



LEWISTON-PORTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

4061 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

January 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

The meeting is anticipated to begin with an Executive Session at 5:15 pm and follow with the Regular Session at approximately 6:00 pm.

OUR MISSION One Purpose. Your Pathway. Our Promise. OUR VISION Our PURPOSE is to ensure that when students leave Lewiston-Porter they will be ready to face the world with confidence in themselves and what they can contribute. While students are here they will be challenged to grow along their PATHWAY and discover their personal best because we PROMISE to give them our best.	Regular Board of Education Meeting Amended Agenda January 27, 2026, 6:00 pm Boardroom, Community Resource Center
Board of Education: Joseph J. Palermo, Board President (2023-2026) Tessa Connelly, Vice Board President (2024-2027) Chris Bragdon (2025-2028) Annie Huntington (2025-2028) Sara Ohanessian (2024-2027) Susan Rhodenizer (2025-2028) Ex Officio Student(s) Board of Education members: Kaitlyn Szarejko (2025-2026) Zoe Droegmyer (2025-2026)	Administration: Paul J. Casseri, Superintendent of Schools Scott M. Hoot, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Marisa Iagallo-Barile, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Call to Order	The Board President will call the meeting to order to enter into Executive Session.	Mr. Palermo
Executive Session	It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be convened for matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.	

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order	The Board President will call the Public meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.	Mr. Palermo
Acceptance of Agenda	RESOLVED, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the Agenda for January 27, 2026.	



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COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Committee Meeting Schedule	Committee/Council:	Meeting Dates:	Board Members:
	Athletics Council	6/11/2026	Mr. Bragdon, Mr. Palermo
	Communication Committee	4/23/2026	Mr. Bragdon, Mrs. Connelly, Ms. Ohanessian
	Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Review Council	2/3/2025, 5/7/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Rhodenizer
	District Health & Safety Committee	4/14/2026	Ms. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	District Key Communicators	2/2/2026, 5/4/2026	Mr. Palermo, Mr. Bragdon
	Environmental Council	As needed	Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	Facilities Planning Review Committee	1/28/2026, 2/25/2026, 3/25/2026, 4/22/2026, 5/27/2026, 6/24/2026	Ms. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo,
	Finance Review Committee	TBD	Ms. Ohanessian
	Fine Arts Council	2/25/2026, 5/28/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Rhodenizer,
	Health & Wellness Committee	3/11/2026	Mrs. Huntington, Ms. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	NOSBA	1/31/2026, 3/21/2026, 5/7/2026, 08/20/2026	
	ON BOCES Board Meetings	2/11/2026, 03/11/2026, 4/15/2026, 4/21/2026, 5/13/2026, 6/10/2026	Mrs. Mullen
	Policy Review Committee	2/6/2026, 3/6/2026, 4/10/2026, 5/8/2026, 6/5/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mr. Palermon
	PTSA Meetings	3/25/2026	Ms. Connelly
	Special Education Committee	5/13/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Huntington
	Regular Board Meeting	2/23/2026, 3/23/2026, 4/27/2026, 5/26/2026,	



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		6/22/2026	
	Work Session	2/9/2026, 3/9/2026, 4/13/2026, 5/11/2026	
Committee Reports	Board Committee:		Chair
	Facility Review Planning Committee		Mr. Palermo
	Policy Review Committee		Mr. Palermo
	Communication Committee		Mrs. Connelly
	PTSA		Mrs. Connelly

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Presentation	Building Condition Survey/Five Year Capital Facilities Plan	Mr. Vaillancourt, Trautman Associates
Recognition	National Board Certified Teacher: Teri Fallesen Tenure Appointments: Amy Williams, School Psychologist Carrie Zoda, Elementary	Mr. Casseri

REPORTS

Board Student Ex Officio Report	Board Report/Presentation	Ms. Szarejko
Administrative Reports (IEC and MS reports submitted)	Primary Education Center High School Principal Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Superintendent	Mrs. Larson Mr. D'Anna Mr. Hoot Mr. Casseri



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COMMUNITY COMMENTS

One of the most important duties of the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education is to listen to the public. Accordingly, time will be set aside at regular monthly Board meetings for members of the public to address the Board. Our Regular Board of Education meetings are not public meetings, but meetings held in public. At the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be provided for individuals wishing to address the Board.

1. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to not more than three (3) minutes, appoint a spokesperson if a concern is a group concern; and supplement verbal presentations with written reports, if necessary or desired.
2. Members of the Board of Education will listen to the remarks of the speakers; however, the Board does not comment or respond to questions; but rather respond in writing if a response is necessary.
3. The Board President will call your name, the speaker will then identify themselves, stating their name and then address the board.
4. Personal comments toward a member of the community, staff, or Board of Education will not be considered appropriate and the Board president will direct you not to speak.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Board Members:

Mr. Bragdon
Mrs. Huntington
Ms. Ohanessian
Mrs. Rhodenizer

Board Student Ex Officio

Ms. Szarejko

Board Vice President:

Mrs. Connelly

Board President:

Mr. Palermo



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DISTRICT OPERATIONS		
Minutes	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Board meeting, as submitted by the District Clerk.	M-1
	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2026 Work Session, Budget Workshop and Regular Board meeting, as submitted by the District Clerk.	M-2
Consent Agenda for Financial Operations	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the following, Items NF-1 through NF-7, in the financial consent agenda as submitted by the Administration: Budget Status Reports Extraclassroom Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report Claims Budget Transfer History Bank Reconciliation Budget Transfers Pending Board Approval	NF-1 NF-2 NF-3 NF-4 NF-5 NF-6 NF-7

OLD BUSINESS
No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATION		
Policy Revision Acceptance of the First Reading	RESOLVED , at the first reading, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education Accept the following policies; Policy 7640, Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision Policy 7641, Transition Services Policy 7642, Extended School Year (July/August) Services and/or Programs Policy 7643, Transfer Students with Disabilities Policy 7650, Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find) Policy 7660, Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities Policy 7670, Due Process Complaints; Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers Policy 7680, Independent Educational Evaluations Policy 7690, Special Education Mediation	NA-1



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Policy Revision Acceptance of the Second Reading	RESOLVED , at the second reading, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the following policies; Policy 5413, Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards Policy 5850, Data Networks and Security Access Policy 5681, School Safety Plans Policy 5851, Cybersecurity Incident Response Policy 7522, Concussion Management Policy 7620, Students with Disabilities Participating in School District Programs Policy 7621, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Policy 7631 Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE) Subcommittee on Special Education Members Policy 7632, Appointment and Training of Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) Members	NA-2
Approval of the Special Education Agreement	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Special Education Agreement with Lockport City School District for placement of a special education student for the 2025-2026 school year at Lewiston-Porter Central School District per the duly executed agreement.	NA-3
Approval of the NOSBA Representative	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve Susan Rhodenizer to serve as the NOSBA representative for the 2025-2026 school year.	NA-4
Approval of the Appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer	BE IT RESOLVED , that the Board of Education hereby appoints Judith T. Kramer to act as an impartial hearing officer in relation to an impartial due process hearing that was initiated against the District under section 1415 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"). The terms and conditions associated with this appointment will conform with the District's policies and regulations regarding the appointment of impartial hearing officers under the IDEA.	NA-5



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PUPIL PERSONNEL

Recommendations for CSE Placement and Amendments	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the recommendations and amendments of the Committee on Special Education and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the following: 2025-2026 School Year: 10/30/25, 11/03/25, 11/04/25, 11/05/25, 11/07/25, 11/12/25, 11/13/25, 11/14/25, 11/18/25, 11/19/25, 11/24/25, 11/25/25, 12/01/25, 12/05/25, 12/08/25, 12/09/25, 12/10/25, 12/11/25, 12/12/25, 12/15/25, 12/16/25, 12/17/25, 12/18/25, 12/19/25, 12/26/25, 01/07/26, 01/09/26, 01/13/26, 01/20/26	NP-1
Recommendations for CPSE Placement and Amendments	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the recommendations and amendments of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the following: 2025-2026 School Year 11/04/25, 12/02/25, 12/08/25, 12/09/25, 12/10/25, 12/15/25, 12/16/25, 12/19/25, 01/14/26 2026-2027 School Year 12/19/25	NP-2



