LITTLEFIELD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #9
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Administrative Services Site
3490 East Rio Virgin Road
Thursday, July 9, 2026
5:00 P.M.
(Doors Open at 4:45 p.m.)

Mission Statement

The Littlefield Unified School District is committed to excellence. Therefore, we are committed to providing opportunities for all students to learn and develop socially, emotionally, and academically. We are committed to providing resources to our students, parents and teachers in an ongoing effort to help students transition from childhood to adulthood.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Cobb called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. There were five (5) people in attendance. Lael Calton was absent from the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mark Cobb, Board President
Sean Hogan, Board Secretary
Mike Fagnan, Board Member
Karen Johnson, Board Member
Cathy Wright, Board Member

Troy Heaton, Superintendent/Secondary Principal
Lael Calton, Elementary Principal
Edward Dickie, Business Manager
Sheree Goessman, Human Resources Director

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

3. Pledge of Allegiance: By invitation of Board President.

AGENDA

4. Consideration of approval of the July 9, 2026 LUSD9 Board Meeting agenda.

Mrs. Goessman requested that Item #24 be removed from the agenda, as there were no changes requiring board action.

Board Member Fagnan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

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Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, the public may speak to the Governing Board on topics of concern with the public body's jurisdiction, even if the topic is not specifically included on the agenda. The public must state their full name for the record and will be allowed up to three minutes to address the Governing Board. No action will be taken as a result of public comments. The Board expects that citizens who address the board will present concerns regarding the activities in question rather than make personal attacks upon Board Members, District Personnel or other persons in attendance or absent. In addition, questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not be accepted.

5. Public Comment.

None.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

6. Edward Dickie, Business Manager
    a. Student Activity Balance.
    b. Food Service Financial.
    c. Budget Update
    d. Quarterly Maintenance Report
    e. Other

Mr. Dickie stated that Stephanie maintains the reports and that there had been very few changes since the previous update.

Board President Cobb asked about the Class of 2023 account. Mrs. Goessman explained that the Student Council would determine how those funds would be used. Superintendent Heaton added that, in previous years, graduating classes had used remaining funds for school improvement projects, such as repainting school logos. He noted that he would discuss possible school service projects with the students, including repainting the snakes along the roadway.

Mr. Dickie reviewed the Food Services Report.

Mr. Dickie reviewed the budget update and noted that the District would be applying for the COPS Grant this year.

Mr. Dickie then reviewed the Maintenance Report.

Mr. Dickie reported that the District had received approval to replace two HVAC systems at Beaver Dam Elementary School, as well as approval for the geothermal system project. Superintendent Heaton stated that the elementary special education classroom HVAC system also needs to be replaced. Mr. Dickie

added that the high school bleachers would also be evaluated.

Board President Cobb asked whether the new HVAC systems would be installed before the start of the school year. Superintendent Heaton responded that the work would not be completed before school begins. He noted that the former special education classroom is currently being cooled with two temporary air conditioning units.

Board President Cobb asked whether the District could require the contractor to perform the work on weekends. Superintendent Heaton explained that the District must first receive funding from the School Facilities Board before the project can begin.

Board President Cobb asked about recent cleaning expenses. Board Secretary Hogan asked why the sewer bill fluctuates throughout the year. Board President Cobb also asked about a Wells Fargo charge. Mrs. Goessman explained that the charge was for the maintenance department's lift and that the District credit card had been used for the required deposit.

Mr. Dickie reported that the District had disposed of four buses and a small Nissan truck. Four buses were sold, with three already removed and one remaining. The District received approximately $9,000 from the sales. Board President Cobb asked where those funds would be deposited. Superintendent Heaton stated that the proceeds would be returned to the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget. He also noted that the vehicles were sold through public surplus, allowing them to be removed from the District's inventory.

Board Member Johnson requested to go back to the budget update. She noted that funding for the First Things First program had decreased and asked about IDEA Basic funding. Superintendent Heaton explained that IDEA Preschool funding is designated for preschool students who qualify for special education services and that funding levels vary annually based on student enrollment. He added that once a district exceeds a certain percentage of special education students, the funding formula changes. He also stated that he planned to attend a session on IDEA Basic funding at the upcoming law conference.

Superintendent Heaton explained that the District currently serves several homeschooled students who qualify for special education services. He stated that the District is required to provide certain services to homeschooled students with disabilities, including conducting Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET) meetings. The District also provides access to its evaluation services, although parents may choose to obtain an independent evaluation if they disagree with the District's findings.

Board President Cobb expressed concern that some families may seek special education classifications in order to qualify for additional Educational Savings Account (ESA) funding and emphasized the importance of ensuring that students are evaluated appropriately. Superintendent Heaton clarified that IDEA funding is allocated on a per-student basis and that exceeding a certain percentage of identified students does not result in additional funding. He also explained that homeschooled students must come to the District to receive services and that the District is not required to provide services in the home. He noted that the District may need to have its special education evaluation specialist begin work earlier in the school year to complete required evaluations.

