

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

LINCOLN BOARD ROOM
215 7th Ave South
Lewistown, MT 59457

MONDAY, February 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER (5:00pm)

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Set Agenda
4. Presentation – Lewistown School Counselors
5. Report – Student Representative to the Board
6. Report – Lewistown Education Association (LEA)
7. Report – Committees of the Board
8. Report – Election Information
9. Report – Budget
10. Report – Investments
11. Report – Superintendent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

12. Recognition of Parents, Patrons, and Others Who Wish to Address the Board on
Non-Agenda Items

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

13. Minutes
14. Claims
15. Personnel Report

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

16. Second Reading of Policies
17. Facility Planning Discussion

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

18. First Reading of Policies

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education encourages participation at public School Board meetings. Under normal circumstances it is desirable to allow everyone to address the Board. However, when there are many persons who wish to address the Board, the following rules shall apply to protect the public's right to be heard:

- Speaker must first be recognized by the Chair and identify him/herself.
- Comments may not infringe on the rights to privacy of another.
- Each speaker shall be allowed a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
- There will be a limit of one presentation per person.
- The Board requests that organizations and groups be represented by a single spokesperson. The spokesperson for each group shall be limited to a presentation of three (3) minutes. To save repetition and time, the Board also requests that persons not speak if a previous speaker has expressed a similar position on the same issue.
- Appropriate comments are welcome but no action is likely to be taken at this time to ensure that others have the opportunity to address the same issue also. Items discussed may, at the discretion of the Board, be placed on a later agenda.
- The Board will accept comments from the public on each agenda item as it is discussed.

By a majority vote of the Board, these rules may be suspended for special reasons at any particular meeting. Further, the Board may reserve the right to adjust the length of time.

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#4

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: PRESENTATION – LEWISTOWN SCHOOL COUNSELORS

PREPARED BY: Brad Moore, Superintendent

SUMMARY:

Lewistown Public School Counselors would like to present to the board information about their programs.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

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Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#5

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

PREPARED BY: Sophie Lark, Student Representative

SUMMARY:

Fergus High School Student Representative to the Board of Trustees will provide a report on upcoming activities at Fergus High School.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#6

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – LEWISTOWN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PREPARED BY: Luke Brandon, LEA President

SUMMARY:

The Lewistown Education Association (LEA) would like to update the Board of Trustees on the activities and happenings for their organization.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#7

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

PREPARED BY: Committees

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees has the opportunity to provide updates on their various committees.

Attached is the list for Standing Committees of the Board for the 2025-2026 School Year. The list has been updated to reflect rename the Insurance Risk Committee to the Safety Committee.

Committees Meetings since January Board Meeting:

Safety Committee – January 14, 2026

Gaining Committee – January 14, 2026

Policy Committee – January 20, 2026

Calendar Committee – January 20, 2026

Curriculum Committee – January 21, 2026

Gaining Committee – February 2, 2026

Calendar Committee – February 3, 2026

Gaining Committee – February 5, 2026

☒ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTES:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
2025-2026 School Year

Committee	Number on Comm.	Kris Birdwell	Whitney Brady	Lisa Koch	Mariah Shammel	Jeff Southworth	Carson Sweeney	Eric Vanderbeek
Building & Grounds	3	X	X			X		
Safety Committee	2				X			X

OTHER COMMITTEES WITH BOARD REPRESENTATION
2025-2026 School Year

Committee	Number on Comm.	Kris Birdwell	Whitney Brady	Lisa Koch	Mariah Shammel	Jeff Southworth	Carson Sweeney	Eric Vanderbeek
Activities	3	X	X			X		
Curriculum Committees:								
World Languages	2		X	X				
Health Insurance Program	2			X				X
School Calendar	1							X
Vocational Advisory Council	2					X	X	
Gaining	3				X	X	X	
Policy Review	3			X	X			X

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#8

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – ELECTION INFORMATION

PREPARED BY: Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager

SUMMARY:

Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager/District Clerk, will report on the election calendar and procedures for 2026.

Attached are the Terms of Office Listing and the 2026 School Election Calendar.

Board members terms of office that are due to expire in 2026 include: Kris Birdwell, Lisa Koch and Carson Sweeney. Filing for trustee candidates is February 9, 2026 at 5:00pm.

☒ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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BOARD MEMBERS TERMS OF OFFICE

As currently exists, Board members terms of office are as follows:

	Expire 2026	Expire 2027	Expire 2028
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	Kris Birdwell Carson Sweeney Lisa Koch	Eric VanderBeek Jeff Southworth	Whitney Brady Mariah Shammel

School District #1 -- Three (3) 3-Year Terms:

_____ 3-year term (to expire in 2029)
_____ 3-year term (to expire in 2029)
_____ 3-year term (to expire in 2029)

Declaration of Intent Filed for Nomination of School Board Trustee:

Karly DeMars
Sam Helmer
Serena Overcast
Logan Smith
Carson Sweeney

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ELECTION HISTORY**

ELEMENTARY										
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002		2003	2004	2005
AMOUNT	\$268,571.05	\$169,267.06	\$165,301.94	\$27,075.62	NONE	\$29,997.63	\$46,533.25	\$15,336.91	\$31,500.00	\$98,000.00
MILLS	28.25	17.49	14.71	2.05			4.65	1.52		
FOR	560	569	497	510			786	661		
AGAINST	324	291	17	166			287	249		
PASS/FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS		PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS
MAIL/POLL	POLL	POLL	POLL	POLL			POLL	POLL		
TYPE	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	GF LEVY		TECH	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	TECH	BR LEVY (10YR)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	SEPT 2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
AMOUNT	\$24,110.65	\$77,903.95	NONE	\$123,863.99	\$111,435.00	\$10,715,000.00	\$211,108.25	NONE	NONE	\$0.00
MILLS	2.09	7.23		10.88	9.48	N/A	17.49			0.00
FOR	703	689		478	958	1421	923			991
AGAINST	287	392		521	726	2143	1165			155
PASS/FAIL	PASS	PASS		FAIL	PASS	FAIL	FAIL			PASS
MAIL/POLL	POLL	POLL		POLL	POLL	MAIL	MAIL			POLL
TYPE	GF LEVY	GF LEVY		GF LEVY	GF LEVY	BOND	GF LEVY			BUS BARN LAND

