



LEWISTON-PORTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

4061 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

April 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

OUR MISSION One Purpose. Your Pathway. Our Promise. OUR VISION Our PURPOSE is to ensure that when students leave Lewiston-Porter they will be ready to face the world with confidence in themselves and what they can contribute. While students are here they will be challenged to grow along their PATHWAY and discover their personal best because we PROMISE to give them our best.	Regular Board of Education Meeting Approved Minutes 5/26/2026 Board Meeting April 27, 2026, 6:00 pm Boardroom, Community Resource Center
Board of Education: Joseph J. Palermo, Board President (2023-2026) Tessa Connelly, Vice Board President (2024-2027) Chris Bragdon (2025-2028) (arrived at 6:10 PM) Annie Huntington (2025-2028) Sara Ohanessian (2024-2027) Susan Rhodenizer (2025-2028) Ex Officio Student(s) Board of Education members: Kaitlyn Szarejko (2025-2026) Zoe Droegmyer (2025-2026)	Administration: Paul J. Casseri, Superintendent of Schools Scott M. Hoot, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Marisa I. Barile, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Call to Order	The Board President called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM to enter into Executive Session.	Mr. Palermo
Executive Session	Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Huntington to enter into Executive Session at 5:46 PM for a disciplinary matter involving a particular student and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Huntington to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:06 PM.	Approved, CARRIED, 5-0 Approved, CARRIED, 5-0

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order	The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.	Mr. Palermo
Acceptance of Agenda	RESOLVED, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the Agenda for April 27, 2026. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Ohanessian to accept the agenda.	Approved, CARRIED, 5-0



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COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Committee Meeting Schedule	Committee/Council:	Meeting Dates:	Board Members:
	Athletics Council	6/11/2026	Mr. Bragdon, Mr. Palermo
	Communication Committee	4/29/2026	Mr. Bragdon, Mrs. Connelly, Ms. Ohanessian
	Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Review Council	5/7/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Rhodenizer
	District Health & Safety Committee	TBD	Ms. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	District Key Communicators	5/4/2026	Mr. Palermo, Mr. Bragdon
	Environmental Council	As needed	Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	Facilities Planning Review Committee	5/27/2026, 6/24/2026	Ms. Ohanessian, Mr. Palermo
	Finance Review Committee	TBD	Ms. Ohanessian
	Fine Arts Council	5/28/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Rhodenizer
	Health & Wellness Committee	TBD	Ms. Ohanessian, Mrs. Connelly, Mr. Palermo
	NOSBA	5/7/2026, 8/20/2026	Mrs. Rhodenizer
	ON BOCES Board Meetings	5/13/2026, 6/10/2026	Mrs. Mullen
	Policy Review Committee	5/8/2026, 6/5/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mr. Palermo
	Special Education Committee	5/13/2026	Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Huntington
	Regular Board Meeting	5/26/2026, 6/22/2026	
	Work Session	5/11/2026	
Committee Reports	Board Committee:		Chair
	Facility Review Planning Committee		Mr. Palermo



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REPORTS		
Board Student Ex Officio Report	Board Report/Presentation	Ms. Szarejko
Administrative Reports (PEC and HS reports submitted)	Intermediate Education Principal – Monthly Calendar Middle School Principal – Monthly Calendar Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Superintendent	Mrs. Rodriguez Mr. Auer Mr. Hoot Mr. Casseri
COMMUNITY COMMENTS		
No community comments.		
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS		
Board Members: Mr. Bragdon Mrs. Huntington Ms. Ohanessian Mrs. Rhodenizer Board Student Ex Officio Ms. Szarejko Board Vice President: Mrs. Connelly Board President: Mr. Palermo		
DISTRICT OPERATIONS		
Minutes	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Minutes from the March 23, 2026 Regular Board meeting, as submitted by the District Clerk. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Rhodenizer to approve M-1.	M-1 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Minutes	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Minutes from the April 13, 2026 Work Session, Budget Workshop Regular Board meeting, as submitted by the District Clerk. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Connelly to approve M-2.	M-2 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Minutes	RESOLVED , that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Minutes from the April 21, 2026 Regular (ON BOCES Budget & Election) Board meeting, as submitted by the District Clerk. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Bragdon to approve M-3.	M-3 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0



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Consent Agenda for Financial Operations	RESOLVED, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the following, Items NF-1 through NF-7, in the financial consent agenda as submitted by the Administration: Budget Status Reports Extraclassroom Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report Claims Budget Transfer History Bank Reconciliation Transfers Pending Board Approval Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Connelly to approve NF-1 to NF-7.	NF-1 NF-2 NF-3 NF-4 NF-5 NF-6 NF-7 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
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OLD BUSINESS
No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATION		
Acceptance of Donation	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000 from Mr. David Smith and Ms. Jennifer Smith to fund two (2) senior scholarships. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Ohanessian to approve NA-1.	NA-1 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Approval of the Disposal of Textbooks	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Disposal of Textbooks from the Primary Education Center. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Huntington to approve NA-2.	NA-2 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Approval of the Transportation Contract(s)	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the Parent/Guardian transportation contract(s) for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Rhodenizer to approve NA-3.	NA-3 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Approval of the High School Freshman Seminar Course	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education approve the New High School Freshman Seminar Course. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Ohanessian to approve NA-4.	NA-4 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Approval of IPA for Chromebooks	RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lewiston-Porter CSD hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a five-year period commencing on May 13, 2026 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$230,337.60 and authorizes 60-monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$3,838.96 per month.	NA-5 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0