Board President Cobb stated that he supports the District conducting evaluations rather than referring families to independent evaluators. Board Secretary Hogan asked whether it was more cost-effective to have the District's evaluation specialist conduct the testing rather than paying for outside evaluations. Superintendent Heaton responded that using the District's evaluator is significantly less expensive. Board President Cobb asked how many homeschooled students currently require evaluations, and Superintendent Heaton replied that there are two. Board Secretary Hogan asked whether multiple students could be scheduled together to reduce costs. Superintendent Heaton explained that the

evaluator's schedule is already based on the number of students requiring assessments.

Board Member Johnson asked about account 482, Professional Development Pilot Program. Superintendent Heaton responded that the program is overseen by Mr. Johnston.

Board President Cobb asked whether the District has encountered resistance from parents regarding District-conducted special education evaluations. Superintendent Heaton stated that nearly all parents prefer independent evaluations and request that the District pay for them. Board Member Johnson asked about the amount of the ESA vouchers. Superintendent Heaton stated that they are approximately $3,000 and may be higher for students who qualify for special education services.

Board President Cobb asked about the timeline for completing evaluations. Superintendent Heaton explained that the District has 15 school days to schedule a MET meeting after receiving a referral. Board President Cobb stated that he intended to schedule a future work session to discuss the topic further and expressed interest in allowing parents to address the Governing Board. Superintendent Heaton replied that while he could inform parents of the meeting, student confidentiality laws prevent him from identifying individual students to the Board.

7. Beaver Dam Elementary School
   a. School Update
      i. June 1-August 7, 2026 – Summer Food Delivery
      ii. August 4, 2026 – New Teacher Orientation
      iii. August 5 & 7, 2026 – Professional Development Days
      iv. August 6, 2026 – Teacher Prep Day
      v. August 10, 2026 – First Day of School
   b. Other

Mr. Heaton advised that Mrs. Calton gave the Governing Board a written report.

8. Troy Heaton, Superintendent/Secondary Principal
   a. School Update.
      i. June 1-August 7, 2026 – Summer Food Delivery
      ii. August 4, 2026 – New Teacher Orientation
      iii. August 5 & 7, 2026 – Professional Development Days
      iv. August 6, 2026 – Teacher Prep Day
      v. August 10, 2026 – First Day of School
   b. Other.

Superintendent Heaton reported that the District continues to provide summer food deliveries. He stated that he had provided the Governing Board with the schedule for New Teacher Orientation and would distribute the Professional Development Day schedule once it is finalized. He also noted that the District plans to provide door prizes for staff during the annual back-to-school activities.

Superintendent Heaton reported that the new band program has been established, with approximately 9 to 11 students expressing interest in participating. Board President Cobb asked when the class would be held. Superintendent Heaton explained that it will be offered as a class during the regular school day. Instruction will be provided virtually, with the band instructor visiting the campus twice each month. A classroom aide will supervise students on days when the instructor is not on campus. Board President Cobb asked whether students would receive elective credit for the course, and Superintendent Heaton confirmed that they would. He also shared that a volunteer who currently teaches recorder classes at

Beaver Dam Elementary School has expressed a willingness to assist with fundraising for the band program.

Superintendent Heaton reported that Mr. Haugen, from Sun City, will be bringing volunteers to assist at the District's schools. He expressed optimism that the additional volunteer support will have a positive impact on student achievement and help improve academic performance.

9. Board Reports.
   a. Other

Board Member Fagnan reported that he had been appointed as the District's delegate for the upcoming law conference; however, he will be unable to attend because his granddaughter is getting married during that time. Board Secretary Hogan stated that he would attend the conference in his place.

Board Secretary Hogan reported that Tractor Supply had donated approximately $5,000 to $6,000 worth of tools to the District. He also shared that Rocky Mountain Off-Road has committed to donating additional equipment. In addition, he plans to attend several Utah school board meetings to learn about successful programs that could potentially be implemented within our District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Routine Orders of Business. Documentation concerning the matters on the Consent Agenda may be reviewed at the Littlefield Unified School District Office, located at 3490 East Rio Virgin Road, Beaver Dam, Arizona. Any Board Member may request an item be pulled off the agenda for further discussion.

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Fagnan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

10. Consideration of approval of the June 11, 2026, Governing Board Work Session Minutes and the June 11, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

11. Consideration of approval of Vouchers and Stipends:
   a. LUSD9 Payroll Vouchers: 26/2628, 27/2629, 01/2701.
   b. LUSD9 Payables Vouchers: 2672 & 2673.
   c. Stipends – None

   (Members of the public may view the content of the vouchers 24 hours prior to the board meeting in the district office.)