	2015		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	2022
AMOUNT	\$98,000.00	\$79,449.41	\$98,000.00	\$68,606.20	NONE	\$44,638.12	\$51,646.08	NONE	\$20,400,000.00	\$56,896.87
MILLS	8.33	6.58	8.17	5.54		3.46	3.82		N/A	3.99
FOR	1126	1157	845	966		1295	1576		1484	1112
AGAINST	1173	1146	542	703		1039	1052		1342	1193
PASS/FAIL	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS		PASS	PASS		PASS	FAIL
MAIL/POLL	MAIL	MAIL	POLL	POLL		MAIL	MAIL		MAIL	MAIL
TYPE	BR LEVY (10 YR)	GF LEVY	BR LEVY (10 YR)	GF LEVY		GF LEVY	GF LEVY		BOND	GF LEVY

	2023	2024	2025						
AMOUNT	\$89,710.14	\$115,427.63	\$95,855.00						
MILLS	6.20	6.28	5.26						
# of VOTERS									
FOR	1246	1192	1171						
AGAINST	1444	1431	1352						
PASS/FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL						
VOTER TURNOUT									
MAIL/POLL	MAIL	MAIL	MAIL						
TYPE	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	GF LEVY						

HIGH SCHOOL										
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002		2003	2004	2005
AMOUNT	\$32,867.01	\$107,066.90	\$69,582.16	NONE	NONE	\$51,165.05	\$87,613.29	\$55,318.87	\$101.00	\$98,000.00
MILLS	2.62	8.59	5.70				8.09	5.07	9.37	
FOR	696	673	517				758	641	514	
AGAINST	449	490	18				325	272	289	
PASS/FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS			PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS
MAIL/POLL	POLL	POLL	POLL				POLL	POLL	POLL	
TYPE	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	GF LEVY			TECH	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	GF LEVY	BR LEVY (10YR)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	SEPT 2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
AMOUNT	\$227,354.04	\$28,399.56	NONE	\$34,998.00	NONE	NONE	\$137,765.21	NONE	\$130,492.06	NONE
MILLS	19.93	2.44		2.85			10.58		9.68	
FOR	669	718		531			919		1486	
AGAINST	332	390		483			1201		1337	
PASS/FAIL	PASS	PASS		PASS			FAIL		PASS	
MAIL/POLL	POLL	POLL		POLL			MAIL		MAIL	
TYPE	GF LEVY	GF LEVY		GF LEVY			GF LEVY		GF LEVY	

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	2022	2023
AMOUNT	\$98,000.00	\$98,000.00	NONE	NONE	NONE	\$44,713.54	NONE	\$8,600,000.00	NONE	NONE
MILLS	7.71	7.54				3.03		N/A		
FOR	1150	875				1589		1447		
AGAINST	1256	593				1168		1509		
PASS/FAIL	FAIL	PASS				PASS		FAIL		
MAIL/POLL	MAIL	POLL				MAIL		POLL		
TYPE	BR LEVY (10 YR)	BR LEVY (10 YR)				GF LEVY		BOND		

	2024	2025							
AMOUNT	NONE	NONE							
MILLS									
# of VOTERS									
FOR									
AGAINST									
PASS/FAIL									
VOTER TURNOUT									
MAIL/POLL									
TYPE									

VOTER STATUS BY DISTRICT AS OF DECEMBER 2025					
ELEMENTARY:			HIGH SCHOOL:		
# ABSENTEE VOTERS	3782	64%	# ABSENTEE VOTERS	177	65%
# POLL VOTERS	2148	36%	# POLL VOTERS	96	35%
TOTAL # OF ACTIVE VOTERS	5930		TOTAL # OF ACTIVE VOTERS	273	

VOTER STATUS BY DISTRICT AS OF DECEMBER 2024					
ELEMENTARY:			HIGH SCHOOL:		
# ABSENTEE VOTERS	4018	68%	# ABSENTEE VOTERS	179	65%
# POLL VOTERS	1860	32%	# POLL VOTERS	97	35%
TOTAL # OF ACTIVE VOTERS	5878		TOTAL # OF ACTIVE VOTERS	276	

School Election Calendar 2026

Days From Election	Deadlines	Event (Special Instances Identified in Green)	MCA Citation
Not less than 145 days before*	Thursday, December 11	Trustees call for an election. The trustees must pass a resolution stating: 1) the date of the election; 2) the purpose of the election; 3) whether the election will be by mail or poll; 4) the voting locations and boundaries for each location, if there are multiple locations within a district (if changed from a previous school election the new locations must be specifically noted); and 5) the time the polls will open, if before noon. The trustees do NOT have to set levy amounts at this time; however, they must be set in time for the clerk to certify the ballot (not less than 30 days before the election). The resolution must be delivered to the county election administrator within 3 days of passage, but it need NOT be posted. The trustees must also appoint three election judges per precinct. Bond Elections are subject to additional requirements (see 20-9-422, MCA). Request for a mail ballot election must be sent from trustees to the election administrator. Exception: Even if no request is received, the election administrator could decide to request a mail ballot election. <i>*The deadline of 145 days ONLY applies to the regular school election. Special elections must be called at least 70 days before the election.</i>	13-19-202 13-19-203 20-9-422 20-20-201 20-20-203
At least 142 days before (within 3 days of passage of the election resolution)*	Monday, December 15	Last day to file resolutions for school election with county election administrator. To assist with the provisions of late registration, include the name and best contact number for the district's election administrator with the resolution. <i>*For special elections, the election resolution must be sent to the county election administrator within 3 days of passage (not later than 67 days before the election)</i>	20-20-201(2)(a)
No earlier than 145 days, or later than 85 days before	Thursday, December 11 through Monday, February 9	Trustee candidates file for election. A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with district clerk (regardless of who is running the election). NO CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS THE CANDIDATE MEETS THIS DEADLINE. <i>Candidates must be registered to vote by the filing deadline (exception for candidates turning 18 after the filing deadline and prior to the election).</i>	13-10-201 20-3-305
85 th day before the election	Monday, February 9 (by 5 p.m.)	Last day trustee candidates may withdraw from the election. Any candidate that has already filed for election, but wishes to withdraw their name, may do so by sending a statement of withdrawal to the election administrator.	20-3-305(3)(a)
At least 70 days before	Tuesday, February 24	Deadline for amendments to election resolutions. The trustees may amend an election resolution passed at least 145 days prior to the election. Financial considerations not indicated in the initial resolution may be included in an amendment. <i>Special elections (elections held on a date other than the regular school election day) must be called at least 70 days before the election.</i>	20-20-201



