

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES---SCHOOL DISTRICTS #86 & #4
DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The trustees of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4 met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Lambert School Library.

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

Member Not Present: Cheyanne Rauschendorfer.

Others Present: Superintendent Kara Triplett, Principal Lacey Nevins and District Clerk Sammie Nelson.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Lacey Mullin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Christmas Card, from Val Frisbie, thanking the Board for the Christmas Gift.

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".

CONSENT AGENDA

Sara Huft moved to approve the following: November 20, 2025 Interview Committee Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and December 3, 2025 Sports Coop Joint Meeting Minutes. Payment of December 18, 2025 Payroll Warrants #29555-#29600 and December 22, 2025 Claim Warrants #35843-#35882. November 2025 Extra-curricular Report Balances. December 2025 Joint Sports Coop Expenses. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

REPORTS

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's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Prioritization

In an effort to better prepare for upcoming projects this summer and to potentially prepare for a major maintenance permissive levy the Board worked on prioritizing a list of projects that have been brought to their attention and/or discussed. For this upcoming spring/summer, the Board has directed Superintendent Triplett to seek quotes for replacing the carpet in the hallway, replacing the main front door outside the office and cafeteria doors, resurfacing the school's parking lots and to check further into some of the repairs/maintenance that the Fall Housing Walkthrough discovered.

The Board has agreed to move forward with these projects from the list: Repair the asphalt issue on the bus drop off circle at the complex. Will get better sand for the jumping pits and pit covers. Will address the cracks in the track. Will also look at extending WIFI to the surrounding areas of the school so the E3 app will work on school devices in these areas.

Interstate Engineering – Contract for Consideration

Rodney Evenson moved to approve the attached Proposal and Agreement in the amount of \$3500 as presented by Interstate Engineering. Interstate Engineering will review/inspect the foundation of the Lindenwood (Patterson) house. There are concerns regarding foundation settlement that will be reviewed by a structural engineer. The structural engineer will then prepare a report of recommendations based upon his findings, of how best to stabilize this house, for the Board to consider. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bridged Health Alliance Proposal

LEA weighed in that they were in support of a health insurance move to the new Bridged Health Alliance for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board discussed some new information regarding changes that have been made after the initial plans, premiums, etc. were put out to schools.

Sara Huft moved to accept the attached Bridged Health Alliance Proposal. As of July 1, 2026, Lambert Public Schools will change health insurance carriers, from BlueCross/BlueShield to Bridged Health Alliance, for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

2025-2026 School Calendar Adjustment – Make up Day and Possible Snow Day

According to 20-9-806(2), MCA trustees may close school for 1 school day each year for unforeseen emergencies that is not subject to state funding reductions. Therefore, Sara Huft moved to declare December 11, 2025 as an Emergency Day. Seconded by Rodney Evenson. Sara Huft, Rodney Evenson and Lacey Mullin voted Aye. Tara Hill voted Nay.

LEA will be asked to come up with 2 days in the second semester that can be deemed snow days in the event that we have further weather that causes us to close school. The Board will review and approve these dates as soon as they are presented by LEA. At that time the 2025-2026 school calendar will be adjusted to reflect these snow days,

Substitute Teaching List – Potential Updates

Lynnette Hathaway and Mackenzie Rask will be asking to be added to the sub list.

Tara Hill moved to approve both Lynnette Hathaway and Mackenzie Rask be added to the sub list pending a positive background check. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

MHSA Annual Meeting Proposals

Please refer to the attached MHSA Meeting Proposals. There are 6 proposals that will be discussed at the annual MHSA meeting scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2026 in Helena. AD Kara Triplett does not feel that any of these proposals will have a significant impact on Lambert or Richey. There is a proposal regarding fan ejections from sporting events. If this proposal were to pass a fan ejected would have to sit out for the next two weeks rather than the next 3 games.

Second Reading – Policy 2335-NF(1)/Policy 3410-NF(2)

Rodney Evenson moved to approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 2335-NF(1)/Policy 3410-NF(2). Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

*Note: This form will be used next school year for registration and parent sign-offs. By law parents have to be made aware regarding their rights to opt their student out of sex ed and gender identity topics in our curriculums and classes, along with other types of health options i.e. shots, hearing/vision tests, etc. This

form will be what is used to put these options out to parents so they may determine what they want their child to participate in, or not, and then sign off on this form accordingly.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Sara Huft moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Sammie Nelson

(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS)

Lacey Muller

(CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)