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PERSONNEL - CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation/ Rescission - Instructional Instructional, Long-term Substitute Non-Instructional Mentorship	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for resignations/rescissions. <table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Date</th><th>Tenure area</th><th>Reason</th></tr><tr><td>Michelle Ellis</td><td>6/30/2026</td><td>World Languages</td><td>Retirement</td></tr><tr><td>Jeffrey Thompson</td><td>6/30/2026</td><td>Science</td><td>Retirement</td></tr><tr><td>Michelle Zachary</td><td>6/30/2026</td><td>Music</td><td>Retirement</td></tr></table><table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Date</th><th>Position</th><th>Reason</th></tr><tr><td>Lisa Smith</td><td>1/09/2026</td><td>LTS ENL</td><td>End of Assignment</td></tr><tr><td>Julia Grant</td><td>2/20/2026</td><td>LTS Social Worker</td><td>End of Assignment</td></tr></table><table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Date</th><th>Position</th><th>Reason</th></tr><tr><td>Sofia Dean</td><td>1/14/2026</td><td>Teacher Aide</td><td>Resignation</td></tr><tr><td>Janell Farbo</td><td>6/26/2026</td><td>Teacher Aide</td><td>Retirement</td></tr><tr><td>Bonnie Rampado</td><td>6/26/2026</td><td>Teacher Aide</td><td>Retirement</td></tr></table><table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Date</th><th>Position</th><th>Reason</th></tr><tr><td>Emily Brook</td><td>Mentorship</td><td>2/20/2026</td><td>Rescission</td></tr></table>	Name	Date	Tenure area	Reason	Michelle Ellis	6/30/2026	World Languages	Retirement	Jeffrey Thompson	6/30/2026	Science	Retirement	Michelle Zachary	6/30/2026	Music	Retirement	Name	Date	Position	Reason	Lisa Smith	1/09/2026	LTS ENL	End of Assignment	Julia Grant	2/20/2026	LTS Social Worker	End of Assignment	Name	Date	Position	Reason	Sofia Dean	1/14/2026	Teacher Aide	Resignation	Janell Farbo	6/26/2026	Teacher Aide	Retirement	Bonnie Rampado	6/26/2026	Teacher Aide	Retirement	Name	Date	Position	Reason	Emily Brook	Mentorship	2/20/2026	Rescission	PRI PRLTS PRNI
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Leaves	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for unpaid leaves of Absence. <table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Date</th><th>Tenure Area</th><th>Reason</th></tr><tr><td>Danielle Kudela</td><td>3/26/2026-3/27/2026</td><td>Social Worker</td><td>Personal</td></tr></table>	Name	Date	Tenure Area	Reason	Danielle Kudela	3/26/2026-3/27/2026	Social Worker	Personal	PLI																																												
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Appointments - Non-Instructional Permanent Appointment	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for permanent classified Non-Instructional Appointments, upon the successful completion of the probationary period in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 97 and Local Rule XIII, subdivision 5. <table><tr><td>Name:</td><td>Lynn Lynch</td></tr><tr><td>Placement:</td><td>District Office: Buildings & Grounds</td></tr><tr><td>Position:</td><td>Sr. Typist</td></tr><tr><td>Effective:</td><td>1/01/2026</td></tr><tr><td>Appointment Type:</td><td>Permanent</td></tr><tr><td>Probationary Period:</td><td>7/01/2025-12/31/2025</td></tr></table>	Name:	Lynn Lynch	Placement:	District Office: Buildings & Grounds	Position:	Sr. Typist	Effective:	1/01/2026	Appointment Type:	Permanent	Probationary Period:	7/01/2025-12/31/2025	PAPNI				
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Appointment - Instructional	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Instructional appointments. The probationary expiration date is tentative and conditional only (unless extended in accordance with the law). Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law. In order to be granted tenure the principal/teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the principal/teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. <table><tr><td>Name:</td><td>Erica Amado</td></tr><tr><td>Placement:</td><td>Intermediate Education Center</td></tr><tr><td>Position:</td><td>School Counselor</td></tr><tr><td>Effective:</td><td>2/12/2026*</td></tr><tr><td>Probationary Period:</td><td>2/12/2026 - 2/11/2029**</td></tr><tr><td>Tenure Area:</td><td>School Counselor</td></tr><tr><td>Certification:</td><td>School Counselor</td></tr><tr><td>Degree:</td><td>Master's</td></tr></table>	Name:	Erica Amado	Placement:	Intermediate Education Center	Position:	School Counselor	Effective:	2/12/2026*	Probationary Period:	2/12/2026 - 2/11/2029**	Tenure Area:	School Counselor	Certification:	School Counselor	Degree:	Master's	PAI
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Annual Appointment - Non-instructional: Personal Care Aide	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Teacher Aides to assume the additional responsibilities and duties of a Personal Care Aide appointments for 2024-2025. <table><tr><td>Name</td><td>Effective</td><td>Placement</td><td>Salary/Stipend</td></tr><tr><td>Madeline McGuire</td><td>1/21/2026</td><td>PEC: 8:1+2</td><td>Base salary + \$1.00/hour</td></tr><tr><td>Selena Stickney</td><td>1/21/2026</td><td>PEC: 8:1+2</td><td>Base salary + \$1.00/hour</td></tr><tr><td>Margaret Bourque</td><td>1/26/2026</td><td>MS: 12:1+1</td><td>Base salary + \$1.00/hour</td></tr></table>	Name	Effective	Placement	Salary/Stipend	Madeline McGuire	1/21/2026	PEC: 8:1+2	Base salary + \$1.00/hour	Selena Stickney	1/21/2026	PEC: 8:1+2	Base salary + \$1.00/hour	Margaret Bourque	1/26/2026	MS: 12:1+1	Base salary + \$1.00/hour	PAPCA
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Annual Appointment - Non-Instructional: Transportation Attendant	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Teacher Aides to assume the additional responsibilities and duties of a Transportation Monitor appointment(s) for 2025-2026. <table><tr><td>Name</td><td>Effective</td><td>Salary/Stipend</td></tr><tr><td>Laurie Munno</td><td>2025-2026</td><td>Base salary + \$1.50/hour</td></tr><tr><td>Bonnie Rampado</td><td>2025-2026</td><td>Base salary + \$1.50/hour</td></tr></table>	Name	Effective	Salary/Stipend	Laurie Munno	2025-2026	Base salary + \$1.50/hour	Bonnie Rampado	2025-2026	Base salary + \$1.50/hour	PAANITA							
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Appointment - Coaching	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Coaching appointments. Winter 2025-2026			PAC
	Name	Appointment	Cat/Step	
	Joe Lauzonis	Co-Ed Modified Swim Coach	V-3 \$2,847.00	

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment		
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