE, BHP Education Technician	Farwell Elementary School	CONNORS Special Education FLS,BHP	Connors Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Tricia Parkinson	BHP, Self Contained Education Technician	Connors Elementary School	BHP, Day Treatment Education Technician	McMahon Elementary School	August 26, 2026
Jose Santos	FARW RISE, BHP Education Technician	Farwell Elementary School	CONNORS Special Education FLS,BHP	Connors Elementary School	August 26, 2026
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
William Ellis	Functional Life Skills Teacher		Connors Elementary School		July 30, 2026
John Spinale	History Teacher		Lewiston High School		August 26, 2026
Christopher Staples	Special Education Day Treatment Teacher		Lewiston High School		
Coaches					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Farhan Abdillahi	Track Coach		Lewiston High School		August 26, 2026
Courtney Caouette	Head Track Coach		Lewiston Middle School		August 24, 2026
Educational Technicians					
Name	Position		Location		Date Effective
Zahra Djama Rabi	1:1 Education Technician		Montello Elementary School		September 1, 2026
Leslie Downes	BHP, Education Technician		Lewiston High School		August 20, 2026
Bridget Fitzgerald	RISE, BHP Education Technician		Farwell Elementary School		August 21, 2026
Anita Gagne	RISE, BHP Education Technician		Farwell Elementary School		September 11, 2026
Asialina Guenette	1:1, BHP Education Technician		Farwell Elementary School		July 29, 2026

Fernando Macaia	1:1 Education Technician	Lewiston High School	September 11, 2026
Tabitha Patriquin	RISE, BHP Education Technician	Farwell Elementary School	August 20, 2026
Management			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Fatma Saad	Apprentice Program LA Teacher	Adult Education	September 16, 2026
Support			
Samuel Guilford	Custodian	Montello Elementary School	September 4, 2026
Brendan Murphy	Head Custodian	Montello Elementary School	September 9, 2026
Mouhiyadin Saad	Custodian	Lewiston High School	September 24, 2026
Retiring:			
Certified Professionals			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Correction			
Educational Technicians			
Name	Position	Location	Date Effective
Antonio Bengue			

PUBLIC INPUT

None

RECOGNITION 21ST CENTURY, OUTREACH, AND STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Jenny Darigan and Gretchen Pleasant presented on 21st Century. Outreach slides were shared and recognition was given to Natasha Turcotte, Rosemary Burgess and Aguinalda Miguel.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Connors, Farwell and LMS Administrators shared quick updates and handouts.

Luke Jensen - like the data – academic growth data.

Emily Levasseur – Data on interventions regarding bullying.

Janet Beaudoin – timeframe – 1 update per meeting.

Phoenix McLaughlin – handouts in packet.

CONVENING AND SHARING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented. No vote.

Discussion about risk of recommendation/trust.

What steps can we take to connect kids to other resources.

Brochure with disclosure.

COMMUNITY COACH CORPS

Superintendent Jake Langlais presented.

VOTED: (1) Motion to approve the pilot of the Lewiston Community Coach Corps with funds. Scott Harriman – Elizabeth Eames. (6-2) M. Hird, J. Beaudoin. 8:27 PM

Discussion about community factors included:

- Would people still rent?
- Is this the school's responsibility?
- Can we get a grant?
- Elementary teams (bring back)
- Harness the opportunities that exist. Rec, Y, YW, Other youth sports.
- Consider Delegating.
- We need to close the gap with Access.
- Could be less like a "team or season"
- Maybe a future conversation.
- Anything enrichment, not just sports.
- Compared investment to 200k for PD overtime.
- Training for advisors.

Public Input:

Ronnie Paradis – worried about costs and other groups.

Amy Smith – Insurance is a barrier. It could be low cost – sledding (example).

SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING POLICY

Move to Item #10 and cover both items.

POLICIES

Assistant Superintendent Karen Paquette presented.

VOTED: (2) Motion to approve the 1st read of the following policies with edits:

Meghan Hird – Janet Beaudoin. (8-0) 8:49 PM

- a. BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting
- b. BE – School Committee Meetings
- c. EBCA – Comprehensive Health and Safety Emergency and Management Plan
- d. EBCF – Automated External Defibrillators
- e. JJIF – Management of Concussions
- f. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- g. JLF-E – Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Form

- Move "unless otherwise changed" to the start of the statement.
- Check BDB for any needed changes.
- Shift Vice Chair to nominate and confirmed.
- EBCA – Review Sample with 1 member.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chairperson reported on MSBA – October offerings: Delegate Assembly, 10/24 and Board Chair Workshop, 10/28.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jake Langlais reported on JROTC. Junior Maine Guide Curriculum has started up. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent visited a program in Rhode Island - "BOATS" and will visit

St. George, the Grace Innovation Center, at the end of the week,. E-Rate is a big discussion - what our impact would be. The After 2 program has begun. Educate Maine put out a report on research strategies for reading and schools. Honorees will be recognized at an upcoming SC meeting, Abby McCoy, Maine Teacher of The Year Finalist and Donna Olsen, Social Studies Maine Teacher of The Year. The Fall Conference for Superintendents is coming up in October.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REP

City Council will meet tomorrow. Highlights are Mobile Home Rent, Ordinance for unregistered and uninspected vehicles “parked” enforcement.

Economic Development is becoming a division of Administration. Community Development is becoming its own department.

UPDATES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

Curriculum 8/24 – grading review next meeting is 9/28.

Policy Committee – Ongoing.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Nutrition with new rules.

Procedural rules as an item.

ADJOURN

VOTED: (3) Motion to adjourn. Janet Beaudoin – Meghan Hird (8-0) 9:01 PM.

K. Jake Langlais, Superintendent
Lewiston Public Schools

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