School Election Calendar 2026

Days From Election	Deadlines	Event (Special Instances Identified in Green)	MCA Citation
Not later than 5pm the 65 th day before the election	Monday, March 2 (by 5 p.m.)	Deadline for write-in candidate for a trustee position on a school board to file Declaration of Intent (must be filed with the district clerk, regardless of who is running the election). <i>*Votes only count for write-in candidates who file a Declaration of Intent.</i>	20-3-305(2)(b)
At least 60 days before	Friday, March 6	Election administrator posts mail ballot election plan/timetable/sample instructions. For elections conducted by the school district: publish the mail ballot plan in a newspaper of general circulation, if one in the district and/or in 3 public places AND publish on the school district website, if active. For elections conducted by the county election office: publish on the county election office website or other means of publication OR follow the publication instructions for elections conducted by school districts. <i>Failure to publish plans by this date and in this manner default to a polling place election. School districts conducting their own elections must send a copy of the plan to the county election administrator.</i>	13-19-205
4 weeks preceding the close of regular registration	Monday, March 9	Notice of close of regular registration. The county election administrator publishes the notice of close of regular registration for school districts at least 3 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of regular registration. Contact the county election administrator to coordinate that publication.	13-2-301
Not less than 40 days before	Thursday, March 26	Election administrator certifies ballot. The election administrator prepares the final ballot form, listing all candidates and propositions to be voted upon. The ballot must then be delivered to the election administrator, if other than the clerk. <i>Trustees must pass a resolution stating exact levy amounts by this date for the clerk to certify the ballot. This resolution must include the durational limit, if any, on the levy.</i>	20-20-401
Not more than 35 days before	Tuesday, March 31	Deadline for mail ballot amendments. The plan may be amended by the election administrator at any time prior to the 35th day before election day by publishing in the same manner as the original mail ballot plan.	13-19-205
Not less than 30 days before	Friday, April 3	Election by Acclamation and Cancellation of Election - Notice. If the number of candidates filing a nomination petition or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of open trustee positions to be elected, the trustees cancel the trustee election. They must then give notice that a trustee election will not be held. The trustee election may not be declared by acclamation until all candidate filing deadlines have passed. Send a copy to the county election administrator to aid with the provisions of late registration. <i>**A trustee election held in single-member or trustee nominating district is considered a separate trustee election for declaring the election by acclamation.</i>	20-3-313



School Election Calendar 2026

Days From Election	Deadlines	Event (Special Instances Identified in Green)	MCA Citation
30 days before any election	Monday, April 6	Close of regular voter registration. Registration forms postmarked by this date and received within 3 days are accepted for regular registration. Late registration must be completed at the county election office.	13-2-301
Not more than 30 days before	Monday, April 6	Contact your county election administrator for the absentee ballot list.	13-13-212 20-20-312
No later than the 30th day before	Friday, April 3	Deadline to notify election judges of appointment.	13-4-101
Not more than 30 days before	Monday, April 6	Performance Testing and Certification of Voting System. The election administrator must publicly test and certify that the system is performing properly.	13-17-212
Day after Close of Regular Registration	Tuesday, April 7	Start of Late Registration. Late voter registration starts and continues through election day. Late registration must be completed at the office of the county election administrator.	13-2-304
Not less than 10 days, or more than 40 days before	Thursday March 26 Through Saturday April 25	Notice of election is posted. The election notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district if available, posted in at least three public places in the district AND posted on the district's website for the 10 days prior to the election, if the district has an active website. Notice using any other recognized media may be used to supplement the posting. The notice must include: 1) the date and voting locations for the election; 2) voting location hours; 3) each proposition to be considered by the electorate; 4) the number of trustee positions, if any, subject to election and the length of the terms for those positions; 5) where and how absentee ballots may be obtained; and 6) where and how late registrants may obtain a ballot on election day. • If the polling place has changed from the previous school election, that change must be referred to in the notice. • If more than one proposition will be considered in the same district, each proposition must be set apart and identified or placed in separate notices.	20-20-204
At least 20 days before	Wednesday, April 15	Absentee ballots available. The election administrator prepares ballots for absentee voters. Remember to enclose four things in the absentee package. • The ballot, stamped official ballot (with stub removed); • Instructions for voting and returning the ballot; • A secrecy envelope, free of marks that would identify the voter; and • A self-addressed, return envelope with affirmation printed on the back of the envelope (affirmation must include a line for signature AND the elector's date of birth.	13-13-214 20-20-401
Not before the 20 th day or later than the 15 th day	Wednesday, April 15 through Monday, April 20	Mail ballots mailed. If conducting a mail ballot election, all ballots must be mailed on the same day (the day noted in the district's mail ballot plan). If an inactive elector reactivates after the ballots are mailed, the elector should be provided with or mailed a ballot. If the elector reactivates after noon on the day before election day, the elector must come in on election day to receive a ballot.	13-19-207