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	Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lewiston-Porter CSD hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Huntington to approve NA-5.	
Approval of Election Worker	RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve Mr. Bruce Battaglia and Mr. Paul Naus to serve as an Elections Inspector, with a compensation rate of \$16.00 per hour, for the May 19, 2026, vote and election. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Connelly to approve NA-6.	NA-6 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0

PUPIL PERSONNEL		
Recommendations for CSE Placement and Amendments	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the recommendations and amendments of the Committee on Special Education and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the following: School Year 2025-2026 01/07/26, 01/08/26, 01/09/26, 01/13/26, 01/15/26, 01/16/26, 01/23/26, 01/27/26, 01/28/26, 01/29/26, 01/30/26, 02/02/26, 02/03/26, 02/04/26, 02/05/26, 02/09/26, 02/10/26, 02/11/26, 02/12/26, 02/13/26, 02/18/26, 02/20/26, 02/23/26, 02/26/26, 02/27/26, 03/02/26, 03/03/26, 03/04/26, 03/05/26, 03/26/26, 03/09/26, 03/10/26, 03/11/26, 03/12/26, 03/16/26, 03/18/26, 03/20/26, 03/24/26, 03/25/26, 03/26/26, 03/27/26, 03/31/26, 04/13/26, 04/16/26 School Year 2026-2027 03/19/26 Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Connelly to approve NP-1.	NP-1 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
Recommendations for CPSE Placement and Amendments	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the recommendations and amendments of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations for the following: School Year 2025-2026 01/06/26, 01/13/26, 01/27/26, 02/27/26, 03/02/26, 03/03/26, 03/10/26, 03/19/26, 03/20/26, 03/23/26, 03/25/26, 03/27/26, 03/30/26, 04/13/26, 04/21/26 School Year 2026-2027 01/06/26, 03/10/26, 03/25/26 Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Bragdon to approve NP-2.	NP-2 Approved, CARRIED, 6-0



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PERSONNEL - CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Rhodenizer to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda combining PRI, PRNI, PLI, PLNI, PAI, PAILTS, PABBS, PAVC.

Approved,
CARRIED, 6-0

**Resignation/
Rescission -**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for resignations/rescissions.

Instructional

Name	Date	Tenure Area	Reason
Janine Holden	4/17/2026	Special Education	Resignation

Non-Instructional

Name	Date	Position	Reason
Dawn Hogan	6/26/2026	Teacher Aide	Retirement
Lorraine Mies	6/26/2026	Teacher Aide	Retirement

PRI

PRNI

Leave(s) -

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for unpaid leaves of Absence.

Instructional

Name	Date	Tenure Area	Reason
Kevin Kirsch	3/27/2026	Science	Personal

Non-Instructional

Name	Date	Position	Reason
Mary Ryan	5/07/2026-5/15/2026	Monitor	Personal

PLI

PLNI

Appointment -

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Instructional appointments. The probationary expiration date is tentative and conditional only (unless extended in accordance with the law). Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law. In order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Name:	Tadeus Krupa
Placement:	High School

Instructional

PAI



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Appointment -	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Instructional Long-Term appointments.	PAILTS																																				
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Instructional Substitute	Position: Special Education		
	LT Substitute for: SCIS Program		
	Effective: 4/20/2026 - 6/26/2026		
	Certification: Childhood Education, 1-6 Early Childhood Ed, B-2* Students with Disabilities, All Grades*		
	Degree: Master’s		
	Step: 2		
	Salary pro rata: \$51,625.00		
	*pending certification		
	Name: Sarah Nocero		
	Placement: High School		
	Position: Science		
	LT Substitute for: J. Thompson		
	Effective: 4/28/2026 - 6/26/2026		
	Certification*: Physics, 7-12 Chemistry, 7-12		
	Degree: Master’s**		
	Step: 2		
	Salary pro rata: \$51,625.00		
*pending; **conferral May 2026			
Appointment -	RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for building-based substitute appointments, without benefits, except as required by law, to be utilized on an annual basis at the discretion of the Superintendent. Services shall be at-will and at the pleasure of the Board of Education.	PABBS	
Building-based Substitute Teacher	Name: Andrea Johnson		



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Certification:	School Counselor													
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Appointment - <u>Volunteer Coaching</u>	RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education accept the consent agenda for Volunteer Coaching appointments. <table><tr><td>Name</td><td>Season</td><td>Sport</td></tr><tr><td>Todd Muecklisch</td><td>Spring 2025-2026</td><td>Modified Baseball</td></tr><tr><td>Eric Toczek</td><td>Spring 2025-2026</td><td>JV baseball</td></tr></table>	Name	Season	Sport	Todd Muecklisch	Spring 2025-2026	Modified Baseball	Eric Toczek	Spring 2025-2026	JV baseball	PAVC			
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Eric Toczek	Spring 2025-2026	JV baseball												

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment	Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Bragdon to adjourn the Public meeting at 6:55 PM.	Approved, CARRIED, 6-0
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Marisa Iagallo-Barile

Marisa Iagallo- Barile, District Clerk