12. Consideration of approval of the FY 2026/2027 Certified and Classified Personnel as outlined in the attached list:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cobian, Rigo (Revision)	Facility & Maint. Director	07/01/2026

Garcia, Kelli	School Aide	08/05/2026
Goessman, Sheree (Revision)	HR Director	07/01/2026
McCauley, Darlene	Mental Health Counselor	08/05/2026
Sanchez, Renante	Custodian	06/29/2026

13. Consideration of approval of the FY 2026/2027 Certified Personnel, Classified Personnel, Substitutes, and Coaching Staff as outlined in the attached list:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Bacalis, David	Certified & Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Borja Stevens, Maria	Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Brown, Shelly	Certified Substitute	08/10/2026
Brown, Darolene	Grant Consultant	07/01/2026
Galicia, Mayra	Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Gutierrez, Jocelyn	Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Johnston, Greg	Certified Substitute	08/10/2026
Lyday, Denise	Certified & Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
McDonell, Connie	Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Morrow, Gary	Certified Substitute	08/10/2026
Skaar, Katrina	Classified Substitute	08/10/2026
Snow, Gail	Certified Substitute	08/10/2026
Stern, Peter	Certified Substitute	08/10/2026

14. Consideration of approval of donations received by the District per Policy KCD.
    a. Shawn Kellie Austin - $1,000 ($500 to Baseball & $500 to Football)

ACTION ITEMS AND/OR DISCUSSION

15. Discussion regarding the Old Littlefield School Property.

Board Member Johnson noted that the community member who had requested to speak on the matter was not present. Board President Cobb suggested postponing the discussion until the next Governing Board meeting.

Board Secretary Hogan stated that Ms. Schoppmann had previously shared a significant amount of information with him regarding the property, but that the necessary upgrades would require a substantial financial investment.

Board Member Johnson asked whether it would be in the best interest of the students to dispose of the property. Superintendent Heaton responded that he believed a former board member would not support that option during her lifetime. He explained that the District had leased the property to her for $1 per year while she worked to have it designated as a historic site, but she was ultimately unable to secure the funding needed for the project.

Board Member Wright commented that the District may have missed opportunities to pursue grant funding in the past and suggested exploring potential grant opportunities available through Mohave County.

Board Member Fagnan noted that Pat and her husband had worked diligently on the historic preservation effort for many years.

Superintendent Heaton recommended continuing the discussion at the next Governing Board meeting, and the Board concurred.

16. Consideration of approval of the FY 2027 LUSD Annual Expenditure Budget.
    a. Public Hearing
    b. Adoption of FY 2027 LUSD Annual Expenditure Budget.

Board President Cobb opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and without comment closed the public hearing.

Board Member Wright made a motion to approve the FY 2027 LUSD Annual Expenditure Budget, seconded by Board Member Fagnan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

17. Consideration of approval of the Advice of encumbrance form and Acknowledgement of Revolving Fund Deposit.

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the Advice of Encumbrance and Acknowledgement of Revolving Fund Deposit, seconded by Board Member Fagnan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

18. Consideration of approval of Preschool fee of $608 for full-time students or $304 for part-time students. Also, allow the Superintendent to adjust the fees as deemed fit.

Board Member Johnson asked Superintendent Heaton whether he had ever adjusted student fees. Superintendent Heaton responded that he had approved a fee reduction for one student approximately two years ago due to financial hardship.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to approve the preschool fee of $608 for full-time students or $304 for part-time students. Also to allow the Superintendent to adjust the fees as deemed fit. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

19. Consideration of approval of the FY2024/2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to approve the FY 2024/2025 Audited Financial Statements, seconded by Board Member Fagnan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

20. Consideration of approval of the following bank accounts and signers:

a. Revolving Bank Account with America First Credit Union (impress of $5000).
b. Elementary School Food Service Bank Account with America First Credit Union.
c. Jr./Sr. High School Food Service Bank Account with America First Credit Union.
d. Auxiliary Bank Account with America First Credit Union.
e. Student Activities Bank Account with America First Credit Union.
f. Authorized Signers List: Edward Dickie, Troy Heaton, and Sheree Goessman on all accounts with America First Credit Union.