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Days From Election	Deadlines	Event (Special Instances Identified in Green)	MCA Citation
Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before	Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, May 3	Absentee/Mail Ballot Counting Notice. Districts must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice indicating the method that will be used for counting absentee/mail ballots and the place and time that the absentee/mail ballots will be counted on election day. <i>This notice may be combined with the Publication of Information Concerning Voting Systems, the Polling Location Accessibility Notice and/or with the Notice of Election if the notice is published between the 12th and 10th day prior to the election.</i>	13-15-105
Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before	Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, May 3	Publication of Information Concerning Voting Systems. Districts shall broadcast on radio or television or publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a diagram showing the voting system to be used by voters and a sample ballot (newspaper only), a statement of location of where the voting system to be used is on public display, and instructions on how to vote. <i>This notice may be combined with the Absentee/Mail Ballot Counting Notice, the Polling Location Accessibility Notice, and/or with the Notice of Election if the notice is published between the 12th and 10th day prior to the election.</i>	13-17-203
Not more than 10 days or less than 2 days before	Saturday, April 25 through Sunday, May 3	Polling Location Accessibility Notice. Districts must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a statement of the location of the polling places and whether each location is accessible or inaccessible. <i>This notice may be combined with the Absentee/Mail Ballot Counting Notice, the Polling Location Accessibility Notice, and/or with the Notice of Election if the notice is published between the 12th and 10th day prior to the election.</i>	13-3-105 13-3-207
Day before (By Noon)	Monday, May 4	Deadline for absentee ballot requests. Voters who wish to vote absentee may request an absentee ballot in writing or in person until noon the day before the election.	13-13-211 13-13-214
Day before	Monday, May 4	Deliver certified copy of the lists of registered electors. Before the day of election, the county election administrator shall deliver a certified copy of the lists of registered electors for each voting location to the district. The district shall deliver them to the election judges prior to the opening of a voting location.	20-20-313
Election Day 	Tuesday, May 5	ELECTION DAY. The election administrator must prepare the polling places, printed ballots, ensure election judges are present, and conduct a fair and unbiased election. Notify election judges of the names of write-in candidates	Title 13 20-20-105 20-20-401 20-20-411



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Days From Election	Deadlines	Event (Special Instances Identified in Green)	MCA Citation
No sooner than 3pm on the 6 th day after the election	Monday, May 12	The first date that provisional ballots may be counted. Following the election, unresolved provisional ballots are sealed. These ballots may not be opened until after 3pm on the 6 th day after election. The election judges convene, and a determination is made as to whether the ballots are counted. If there are provisional ballots in a school election, the canvass may not occur until after all provisional ballots are resolved.	13-15-107
Following receipt of the tally sheets from all polls and within 25 days after the election	By Friday, May 30	Trustees canvass the votes, issue certificates of election, and publish results. Trustees review the tally sheets compiled by the election judges to ascertain their accuracy. Recounts are ordered, if necessary. If tally is complete and accurate, trustees issue certificates of election to successful candidates. The canvassed results shall be published immediately in a newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people in the district.	20-20-415 20-20-416
Within 5 days after the official canvass	Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, June 4	Deadline for filing a petition for recount. When a question submitted to a vote of the people is decided by a margin not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the total votes cast for and against the question, a petition for recount must be filed within 5 days after the official canvass.	13-16-201
Within 5 days of receipt of notice from the election administrator	Monday, May 12 through Monday, June 4	Deadline for convening the School Recount Board. When a tie vote has been certified to the election administrator or conditions have been met for filing a recount petition, the board shall convene at its usual meeting place to perform a recount. The recount must be completed within 5 days of receipt of official canvass or recount petition.	13-16-204 20-20-420
Within 25 days of election	By Friday, May 30	Deadline for trustees to hold organizational meeting to elect chair and appoint clerk.	20-3-321
By June 1	Friday, May 30	Deadline for trustees to request county election administrator to conduct school elections for next year. The school district clerk/election administrator is designated the election administrator for school elections. However, the trustees of any district may request the county election administrator (EA) to become the election administrator for school elections. The request must be made by a resolution of the board of trustees. If the county EA accepts, then he/she must perform all the duties the school clerk would have. The school district must assume all costs of the election.	20-20-417
Within 15 days after receipt of certificate of election	By Friday, June 13	Candidate completes and files Oath of Office with the County Superintendent. <i>*Newly elected trustees may not be seated until the oath is filed. The issuance and the oath may be administered at the organizational meeting (below) but must be completed within 15 days of issuance.</i> <i>**In the event of a recount, the deadline for a candidate to complete and file the oath is 15 days from receipt of the certificate of election.</i>	20-3-307 20-1-202 1-6-101



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[1-1-307](#), MCA. Postponement of day appointed for an action when it falls on a holiday or Saturday. Whenever any act of a secular nature, other than a work of necessity or mercy, is appointed by law or contract to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a holiday or a Saturday, such act may be performed upon the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.

If the deadline, as read in statute, is phrased "not later than..." the deadline does not move to a later date but an earlier one.

Additional References:

Sample forms can be found at this address: [School Finance Election Webpage](#)

Election Manual: [School Election Handbook](#)

MT Secretary of State's Office: [Secretary of State's Election Webpage](#)

Candidates for trustee positions in 1) a first-class district located in a county with populations of 15,000 or more; or 2) a county high school district with an enrollment of 2,000 or more are required to file a C-1-A Statement of Candidate within 5 days of becoming a candidate. For reporting dates and instructions contact the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices at: [Commissioner of Political Practices Webpage](#).



LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#9

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – BUDGET

PREPARED BY: Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager

SUMMARY:

Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager/District Clerk, will report on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget projections, student count and discuss the potential need for levies.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#10

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – INVESTMENT

PREPARED BY: Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager

SUMMARY:

Interest earned for December 2025 and January 2026 was not available at the time of posting due to a staffing change at the County Treasurer's office.

SLGS Elementary bond interest accrued from August 2025 through December 2025 was \$145,229.34 January's portion of the interest accrued was \$3,222.58.

