

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES---LAMBERT SCHOOL DISTRICTS #86 & #4
JOINT MEETING WITH RICHEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS #78J & #2
MARCH 31, 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Richey School Library.

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

Others Present: Superintendent/AD Kara Triplett, District Clerk Sammie Nelson, Richey School Board Members Nicole Keller, Danielle Servais, Jay Trotter, Richey Superintendent Thomas Baldwin, District Clerk Jodi Williams and Guests LaTrisha Mavity, Jodi & Brent Carda, Gary Hill, Deb Gibson, Rocky Nelson and Rose Klempel.

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: "Public Comment is listed on the agenda for individuals to sign up to discuss any public matter not otherwise specifically listed on the agenda. If any individual desires to speak about an item that is specifically listed/identified on the agenda, you will be allowed to do so when the item comes up for discussion and action. The public comment portion of the agenda is not the time designated to hear items that are not specifically listed/identified on the agenda. The Board Chairman will call individuals to speak in the order listed on the sheet provided. The Board would like to remind everyone in attendance that to avoid violations of individual rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, staff member or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak.

AD REPORT

AD Triplett stated that during Rocky's evaluation they did visit about concerns regarding communication and that as soon as he becomes aware of a concern he must address the concerns immediately. This process is what is outlined in the chain of command. She stated that Rocky seemed receptive to this information. She feels that Rocky needs to work on developing different styles/methods to create lines of communication and motivation with each individual player as each player has different styles of learning. By doing so this creates a good player/coach relationship so that players are willing to play hard for the coach.

At this point the meeting was opened up to Comments from the individuals in attendance:

Brent Carda-Stated that he was appalled at the conduct that occurred at the meeting that was held last Friday. He said an individual at the meeting said that he hated half of the people in attendance at the meeting. He said the girls who were present didn't deserve that and demanded the Board make this individual apologize to the girls. Brent also stated that he had contacted Rocky about Tayen losing her love of the game and said that Rocky did not get back to him.

Gary Hill-Stated that he was at the same meeting and the word hate was never used. Said that he believes with Rocky as the head coach the girls are gaining the knowledge and experience that they need

to be able to compete with Circle, Scobey and North Country and he doesn't want to see them go back to square one with a new coach. Gary mentioned that he had had an issue with a statement Rocky had made to his daughters and that he had contacted Rocky and Rocky had gotten back to him and they had talked through the situation. Gary stated that he felt his oldest daughter and Rocky had a good player/coach relationship early on and he felt that his youngest daughter and Rocky were getting there as well.

Rodney Evenson-Stated that he does not believe that the Board has the authority to make an individual apologize for statements made. Rodney stated that he contacted 9 individuals. Of those 9 individuals 7 were in favor of staying the course and rehiring Rocky as head coach while 2 were not.

LaTrisha Mavity-Stated that she had talked to Rocky about Caedence's learning disability and the fact that she learns in a different manner. She stated that she felt Rocky took this information into consideration and worked well with her.

Sara Huft-Stated that the comment made about not liking half of the people in the room was made in an effort to get across to all present that you don't have to like or agree with everyone but you still have to work together and be a team.

Jodi Carda-Stated that she thinks Rocky is a very knowledgeable coach but that somehow during the season Tayen lost confidence in herself and wanted to quit and that her and Brent made her play.

Rocky Nelson-Rocky said if the girls aren't comfortable talking to him they could speak with his assistant. It is hard to make changes if aren't told what the issues are. Rocky stated that he tried to encourage Tayen to shoot as he needs her to be more of an offensive threat. He also said that he spoke with Tayen after Brent and Jodi had voiced concerns and she said everything was alright.

Nicole Keller and Danielle Servais-Stated they appreciated Rocky being present at the board meetings as they are sure it was hard for him to sit through. Sorry the meeting with the girls/parents didn't turn out necessarily the way it was hoped it would but at least he tried. If the girls won't talk to him it is hard to make changes.

Jay Trotter-Asked Kara for her recommendation and if she felt that the concerns that were voiced could be rectified. Kara said she believed that some changes in Rocky's communication/motivation style should be addressed.

Lacey Mullin-Stated that she was at all of the games and she never would have guessed that there were any issues/concerns as she didn't see any tension out on the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

Girls' BB Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year

Rodney Evenson moved to rehire Rocky Nelson as the Head HS GBB Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to offer the following GBB Coaching Positions for the 2026-2027 school year: **Mackenzie Rask**-JH Head; **Jacalyn Wright**-JH Assistant; **Shaleigh Irigon**-Elem Head and **Mackenzie Rask**-Elem Assistant. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

It was noted that Malori Beery cannot be offered an Assistant HS GBB Coaching Contract, at this time, due to the fact that a Notice of Nepotism was not posted in a timely manner.

ADJORNMENT

Danielle Servais moved to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Sammie Nelson

(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS)

Lacey Mullin

(CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)