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the bank accounts and signers, seconded by Board President Cobb. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

21. Consideration of approval of the following curriculum for the 2026/2027 School Year:

a. Imagine Learning Edgenuity – Credit Recovery/AP Classes/Elective – Jr/Sr High School
b. Wonders Reading Curriculum, McGraw Hill – Elementary School
c. Aleks – Math Program – Jr/Sr High School
d. Lexia – Reading Curriculum – Both Schools
e. Moby Max – Reading Curriculum – Elementary School
f. InvestiGator Club – Preschool Curriculum
g. McGraw Hill Glencoe Biology – Jr/Sr High School
h. McGraw Hill Earth Science & Physical Science – Jr/Sr High School
i. Pearson My Perspective – ELA Curriculum – Jr/Sr High School
j. McGraw Hill Health Curriculum – Jr/Sr High School
k. McGraw Hill Math Curriculum – Jr/Sr High School
l. Into Math by HMH – Math Curriculum – Elementary School
m. Savvas Learning ilit supplemental EL Program – Both Schools
n. Biozone Physics and Chemistry Curriculum – Jr/Sr High School
o. Heggerty Phonics – Elementary School
p. Renaissance Assessment – Elementary School
q. IXL – Jr/Sr High School
r. Mystery Writing and Science – Elementary School

s. Typing – Typing.com – Elementary School

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the curriculum for the 2026/2027 School Year, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

22. Consideration of approval of Qualified Evaluators for the 2026/2027 School Year.

Board Member Johnson asked who customarily serves as the qualified evaluator and whether it is typically the principals. Superintendent Heaton responded that, yes, the qualified evaluators are typically the school principals. He then reviewed the teacher evaluation process and explained how evaluations are conducted.

Board Member Johnson asked whether every teacher must be evaluated annually and whether new teachers are evaluated twice each year. Superintendent Heaton confirmed that all teachers are evaluated annually and that new teachers receive two evaluations during their first year.

Superintendent Heaton also noted that the former financial incentive associated with the 301 performance pay requirement was eliminated because approximately 98 percent of teachers were consistently receiving an "Exemplary" rating.

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the qualified evaluators as presented, seconded by Board Member Fagnan. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

23. Consideration of approval of the sole source vendor list.
    a. Reliance Connects – Internet Provider
    b. Dixie Power
    c. Virgin River Waste Water Improvement District
    d. Virgin Valley Disposal

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the sole source vendor list, seconded by Board Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

24. Consideration of approval of Administrator Authorization Approval Forms designating who has

authorization to sign vouchers and pick up warrants from the Mohave County School Superintendent's Office.

Removed from the agenda.

25. Consideration of appointment of a student activities treasurer for the 2026/2027 School Year.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to appoint Ed Dickie as the Student Activities Treasurer for the 2026-2027 School Year, seconded by Board Member Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

26. Consideration of setting a date and time for a work session.

Board President Cobb stated that he would like to discuss the potential override levy. Superintendent Heaton responded that the District first needs to determine the legal requirements and process. Board President Cobb explained that he would like to gather ideas from the public regarding how levy funds should be used. He also expressed concern about the District's kindergarten program, stating that the District is losing a significant amount of money on kindergarten. Superintendent Heaton agreed, noting that the current kindergarten funding does not generate enough revenue to cover the program's costs. Board President Cobb requested that staff provide the Board with the amount the District is currently losing on the kindergarten program.

Board President Cobb suggested holding a work session lasting approximately one and one-half hours. Board Member Johnson asked whether July 30 would work. Board President Cobb asked about July 27 or July 28. Board Secretary Hogan stated that he would be unavailable on those dates. Board President Cobb then suggested holding the work session prior to the next regular Governing Board meeting. The Board reached a consensus to schedule the work session for August 13, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., followed by the regular Governing Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Board Secretary Hogan moved to approve the work session date and time as presented, seconded by Board Member Wright. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

27. Suggestions for Future Board Meetings.

Board Member Hogan informed the Board that copies of the letter to the congressional representatives regarding teacher approvals were available for any Board members or parents who wished to sign them.

Ms. Goessman noted that the Title I-A Corrective Action Plan and the protocols for Title I-A student

participation data need to be placed on the agenda for the next Governing Board meeting.

Board Member Johnson noted that several Board members may be unavailable for the September Governing Board meeting. She stated that Board Member Fagnan would be absent, she would also be unavailable, and Board Member Wright might be out of town as well. The Board briefly discussed the September meeting and the potential need to address attendance and quorum.

INFORMATION ITEMS

28. News articles about the schools.

29. Upcoming Governing Board Conferences:

    a. Webinar – I'm on the Ballot! Now What? – July 21, 2026 (5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)
    b. 50th ASBA Law Conference – September 9-11, 2026 at JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.
    c. 2026 Delegate Assembly (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) – September 9, 2026 at JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, AZ.
    d. Webinar – I Won My Election! Now What? – November 17, 2026 (5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)
    e. 2026 ASBA/ASA Annual Conference – December 16-18, 2026 at Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, AZ.

30. School Calendar 2026/2027

31. Next Meeting – August 13, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board President Cobb. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes
Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

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Mark Cobb, Governing Board President

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Troy Heaton, Superintendent

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Sheree Goessman
Human Resources Director

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