The bond projects are coming to a close, with the Lewis & Clark Parking lot project the only one remaining. Rebekah will be in contact with Causey to determine the IRS arbitrage owed and will be able to report back at the March Board Meeting. That payment is due on June 30, 2026.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

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LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#11

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT

PREPARED BY: Brad Moore, Superintendent

SUMMARY:

National Conference on Education- February 10-14, 2026

Hiring Update

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#12

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PREPARED BY: _____

SUMMARY:

Time is provided on the agenda for anyone who wishes to address the Board on non-agenda items.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 13. Minutes
- 14. Claims
- 15. Personnel Report

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#13

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: MINUTES

PREPARED BY: Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager

SUMMARY:

The following minutes are attached for your approval:

- Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Board Training.
- Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Special Board Meeting

☒ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTES:

**MINUTES
LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

LINCOLN BOARD ROOM

215 7th Avenue South
Lewistown, Montana 59457

MONDAY, January 12, 2026

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRAINING

CALL TO ORDER (5:15 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Kris Birdwell, Whitney Brady, Lisa Koch, Mariah Shammel, Jeff Southworth,
Carson Sweeney, Eric VanderBeek

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

2. TRAINING – JEFF WELDON, FELT MARTIN PC

Board Training Topics included the following:

- Evaluation process for each class of employee
 - o Board evaluates Superintendent and Clerk
 - o Administration evaluates all other staff
- Board's role in each of those evaluations
- Board's access to evaluations

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. (Brady). The next Board Training will be determined at a later date.

**KRIS BIRDWELL
BOARD CHAIR**

**REBEKAH RHOADES
BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

**MINUTES
LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

LINCOLN BOARD ROOM

215 7th Avenue South
Lewistown, Montana 59457

MONDAY, January 12, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Kris Birdwell, Whitney Brady, Lisa Koch, Mariah Shammel, Jeff Southworth,
Carson Sweeney, Eric VanderBeek

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA – Approved Unanimously (Brady/VanderBeek)

4. PRESENTATION – EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CENTRAL MONTANA (EOCM) BOARD

Dani Buehler, Cassie Bergstrom and Orin Johnson introduced themselves as part of the EOCM Board. They are in the process of updating their mission statement, seeking to build a board that will advocate and promote local trainings to support local needs for adult education. Build a digital platform showing current trainings in the community and provide a forum for local business owners. They expressed their desire for support from and to work with the school district.

5. REPORT – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Shoei Davis introduced Sophie Lark as the new Student Representative. Sophie and Shoei updated the Board on happenings at Fergus High School.

6. REPORT – LEWISTOWN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (LEA)

Luke Brandon, LEA President, updated the Board on happenings within their organization. Luke shared that they are continually working on negotiations. He reported that semester tests took place prior to Christmas break for the first time, but overall believes it was a positive change.

7. REPORT—COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Collective Bargaining Committee has met as both a committee and with the LEA. They are making progress and meeting again this week.

The CTE Advisory Committee met to discuss future plans for the CTE programs, including meeting with the Montana University System and Great Falls Public Schools. Board Chair Birdwell requested that Orin Johnson, CTE Charter Director, present at the May Board Meeting.

The Activity Committee met and discussed soccer and other happenings in the activities across the district.

Trustee Birdwell requested to step down from the Building and Grounds Committee and suggested that Carson Sweeney take his place. This change will provide continuity going into the next school year.

There is an upcoming Policy Committee Meeting and calendar Committee Meeting.

8. REPORT – ELECTION INFORMATION
Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager/Clerk, reported on the 2025-2026 election information to the Board of Trustees, noting that the call for election and the end to the Trustee Declaration of Intent are significantly earlier this year. The regular election will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.
9. REPORT – BUDGET
Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager/Clerk, reported on the 2026-2027 budget projections.
10. REPORT—INVESTMENT
Interest earned and distributed for November was \$7,530.36 in the Elementary and \$7,060.43 in the High School. December interest was not available to report. December Bond SLGS interest was reported at \$3,257.64 for a total of \$142,006.76 since August 2024.
11. REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT
Mr. Moore shared that Bridged Health Alliance is still moving forward and there should be more information in the coming weeks. For the upcoming COPS Grant cycle, Mr. Moore is working with a company that has been successful in the past. Mr. Moore reported that the Board will look at going out to bid for the Lewis & Clark parking lot at the upcoming Facility Plan Special Board Meeting on 1/21/26. In addition, the Board will need to review the FHS facility plan. Mr. Moore and Trustee Southworth shared that they met with Tony Houtz, Cushing Terrell, to go over the facility plan in more detail and update some of the plans. Tony was also asked to create plans for a wrestling/locker room update to be considered as a possible separate initiative. Looking to run the bond in May 2027. Trustee Southworth encouraged the board to hire an Owners Rep to help manage the project, which Tony has built into the facility plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

12. RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
There was no public participation.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – approved unanimously (Brady/Shammel)

13. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025 BOARD TRAINING
14. CLAIMS – approval of the claims referenced in the 2025-2026 Bill Schedule and submitted through January 9, 2026. The finance committee for January-March 2026 is Board Chair Kris Birdwell, Mariah Shammel, Whitney Brady and Lisa Koch.
15. APPROVE PERSONNEL/SUBSTITUTE REPORT

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

16. APPROVE SECOND READING OF POLICIES – approved unanimously (Shammel/VanderBeek)
17. UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE – REQUEST TO AMEND BUILDING USE AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE LETTER ON PAGE 38 – approved unanimously (Southworth/VanderBeek)
Discussion took place regarding the timing of the reduction of the building use. Mr. Moore commented that he believes we will have another building use agreement in the building.

Trustee Sweeney recommended that the Board agree to the change effective mid-year, due to the short notice.

AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 1, 2026 – approved unanimously (Sweeney/Koch)

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

18. APPROVE FIRST READING OF POLICIES – approved unanimously (Koch/VanderBeek)
19. APPROVE 2024-2025 AUDIT REPORT - approved unanimously (Southworth/Sweeney)
20. APPROVE ANNUAL TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT REPORT – approved unanimously (Shammel/Brady)

The Board Chair called for Executive Session at 7:08pm (Brady/Sweeney)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:10pm)

21. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (Brady). The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Lincoln Board Room.

