

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES---SCHOOL DISTRICTS #86 & #4
MARCH 23, 2026**

The trustees of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4 met in Regular Session on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lambert School Library.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Kara Triplett, Principal Lacey Nevins, District Clerk Sammie Nelson, District Clerk Trainee Rebecca Miller, Rhea Christensen (Left at 8:49 PM) and Jessica Spinner (Arrived at 7:15 PM and Left at 8:49 PM).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Lacey Mullin called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was presented at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Lacey Mullin 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 that 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".

Rebecca Kollman provided a written Public Comment Form as she is unable to be present in person. She expresses her strong support of the Elementary Position-Emergency Licensure and Principal Contract.

*Note: Rhea Christensen and Jessica Spinner were in attendance to show support for these two areas as listed on the agenda as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve the following: February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Payment of March 18, 2026 Payroll Warrants #29665-#29698 and March 23, 2026 Claim Warrants #35930-#35964. February 2026 Extra-curricular Report Balances. March 2026 Joint Sports Coop Expenses. Seconded by Rodney Evenson. All voted Aye.

REPORTS

Facility Walk-Through Report

Superintendent Triplett reported that she and Shawn Lien walked through the facilities. Kara reported that things look good at this point in time, outside of the door purchases which have already been approved and those projects that bids will be opened for tonight, they anticipate regular maintenance and upkeep expenses this summer. Kara will look into the cost to replace outside/entrance doors.

Lacey Nevins-Principal Report

Please refer to the attached written Principal's Report.

Kara Triplett-Superintendent/AD Report

Please refer to the attached written Superintendent/AD's Report.

Kara also discussed entering into a CTE program with Sidney Health Center which would allow the students interested in health field careers the opportunity to enter into internships with Sidney Health Center to actively pursue these types of careers.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel-Elementary Position, 2026-2027-Emergency Licensure

Sara Huft moved to open the 4th grade teaching position, for a period of time, so that the Districts are in compliance with OPI's emergency certification protocol. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

*Note: An emergency certification is not able to be carried over from year to year, therefore by law, the 4th grade position has to be opened. This position will be advertised for a period of time. After this period of time has passed, without a suitable candidate being found, the Board is then able to move forward with offering a contract for this position and remain in compliance with OPI's emergency certification protocol.

NEW BUSINESS

National BPA

Sara Huft moved to continue to pay for transportation costs associated with travel to and from the National BPA Convention in Nashville. Seconded by Rodney Evenson. All voted Aye.

Open and Award Bids (School Parking Lot and School Hallway Flooring)

Chairperson Lacey Mullin opened the following sealed bids that were received by the 5:00 PM, March 23 deadline for the School's North & South Parking Lot Project: **Top Gun Asphalt** @\$229,000.00 and **Hardrives Construction, Inc.** @\$244,420.00. Rodney Evenson moved to accept Top Gun Asphalt's bid of \$229,000.00. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

Chairperson Lacey Mullin opened the following sealed bids that were received by the 5:00 PM, March 23 deadline for the School Hallway Flooring Project: **Top Gun Floorz** @\$67,319.00, **Creation Carpets** @\$111,653.85 and **Creation Carpets** @\$129,695.85. *Main difference in the Creation Carpets bid is type of flooring. Sara Huft moved to accept one of the Creation Carpets bids. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye. *Note: Before making a motion on which Creation Carpet bid to accept the Board decided to form a committee that will go and look at examples of each flooring that is named in each of the two bids and make a determination as to which flooring the committee would recommend for this project.

Principal Contract, 2026-2027

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve offering a 2026-2027 Principal Contract to Lacey Nevins. Her contracted amount for the 2026-2027 school year will be \$72,450.00 (5% increase over last year) and contract language in section 5. Health Insurance will be changed to read as follows: The School Districts will contribute **up to a maximum of** \$14,545.00, for the 2026-2027 school year, toward providing a selected major medical health insurance program. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Approve Calendar, 2026-2027

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve the attached 2026-2027 School Year Calendar. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

Creation of Activities Account Class of 2032

Rodney Evenson moved to approve establishing an Activities Account for the Class of 2032. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

Appoint a Trustee for Cummings Scholarship

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer volunteered to be the Trustee appointed to the Cummings Scholarship Committee.

