

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER (5:00pm)

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

4. Deliberation and Action on 2026-2027 Jr. High School Principal
5. Personnel Report

DISCUSSION

6. Draft FHS Bond Resolution Language- Dan Semmens, Dorsey Whitney

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

#3

MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 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

4. Deliberation and Action on 2026-2027 Jr. High School Principal
5. Personnel Report

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#4

MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 2026

ITEM TITLE: DELIBERATION AND ACTION – JR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

PREPARED BY: BRAD MOORE, SUPERINTENDENT

SUMMARY:

The Board will deliberate and appoint a Principal at the Jr. High School for 2026-2027.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

#5

MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 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>
DURR, Kelsey	Substitute Teacher	Central Office		4/21/2026		Pending a successful background check
HIMIOB, Jessalynn	Teacher	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	Approve appointment on 2026-2027 schedule, BA Step 5 , 1.0 FTE for up to 187 days.	8/17/2026	Danny Wirtzberger	Replacing Polly Weichel (transfer to Library)
LEWIS, Diane	Teacher/Advisor	Fergus High School	Approve out-of-state travel for members and chaperones to attend the National BPA Convention in Nashville, TN	5/526 - 5/11/2026	Matt Lewis	See Attached Letter
ROBINS, Vicki	Classroom Volunteer	Highland Park Elementary School		4/21/2026	Matthew Ventresca	Pending a successful background check

April 9, 2026

Lewistown School Board
215 7th Ave. S
Lewistown, MT 59457

Dear School Board Members:

This letter is to request permission for Shannon Ruckman and Dana Dengel to chaperone our 12 Business Professional of American students at their National Leadership Conference. They both have successfully completed all background checks the district requires.

The Business Professionals of America (BPA) Organization's mission is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills for high school students. The BPA National Convention will be held in Nashville, TN May 5th – 11th, 2026. Students will leave on May 5th from Bozeman, Montana and return May 11th by plane. Fergus High School BPA students have gone through a rigorous competitive process first at a regional level and then at the state level to obtain an opportunity to compete at the National Level. Only students placing in top positions in their events qualify to contend at this convention. Competitive events are tied to the products and positions found in the business workplace; for example, designing web pages, interviewing for a job, creating video commercials, or computer troubleshooting and networking. Informative workshop sessions offered in the past have included: Public Speaking and Presentation Skills, Building Your Personal Brand, How to Win Friends and Influence People, Taking Responsibility Like a True Leader, Taking Action on Your Goals, Separating from the Crowd, How to Dress for Success, and Finding Peace at School, the Workplace, and Home. They will be honored for their service with individual Torch Awards, there is an impressive College Fair, ability to take industry certification exams on site, and a National Showcase Business Panel of leading business companies that are incredibly supportive of BPA such as Cisco, Microsoft and Adobe to name a few.

Fergus High School has 12 students who earned top positions and plan to compete at the national level in their qualifying events. This opportunity offers Lewistown students a chance to vie against the top students (over 6,000 in attendance) from 28 states. It also offers them occasions to explore business from a national perspective in an area where large companies are participating in the sessions. Our students will experience firsthand contact with professionals who work in the industry of their product or event. The returning Fergus High School BPA students will bring this experience back to the region, the community and Fergus High School. The students can share experiences to help train and encourage students in our own chapter and area chapters that can assist additional school BPA chapters. Shoei Davis, Alison Kolar, Sam Jimenez, Mylee Ruckman, Jenna Vaughn, Kenadee Simac, Maya Dengel, Kylie Crawford, Sophie Welsch, Miriam Pavlovick, Haylee Williams, and James Maxwell are working very hard to raise money for their trip.

Thank you for considering this as a worthwhile, educational endeavor for these students and allowing us the opportunity to enhance our skills and business knowledge for Business Professionals of America.

Sincerely,

Diane Lewis

Diane Lewis
BPA Advisor

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
#6

MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 2026

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION – DRAFT BOND RESOLUTION LANGUAGE – DAN SEMMENS, DORSEY-WHITNEY

PREPARED BY: BRAD MOORE, SUPERINTENDENT

SUMMARY:

The Board will discuss the Draft Bond Resolution Language with Dan Semmens.

☐ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

NOTES:

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
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JANUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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JUNE 2026						
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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

PUPIL INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAYS (PIR)	August 15	New Staff Orientation	
	August 18-19	All Staff Orientation/PIR	2.0
	October 16-17	Staff Development Days <i>Teachers Convention</i>	2.0
	Oct 27-30, Nov. 3-6	Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>Schedules vary by school</i> <i>PIR Nov. 7</i>	1.5
	March 23-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>Schedules vary by school</i> <i>Full school days for students</i>	.5
	May 11	PIR Day	1.0
		Floating PIR Day	<u>1.0</u>
			8.0
HOLIDAYS & VACATIONS	Dates Inclusive		
	September 1	Labor Day	
	November 26-28	Thanksgiving Vacation	
	Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break	
	February 27	Vacation Day	
	March 13	Vacation Day	
	April 2-6	Easter Vacation	
	May 25	Memorial Day	
	July 3	Vacation Day (12-mo employees)	

PUPIL INSTRUCTION (INCLUDING FLEX DAYS)	First Semester				81 days	Second Semester				98 days
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	Sixth Week	Sept 22	to	Sept 26	5	Sixth Week	Feb 9	to	Feb 13	5
	Seventh Week	Sept 29	to	Oct 3	5	Seventh Week	Feb 16	to	Feb 20	5
	Eighth Week	Oct 6	to	Oct 10	5	Eighth Week	Feb 23	to	Feb 26	4
					3	Ninth Week	March 2	to	March 6	5
					40	Tenth Week	March 9	to	March 12	4
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	Fifth Week	Nov 17	to	Nov 21	5	Fifth Week	April 13	to	April 17	5
	Sixth Week	Nov 24	to	Nov 25	2	Sixth Week	April 20	to	April 24	5
	Seventh Week	Dec 1	to	Dec 5	5	Seventh Week	April 27	to	May 1	5
	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
						Total Days				179

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	July 3	Vacation Day (12-mo employees)	