KRIS BIRDWELL
BOARD CHAIR

REBEKAH RHOADES
BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

**MINUTES
LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

LINCOLN BUILDING
215 7th Ave South
Lewistown, Montana 59457

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2026

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER (5:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Whitney Brady, Kris Birdwell, Lisa Koch, Carson Sweeney, Mariah Shammel,
Eric VanderBeek

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Jeff Southworth,

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA – approved unanimously (Brady/Shammel)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3. RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation.

DISCUSSION

4. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FACILITY REVIEW

Mr. Moore summarized the progress so far and priorities looking forward. Shane Swandal, Hulteng, reviewed the updated facility plan for Fergus High School and the Lincoln Building with the Board. He explained the necessity of the miscellaneous costs not originally listed in the facility plan and the other changes made after discussions between Shane and Cushing Terrell. Items in the Infrastructure column being absolutely necessary to address, with columns to the right of that decreasing in priority by each column. It will be up to the Board to determine if any of the items in three columns to the right need to be moved to a higher priority.

The Board spent time reviewing the facility plan cost estimates and asking questions of Shane. Wyatt Conard, Maintenance Director, shared his perspective on the priorities in the high school. Scott Dubbs, former High School Principal, commented on his experiences and support of the needs within the building. He also shared that the original building of the High School was built 40 years ago on a very tight budget that required some items to not be completed, including the space designated for locker rooms. Mary Jo Hamling, former High School Teacher, commented on her experiences in the building and agreed with the recommendations, but also noted that the Board should also consider addressing issues within the auditorium. Ollie Tucker, former student and Lewistown News Argus reporter,

agreed with the need for an upgrade to the intercom system so that all areas of the building are able to communicate. Each of the Trustees shared their feedback on the list.

Discussion led to the following being considered for higher priority:

- addition of safety exits in the lower level
- review all items in the “high” column to determine what should be moved to the highest priority

The Board agreed that the focus needs to remain on infrastructure and safety, but that they may need to consider addressing the locker rooms and auditorium due to the community and economic benefits. The Board does not want to discourage voters that may not see those items as necessary. Fundraising for these items may be more appropriate and successful.

Shane, Wyatt and Brad will meet to make changes to the priority list. The Board will then need to determine timing of the election and the amount of the request. Discussion regarding timing ensued with possibilities of Fall 2026, May 2027 or Fall 2027 discussed. Rebekah will contact D.A. Davidson to get preliminary tax estimates. The Board will address all follow-up at the February Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Moore recommended delaying discussion on the Lincoln Building until more information on the Central Montana Education Center building is received from the Federal Government. There are several items that need to be addressed in the Lincoln Building.

ACTION ITEMS

5. APPROVE GOING OUT TO BID FOR LEWIS & CLARK PARKING LOT – approved unanimously (Sweeney/VanderBeek)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. (Brady). The next special board meeting to address strategic planning will be held at a future date to be determined.

KRIS BIRDWELL
BOARD CHAIR

REBEKAH RHOADES
BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#14

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: CLAIMS

PREPARED BY: Chris Gobble, Purchasing

SUMMARY:

See attached claims paid through February 6, 2026, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Members of the Finance Committee for January – March 2026 include: Board Chair Kris Birdwell, Whitney Brady, Lisa Koch and Mariah Shammel.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#15

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: PERSONNEL REPORT

PREPARED BY: Brad Moore, Superintendent

SUMMARY:

Attached is the Personnel Report for your review.

☒ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

Monday, February 9, 2026

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED BY</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
ASHCRAFT, Arden	Volunteer/Chaperone	Fergus High School		2/10/2026	Matt Lewis	Ski Club Chaperone
BROOKS, Ben	Volunteer/Chaperone	Lewistown Jr. High School		2/18 - 2/19-2026	Jeff Friesen	Science Olympiad Chaperone
DENGEL, Dana	Volunteer/Chaperone	Fergus High School		3/8 -3/10/2026	Matt Lewis and Derek Lear	BPA Chaperone
GARDNER, Shannon	Volunteer/Chaperone	Fergus High School		3/4 - 3/8/2026	Matt Lewis	Honor Choir Chaperone - Tacoma, WA trip
HEITZMAN, Mariah	Volunteer/Chaperone	Lewistown Jr. High School		2/18 - 2/19/2026	Jeff Friesen	Science Olympiad Chaperone
LAFEVER, Eretria	Food Server/Kitchen Aide	Highland Park Elementary School	Approve appointment on schedule as recommended - FOOD SERVER/KITCHEN AIDE, Step 0 for up to 2.5 hours per day for up to 72 days	2/10/2026	Amie Friesen	Replacing Rachel Goodhart
LAFEVER, Eretria	Kitchen Aide	Central Kitchen	Approve appointment on schedule as recommended - KITCHEN AIDE, Step 0 for up to 3 hours per day for up to 72 days	2/10/2026	Amie Friesen	Replacing Meagan Hook
LAHR, Adam	Volunteer/Chaperone	Lewistown Jr. High School		2/23 - 2/27/2026	Jeff Friesen	Yellowstone Expedition Trip
LANE, Mike	Volunteer/Chaperone	Fergus High School		3/4 - 3/8/2026	Matt Lewis	Honor Choir Chaperone - Tacoma, WA trip
LONG, Jared	Teacher/FFA Advisor	Fergus High School	Approve out-of-state travel request to attend the Northwest College Livestock Juding Inviational at Powell, WY.	3/26 - 3/27/26	Matt Lewis and Derek Lear	See Attached Letter
MANNING, Amarah	Student Para	Garfield Elementary School		2/10/2026	Orin Johnson and Matt Lewis	
PITTMAN, Adrianna	Teacher	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule - Per 2026-2027 pay matrix, BA 1.0 FTE for up to 187 days .	8/1/2026	Matt Lewis and Brendon DeCock	Replacing Vic Feller
QUESTO, Chrls	Student Custodian	Fergus High School		2/10/2026	Orin Johnson and Matt Lewis	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS		Lewistown Jr. High School	Approve appointment on schedule as recommended - Names highlighted are being approved at the 2/9/2026 Board Meeting	2/10/2026	Jeff Friesen	See Attached List
RUSSELL, Sarah	Teacher	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	Accept Resignation for the 2026-2027 school year	5/31/2026	Danny Wirtzberter	Letter on File