Sara Huft moved to approve appointment of Cheyanne Rauschendorfer, as the Board representative, on the Cummings Scholarship Committee for the 2025-2026 school year. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Multi-District Coop Agreement-Fund 182

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve the attached Multi-District Coop Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

School Policy Review/Updates

Sara Huft moved to approve the First Reading of the following Policies: **Updates to Policy 2161-Special Education, Policy 2161-P (1)-Special Education Procedure and Policy 3110-Entrance, Placement and Transfer.** A judgement upon settlement of the parties was entered against the MT Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State of Montana in a class action case initiated in federal court by Disability Rights Montana. In resolution of the case, the State accepted the Plaintiff's offer of judgment, and the resulting judgement provides that MT public school districts "have an obligation under the IDEA to ensure FAPE is made available to eligible students with disabilities until their 22nd birthday." Additional change to **Policy 3110** is to define the term "exceptional circumstances" which was made for consistency 20-5-101, MCA. **Policy 1700 Complaint Form**-Wolf Point School's Complaint Form is also available, as an option, for review. Updates to **Policy 3600-Student Records, Policy 3600-NF (1)-Student Records-Notification to Parents and Students Rights Concerning a Student's School Records and Policy 3600-P (1)-Student Records-Maintenance of School Student Records.** Federal law requires school districts to provide student contact information to military recruiters and institutions of higher education unless the parent requests in writing that the district not release the information without the prior written consent of the parent. These updates are suggested for consistency with federal statutory requirements. **Policy 3150-Part-Time Enrollment.** This policy covers requests for part-time enrollment. Although part time enrollment of a student is required under Montana law, enrollment in a specific class or section is not guaranteed and is subject to the same processes for addressing capacity limits in particular classes applicable to fulltime students. These changes make the Policy more consistent with statutory requirements. **Policy 4550-Registered Sex Offenders.** Addresses the presence of registered sex offenders on school district property. Removes from this policy a statement indicating the policy only applies when "the offender's victim was a minor". It is frequently difficult to ascertain whether or not the victim was a minor, and the restriction was causing confusion regarding whether access to school property could be restricted for other registered offenders. **Policy 5015-Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation.** This Policy addresses bullying/harassment/intimidation of district employees. Amended this policy to clarify that the policy applies to incidents and circumstances within the jurisdiction and control of the district. **Policy 1401-Records Available to Public.** HB 100 amended Sec. 2-6-1006, MCA, regarding fees that may be charged by public agencies for fulfilling a public records request. **Policy 2158-P (1)-Parent and Family Engagement and Educational Involvement-Student Pronoun Use.** Section 40-6-703, MCA requires districts to adopt specified policies including "procedures by which a parent shall provide written consent before the parent's child uses a pronoun that does not align with the child's sex." The statute also provides that "if a parent provides written consent...a person may not be compelled to use pronouns that do not align with the child's sex. **Policy 5321-Leaves of Absence, Policy 5321-P (1)-Leaves of Absence-Conditions for Use of Leave and Policy 5334-P (1)-Vacations.** Vacation and sick leave benefits for classified employees, clerks, and superintendents are determined by Title 2, Chapter 18, Part 6 of MCA. Updates have been made to these policies which are modeled after the state operation manual authorized by the MT Department of Administration. If adoption of these policies results in a change to current procedures it may be necessary to negotiate the changes with the impacted classified employees. **Policy 2335-Health Enhancement Curriculum and Related Issues.** This policy reflects the requirements of HB471 related to human sexuality instruction and identity instruction. This model policy now contains three options from which district may choose. 1) Districts that wish to provide both human sexuality instruction and identity instruction. 2) Districts that wish to provide human sexuality instruction but not

identity instruction. 3) Districts that wish to provide neither human sexuality instruction nor identity instruction. **Policy 2700**-AI Integration in Education. This model policy addresses AI integration in education. HB745 was passed by the MT Legislature and signed into law by the Governor with an effective date of July 1, 2025. The Bill amended 20-3-323, MCA, to require the Trustees of each district to adopt a "student protection policy" requiring background checks prior to an individual having unsupervised access to students. The following Policies will ensure continued compliance with the requirements of HB745: **Policy 3665**-Student Safety, **Policy 5122**-Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations and **Policy 2600**-Work Based Learning. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

Note: For Board Information: Received the attached email from the Richland County Clerk & Recorder's Office requesting the use of the old gym for the primary election on Tuesday, June 2nd and for the general election on Tuesday, November 3rd. They will be in the building on the Monday before each election to set up.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Rodney Evenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

Sammi Nelson
(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS)

Lacey Mullin
(CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)