

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES---SCHOOL DISTRICTS #86 & #4
MAY 26, 2026**

The trustees of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lambert School Library.

Members Present: Lacey Mullin, Sara Huft (outgoing trustee), Tara Hill, Cheyanne Rauschendorfer, Rodney Evenson (outgoing trustee) and Alysia Mullin (incoming trustee).

Others Present: Superintendent Kara Triplett, Principal Lacey Nevins, District Clerk Sammie Nelson, District Clerk Trainee Rebecca Miller, Kyle Koppinger, Stephanie Berg-Tossoun (Left at 7:38 PM), Kael Verschoot (Left at 7:38 PM), McKenzie Lake (Left at 7:38 PM) and Lisa Verschoot (Left at 7:38 PM).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Lacey Mullin called the meeting to order at 7:04 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".

No Public Comment was forthcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve the following: April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 14, 2026 Interview Committee Meeting Minutes. Payment of May 18 & May 29, 2026 Payroll Warrants #29737-#29793 and May 26, 2026 Claim Warrants #35997-#36023. April 2026 Extra-Curricular Report Balances. May 2026 Joint Sports Coop Expenses. Seconded by Sara Huft. All voted Aye.

CANVAS VOTES-ELECTION RESULTS

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to accept the following Election Results: Initially a resolution was made to hold an annual regular school election on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. However, the number of candidates filing a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for the three open trustee positions on the Lambert Board of Trustees, Districts #86 & #4, Richland County, State of Montana was equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected. Therefore, there were no votes to canvass, from the May 5, 2026 election as the Trustee Election was cancelled by Acclamation. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

After canvassing was complete Rodney Evenson and Sara Huft vacated their trustee seats and Alysia Mullin was welcomed as a new member of the Lambert Board of Trustees. Rodney and Sara were thanked for their service and were each awarded a plaque for years of service. Lacey Mullin will fulfill a 2-year trustee position.

County Superintendent Tim Tharp (via phone) administered the Oath of Office to Lacey Mullin (2-year term), Alysia Mullin (3-year term) and District Clerk Sammie Nelson through retirement date of June 30, 2026.

It was also noted that there is a vacant school trustee position. This will be further discussed under New Business.

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD

Tara Hill moved to nominate Lacey Mullin as Board Chair and Cheyanne Rauschendorfer as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Alysia Mullin. Nominations ceased. All voted Aye.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Tara Hill moved to approve the attached 2026-2027 Lambert School Board Committees List. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye. *Note: Whomever is chosen to fill the vacant trustee position will take over those committee duties that Rodney Evenson is currently listed on.

APPOINT DISTRICT CLERK

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to appoint Sammie Nelson as the District Clerk through her retirement date of June 30, 2026. The Board will then appoint Rebecca Miller, as District Clerk, at the Regular Board Meeting in June, effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

REPORTS

8th Grade Montana History Trip Report

Stephanie Berg-Tossoun, Kael Verschoot and McKenzie Lake presented a Power Point of the high lights of the 2025-2026 8th Grade Montana History Trip.

Housing Committee Report-potential school housing placement(s)

Housing Committee's Report and Recommendations: The Housing Committee reported that they have received an estimate, from Laura Lund (Faith Built), for the decks at the Watkins' house. Andy Carda will also be contacted to see if he would be interested in providing an estimate for the Watkins' deck(s). Will proceed with rectifying the Lindenwood House's (Patterson's) foundation issues. Recommended adding the following language to the Rental Agreement: The requirement that tenants, upon non-renewal of rental agreement, must have premises professionally cleaned may be waived by the Housing Committee in certain circumstances. For example, if the tenant has cleaned the carpets to the Housing Committee's satisfaction, no professional cleaning services shall be required. Recommend placing Quintin Omdahl in Triplex #1. Recommend placing JaNae Klempel and family in Salem House (Sommerfeld) after necessary repairs are made to this house and at such a time as all staff is in place for the 2026-2027 school year and therefore there would not be any further need for staff housing. Alysia Mullin moved to accept the Housing Committee's recommendations as stated above. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

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 Report. Other points of discussion: Will be attending the AD Summer Conference June 14-16, 2026 in Billings and MHSA is developing an AD Apprentice Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Richland County Public Works Proposal

The Richland County Public Works Proposal as outlined in the April 28, 2026 Public Comment section of the Regular Meeting Minutes is as follows: Ty Graves and Shannon Click were present to make the Board aware that there will be some construction on the public road coming into Lambert-Main Street to

make the shoulder wider. In doing this it will likely create some drainage problems. Therefore, they requested permission to access school property to mitigate any drainage issues that may occur as they do some dirt work to redirect water so that it will flow across road 123. Superintendent Triplett stated that she has reached out to Richland Count Public Works and asked them to postpone this project until later this fall due to the terrible dust that this project may cause. She reported that they agreed to hold off until later this year.