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

Monday, February 9, 2026

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED BY</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
SHAMMEL, Lyle	Volunteer/Chaperone	All Lewistown Schools		2/10/2026	Jeff Friesen	School Ski Trips Chaperone
SWEET, Kyler	Student Custodian	Fergus High School		2/10/2026	Orin Johnson and Matt Lewis	
TOMSHECK, Jason	Volunteer/Chaperone	Lewistown Jr. High School		2/18 - 2/19-2026	Jeff Friesen	Science Olympiad Chaperone

2025-2026 School Year					
				Starting Salary	\$41,615.00
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY AND ATHLETIC RECOMMENDATIONS					
Activity	Name	Positions	Index	Stipend	Date Approved
COORDINATOR	<i>replaced with Admin AD</i>	Coordinator	0.1050	\$ 4,369.58	N/A
BASKETBALL	<i>Austin Schilling</i>	Boys Head Coach	0.070	\$ 2,913.05	11/10/25
	<i>Morgan Ray</i>	Boys First Assistant	0.062	\$ 2,580.13	11/10/25
	<i>James Derheim</i>	Boys Assistant - 1	0.055	\$ 2,288.83	11/10/25
	<i>Brooke Zeiler</i>	Girls Head Coach	0.070	\$ 2,913.05	08/11/25
	<i>Nicole Wichman</i>	Girls First Assistant	0.062	\$ 2,580.13	08/11/25
	<i>Angela Troutt</i>	Girls Assistant - 1	0.055	\$ 2,288.83	08/11/25
BUILDERS CLUB	<i>Jenifer Blazicevich</i>	Advisor	0.015	\$ 624.23	08/11/25
CHEERLEADERS	<i>Rayna Phelps</i>	Head Coach	0.030	\$ 1,248.45	08/11/25
CROSS COUNTRY	<i>Nicole Wichman</i>	Head Coach	0.065	\$ 2,704.98	08/11/25
		Volunteer Assistant			
FOOTBALL	<i>Mike Vanek</i>	Head Coach	0.065	\$ 2,704.98	08/11/25
	<i>Cody Chacon</i>	First Assistant	0.057	\$ 2,372.06	08/11/25
	<i>Brandon Carreira</i>	Assistant - 1	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	08/11/25
	<i>Ryan Poser</i>	Assistant - 2	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	08/11/25
	<i>Chad Rogers</i>	Volunteer Assistant			08/11/25
		Volunteer Assistant			
MATHCOUNTS	<i>Work performed during the school day</i>	Advisor	0.015	\$ 624.23	N/A
MUSIC	<i>Chase Auger</i>	Instrumental Activities	0.034	\$ 1,414.91	08/11/25
	<i>Rachael Grensten</i>	Vocal Activities	0.034	\$ 1,414.91	08/11/25
	<i>Rebecca Speranza</i>	Jazz Band	0.040	\$ 1,664.60	08/11/25
	-----	Select Choir Director	0.040	\$ 1,664.60	
PHOTO CLUB	<i>Katie Wirtzberger</i>	Advisor	0.015	\$ 624.23	08/11/25

SPORTING EVENT MGMT	-----	State Wrestling Tournament		\$ 75.00	
SKI CLUB	<i>Brett Thackeray</i>	Advisor	0.015	\$ 624.23	11/10/25
STUDENT COUNCIL	<i>Jake Rhoades</i>	Advisor	0.0250	\$ 1,040.38	08/11/25
TRACK & FIELD	<i>Mariah Patterson</i>	Head Coach	0.065	\$ 2,704.98	
	<i>Rebekah Rhoades</i>	First Assistant	0.057	\$ 2,372.06	
	<i>Kylee Johnson</i>	Assistant - 1	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	
	<i>Kendall Denham</i>	Assistant - 2	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	
	<i>Mike Vanek</i>	Volunteer			
VOLLEYBALL	<i>Jean Irish</i>	Head Coach	0.065	\$ 2,704.98	08/11/25
	<i>Megan Hicks</i>	First Assistant	0.057	\$ 2,372.06	08/11/25
	<i>Maria Derheim</i>	Assistant	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	08/11/25
WRESTLING	<i>Steven (Miles) Fox</i>	Head Coach	0.065	\$ 2,704.98	08/11/25
	<i>Caleb Werner</i>	Assistant	0.050	\$ 2,080.75	10/13/25
	<i>Bob Stevenson</i>	Volunteer			10/13/25
	<i>Josh Wright</i>	Volunteer			10/13/25
	<i>Shane Ruckman</i>	Volunteer			10/13/25

Jared Long
Agricultural Education Instructor / FFA Advisor
Fergus High School

1-30-26

Lewistown Public School Board of Trustees

Dear Members of the Board,

I am respectfully requesting permission for out-of-state travel for members of the Fergus FFA Chapter to compete at the Northwest College Livestock Judging Invitational hosted by Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming. The contest is March 27th and we would travel to Powell March 26th the return the evening of March 27th.

For this trip, we would utilize district transportation and travel using a school suburban. The trip would be supervised according to district expectations to ensure student safety, conduct, and academic responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support of agricultural education and the opportunities it provides for our students. Please let me know if you would like any additional details regarding scheduling, transportation, or supervision.

Respectfully,

Jared Long
Agricultural Education Instructor
FFA Advisor
Lewistown Public Schools

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#16

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE SECOND READING OF POLICIES

PREPARED BY: Brad Moore, Superintendent

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees needs to approve the attached list of policies that were reviewed by a Committee of the Board.

The full policy documents can be found at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UnnJXQJsHuUfzvwM8seZyT4ujtMdseoi?usp=drive_link

Each policy shows information that is new in **highlight** and text being removed in ~~striketrough~~.

