SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES---LAMBERT SCHOOL DISTRICTS #86 & #4
JOINT MEETING WITH RICHEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS #78J & #2
MARCH 23, 2026

The trustees of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4 met jointly with trustees of Richey School Districts #78J & #2 and in conjunction with the Co-op Committee on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Lambert School library.

Members Present: Lacey Mullin, Sara Huft, Tara Hill, Cheyanne Rauschendorfer and Rodney Evenson.

Others Present: Superintendent/AD Kara Triplett, Principal Lacey Nevins, District Clerk Sammie Nelson, District Clerk Trainee Rebecca Miller, Richey School Board Members Nicole Keller, Adam Janssen, Danielle Servais, Jay Trotter, Richey Superintendent Thomas Baldwin (via Internet), District Clerk Jodi Williams and Guests Chris & Jenelyn Scholla, Dawn Mullin, Jodi Carda, LaTrisha and Aric Mavity, Malori Beery, Janice Klempel and Rocky Nelson (Arrived 6:10 PM).

CALL TO ORDER WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Lambert Superintendent/AD Kara Triplett with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
No Changes or Additions to the Agenda were forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Lambert Superintendent/AD Kara Triplett stated the following: This portion of the meeting is designated as a time for input/questions from the public on items that are not on the agenda. This does not include discussion about individual students, staff or faculty. The Board cannot and will not violate an individual's right to privacy. Please understand the board members are not able to respond immediately to your questions or concerns. The Board will consider your comments carefully and depending on the topic, will refer the matter to the Superintendent or will follow up with you at a later date.
No Public Comment was forthcoming.

AD REPORT
HS Track/Golf began on March 16th. JH Track started today. Discussed the situation with Miles City hosting not only Class C Divisional BB but also wrestling and hockey. It was frustrating and unfortunate that there were no rooms available so the team stayed in Forsyth. A lot of people feel that the Divisional BB tourney should stay in Sidney. Divisional C Golf is to be held in Sidney (hosted by Savage) and State C Golf is to be held in Shelby. District 2-C and Eastern Divisional C Track will be held in Lambert and Class A-C State Track will be held in Laurel.

REPORT ON WINTER SPORTS
Cheerleading & Drill Team-Good participation for both Cheerleading and Drill Team. Felt like as the season progressed the cheerleaders got better at getting the crowd involved. Felt they had a good drill team routine. Showed improvement over all. Questions regarding why the cheerleaders do not wear matching uniforms have come up throughout the year? Will look into this.
BBB-Went into District Tourney in 6th place and came out in 4th place. Showed improvement throughout the season and started to play together at the end of the season.
GBB-The girls showed their athletism and potential by being Conference Champions. Went into District Tourney in 1st place and came out in 2nd place. Advanced to Divisionals and played Circle-it was a tough game. Made it to Saturday morning. Had highs and lows with some disappointments during the season. Overall a good season-bringing home two trophies.

OFFER CONTRACTS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Cheerleading-Cheyanne Rauschendorfer moved to approve offering Stephanie Berg-Tossoun a 2026-2027 Cheerleading Contract. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Drill Team-Cheyanne Rauschendorfer moved to approve offering Stephanie Berg-Tossoun a 2026-2027 Drill Team Contract. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

BBB-Tara Hill moved to offer the following Boys' BB Coaching Contracts: **Nathan Diede**-Head HS BBB Coach; **Alex Pust**-Asst HS BBB Coach & JH Head BBB Coach; **John Mullin**-Elem Head BBB Coach and **Lars Kvaalen**-Elem Asst BBB Coach. Seconded by Rodney Evenson. All voted Aye.

GBB-The following discussion was had regarding hiring Rocky Nelson for the 2026-2027 Head GBB Coaching position:

Richey Board: Members of the Richey Board stated they felt the Head GBB coaching position should be opened up and if Rocky wanted to apply he could. They stated that they knew of a couple of people who were interested in this position. Members of the Richey Board stated that they believed all concerns should be considered even if those concerns were not voiced until the day of the board meeting which is after the 1-week comment period, as stated in policy.

Lambert Board: Members of the Lambert Board stated that it was very unfortunate that new information was brought forward the day of the board meeting and after the 1-week comment period, that is stated in policy, had ended. Members expressed that they didn't feel like they could make a decision because they were not aware of what new information had been brought forth. Comment was made about the fact that until this new information had been brought forward, the day of the board meeting, a recommendation was going to be made to re-offer the GBB coaching contracts and now because of this late information that recommendation will not be made. Felt like the 1-week comment period that is currently in policy should be followed. Also mentioned that earlier no one wanted to coach GBB and now that the program has been established and the girls have a winning team now people are willing to come forward and fill this position.

Community Comments: Chris Scholla stated that he does not feel separating the girls is good because he feels like that makes them feel not as good or less than their teammates. He believes that there was some bullying going on. He stated that he called Rocky to address some of his concerns and that Rocky had not gotten back to him. Jenelyn Scholla stated her concerns over the cell phones being taken from the girls and that she was worried when she could not reach or had not heard from her daughter. Kara addressed this concern stating that this is and has been the cell phone policy. Janice Klempel stated that she had been told that derogatory comments had been made to some of the girls. LaTrisha Mavity stated that she had concerns regarding the cell phones being taken from the girls as well. She said that she thought Rocky had did a good job and that she had a daughter that was looking forward to playing for him next year. She stated that she was proud of what the girls had accomplished and the season they had which resulted in bringing home two trophies.

AD Kara Triplett: Kara stated that she was ready to recommend rehiring of all GBB coaches until she received new information today and now she is not comfortable making that recommendation without being given additional time to investigate this information further.

Danielle Servais made a motion to table the rehiring of the GBB coaches. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM in Richey to see what Kara's investigation into the information that was received the day of the board meeting has revealed. Further discussion will follow, as necessary. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

OPEN POSITIONS

The open positions are as follows: Cross Country, Head and Assistant JH Volleyball. These positions remain open and will continue to be advertised.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve JH Track Coaches
Cheyanne Rauschendorfer moved to approve offering the following 2025-2026 JH Track Coaching Contracts: **Jacalyn Wright**-Head JH Track Coach, **Mackenzie Rask**-1st Asst JH Track Coach and **Lynnette Hathaway**-2nd Asst JH Track Coach. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Review Policy and Procedure Manual
The Policy and Procedure Manual will be reviewed in the spring. Have a discussion regarding changing the current time frame of the comment period?

Review Coaches Handbook
The Coaches Handbook will be reviewed in the spring. No areas of concern were noted at this time.

Review Athlete's Handbook
The Athlete's Handbook will be reviewed in the spring. No areas of concern were noted at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
Danielle Servais moved to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Sammie Nelson
(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS)

Lacey Mullin
(CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)