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to officially approve granting the Richland County Public Works permission to access school property to mitigate any drainage issues that may be caused by widening the shoulder of the road coming into Lambert. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Policy Review/Update: 901 & 902 (Staff Bonuses)

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve Policy 901 and Policy 902 for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacant School Board Position

Alysia Mullin moved to declare one trustee position vacant, effective immediately. Letters of Interest will be accepted through Friday, June 19, 2026. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye. The Lambert Board of Trustees will follow the procedure as outlined in MCA 20-3-309 to fill this vacant position. 20-3-309 states that whenever a trustee position becomes vacant in any district, the remaining members of the trustees shall declare the position vacant and they shall appoint, in writing within 60 days, a competent person as a successor. The trustees shall notify the appointee and the county superintendent of the appointment. If the trustees do not make the appointment within the 60-day period, the county superintendent, shall appoint, in writing, a competent person as a successor and notify the person of the appointment. A person assuming a trustee position under the provisions of this section shall serve until the next regular school election and until a successor has qualified.

Personnel-

Certified Staff: K-12 PE/Health

Alysia Mullin moved to offer a 2026-2027 teaching contract to McKen-z Pennington pending favorable background check results. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

Co-op Cross Country

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve the following 2026-2027 sports coop Cross Country contracts: **Carla Smith**-Head Coach, **Nikki Smith**-Asst. Coach and **Sam Smith**-Volunteer Coach. Seconded by Alysia Mullin. All voted Aye.

Summer Help

Superintendent Triplett informed the Board that she has received 4 summer help applications from: Tayen Carda, Maziee Kirby (received today), Brooke Lien and Caedence Mavity. Kara feels that the groundskeeper and custodial work can be juggled among these 4 applicants. Tayen Carda, Brooke Lien and Caedance Mavity will start on June 1, 2026. Mazie Kirby would not be able to start until June 26, 2026. The hourly rate of pay will be set at \$12.50/hour. Summer help will be scheduled to work Monday-Thursday.

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve offering Temporary Work Agreements to Tayen Carda, Maziee Kirby, Brooke Lien and Caedence Mavity at a rate of \$12.50/hour. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

IT Contracts, 2026-2027-Chris Cox and Becky Carda

Alysia Mullin moved to approve the following in regards to the 2026-2027 IT Contracts: The format/language of previous IT contracts will no longer be used. From 2026-2027 onward will use the format/language of the attached Classified Staff Employment Contract. Both Chris Cox's and Becky

Carda's contracts will be ½ time (1040 hours) and employment will be July-June. Both Chris and Becky will be given a 3% increase for the 2026-2027 school year. Both Chris and Becky will be offered health insurance and the Districts agree to pay a contribution of \$617.88 per month toward health insurance premiums. For specific language, not noted here, please refer to the attached IT contracts. Seconded by Tara Hill. All voted Aye.

Administration Bonuses

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to approve an 8% end-of-the-year bonus for both Lacey Nevins and Kara Triplett. Seconded by Alysia Mullin. All voted Aye.

*Note: 8% is calculated on each administrator's 2025-2026 salary.

Interlocal Agreement-Prairie View Special Services

Alysia Mullin moved to approve renewing the Interlocal Agreement with PVSS for the 2026-2027 school year and appoints Kara Triplett as the Districts' authorized representative for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Cheyanne Rauschendorfer. All voted Aye.

School Website Information-Board Meeting Minutes

The Board was asked if they object to publishing the meeting minutes on the school's website? We have had a request from a community member for all the minutes from the 2025-2026 school year. Minutes are public information and we want to be transparent therefore it is felt that the board meeting minutes should be placed on the website so the community has access to this information.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to placing the 2025-2026 school year's meeting minutes on the website and moving forward will continue the practice of placing this information on the Lambert School's website upon official board approval of meeting minutes.

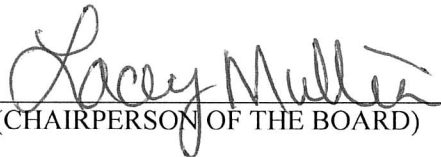
The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Cheyenne Rauschendorfer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Seconded by Alysia Mullin. All voted Aye.



(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS)



(CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)