☒ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2nd READING POLICIES
February 9, 2026

2600	Work Based Learning
3665	Student Safety
5122	Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations
5511**	Classified Sick Bank

NEW POLICIES

~~POLICIES BEING REMOVED~~

POLICIES TO BE REVIEWED AT A LATER DATE

**The Classified Sick Bank Policy will need to be reviewed at a future meeting and not included in the second reading at the February 9, 2026 meeting.

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#17

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: FACILITY PLANNING DISCUSSION

PREPARED BY: BRAD MOORE, SUPERINTENDENT

SUMMARY:

The Board will be following up on discussion regarding long range financial planning for facilities that took place at the Special Board Meeting on January 21, 2026.

Another Special Board Meeting will need to be scheduled in the near future to discuss future planning.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTES:

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#18

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE FIRST READING OF POLICIES

PREPARED BY: Brad Moore, Superintendent

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees needs to approve the attached list of policies that were reviewed by a Committee of the Board on January 22, 2025.

The full policy documents can be found at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UnnJXQJsHuUfzvwM8seZyT4ujtMdseoi?usp=drive_link

Each policy shows information that is new in **highlight** and text being removed in ~~striketrough~~.

☒ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1st READING POLICIES
February 9, 2026

1401	Records Available to Public
2158P1	Parent and Family Engagement and Educational Involvement – Student Pronoun Use
2161	Special Education
2161P	Special Education
2335	Health Enhancement Curriculum
3110	Entrance Placement and Transfer
3150	Part-time Enrollment
3600	Student Records
3600F	Student Records
3600P	Student Records
4550	Registered Sex Offenders
5015	Bullying-Harrassment-Intimidation

NEW POLICIES

~~POLICIES BEING REMOVED~~

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2025						
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JULY 2026						
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PIR DAYS

(Pupil Instruction-Related)

August 15

August 18-19

October 16-17

Oct 27-30, Nov 3-6

March 23-27

May 11

New Staff Orientation

All Staff Orientation/PIR

Staff Development Days

Teachers Convention (Missoula)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Schedules vary by school

PIR Nov 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Schedules vary by school

Full school days for students

PIR Day

HOLIDAYS & VACATIONS

No School for Teachers or Students

September 1

November 26-28

Dec 22 - Jan 2

February 27

March 13

April 2-6

May 25

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Vacation

Winter Break

Vacation Day

Vacation Day

Easter Vacation

Memorial Day

New Teacher Orientation

First/Last Day of School

K-8 Quarter Ends

K-8 Qtr Mid-Term

K-8 Semester Ends

Early Out (1:30 pm)

PIR Day

No School (Day Off/No School)

Paid Holiday (Day Off/No School)

Flex Day (No School for Students)

K-3 First Day

FHS Quarter Ends

FHS Qtr Mid-Term

FHS Semester Ends

FHS Graduation

PT Conferences

BOARD APPROVED 3-10-2025

PUPIL INSTRUCTION (INCLUDING FLEX DAYS)

First Semester					91 days	Second Semester					88 days
FIRST QUARTER					DAYS	THIRD QUARTER					DAYS
First Week	Aug 20	to	Aug 22	3		First Week	Jan 19	to	Jan 23	5	
Second Week	Aug 25	to	Aug 29	5		Second Week	Jan 26	to	Jan 30	5	
Third Week	Sept 2	to	Sept 5	4		Third Week	Feb 2	to	Feb 6	5	
Fourth Week	Sept 8	to	Sept 12	5		Fourth Week	Feb 9	to	Feb 13	5	
Fifth Week	Sept 15	to	Sept 19	5		Fifth Week	Feb 16	to	Feb 20	5	
Sixth Week	Sept 22	to	Sept 26	5		Sixth Week	Feb 23	to	Feb 26	4	
Seventh Week	Sept 29	to	Oct 3	5		Seventh Week	March 2	to	March 6	5	
Eighth Week	Oct 6	to	Oct 10	5		Eighth Week	March 9	to	March 12	4	
Ninth Week	Oct 13	to	Oct 15	3		Ninth Week	March 16	to	March 20	5	
Tenth Week	Oct 20	to	Oct 24	5						43	
				45							
SECOND QUARTER					DAYS	FOURTH QUARTER					DAYS
First Week	Oct 27	to	Oct 31	5		First Week	March 23	to	March 27	5	
Second Week	Nov 3	to	Nov 6	4		Second Week	March 30	to	April 1	3	
Third Week	Nov 10	to	Nov 14	5		Third Week	April 7	to	April 10	4	
Fourth Week	Nov 17	to	Nov 21	5		Fourth Week	April 13	to	April 17	5	
Fifth Week	Nov 24	to	Nov 25	2		Fifth Week	April 20	to	April 24	5	
Sixth Week	Dec 1	to	Dec 5	5		Sixth Week	April 27	to	May 1	5	
Seventh Week	Dec 8	to	Dec 12	5		Seventh Week	May 4	to	May 8	5	
Eighth Week	Dec 15	to	Dec 19	5		Eighth Week	May 12	to	May 15	4	
Ninth Week	Jan 5	to	Jan 9	5		Ninth Week	May 18	to	May 22	5	
Tenth Week	Jan 12	to	Jan 16	5		Tenth Week	May 26	to	May 29	4	
				46						45	
											Total Days 179

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	August 18-19	All Staff Orientation/PIR	2.0
	October 16-17	Staff Development Days <i>Teachers Convention</i>	2.0
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	March 23-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>Schedules vary by school Full school days for students</i>	.5
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		Floating PIR Day	<u>1.0</u>
			8.0
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					3	Ninth Week	March 2	to	March 6	5
					40	Tenth Week	March 9	to	March 12	4
										48
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	Eighth Week	Dec 8	to	Dec 12	5	Eighth Week	May 4	to	May 8	5
	Ninth Week	Dec 15	to	Dec 19	5	Ninth Week	May 12	to	May 15	4
					41	Tenth Week	May 18	to	May 22	5
						Eleventh Week	May 26	to	May 29	4
										50
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