# LAMBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #86 & #4
# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (SPECIAL)
# Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM in the Lambert School Library

**7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance**
**Members Present:** Cheyenne Rauchendorfer, Tara Hill, Lacey Mullin, Alysia Mullin, Kyle Koppinger
**Others Present:** Superintendent Kara Triplett, District Clerk Rebecca Miller, Principal Lacey Nevins Andrew and Brittni Thiessen, Stephanie Berg-Tossoun, Necole Killick, Jim & Jessica Spinner.

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson Lacey Mullin @ 7:02pm**
**Correspondence**
**Public Comment – Lacey read aloud**

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.

Lacey also stated that the public's input is certainly welcome as this is a public meeting, but please remember the intent of a Public Board meeting is for Board members to deliberate and make decisions regarding agenda items. If you are in the audience and believe you may have the potential for speaking during Public Comment or the discussion of an agenda item, please be sure you have signed into the meeting by using the Public Comment Form provided. Only those who have properly signed in will be recognized by the Chairman.
Tonight, those who choose to offer public input may speak one time during Public Comment and/or one time during an agenda item discussion. Public input is limited to 3 minutes per person during Public Comment and 3 minutes per person during the agenda item, if the public would like to speak, please raise your hand to be recognized by the chair. When called on please stand and state your name before continuing on with your comments as all comments will be part of our meeting minutes. Please also remember, when speaking, that civility is our rule and uncivil conduct will not be tolerated.

- Be respectful of the Board
- Be respectful of the District employees and students
- Be respectful of public involvement. The public has a right to observe the deliberations and participate in operations of the Board by exercising the right to speak to the Board at appropriate times.

Stephanie Berg- Tossoun shared that with 21yrs experience on teaching culture and language, she stated that to learn another language it takes a proactive student 2 hours out of class time, in addition to the classroom study to start to speaking fluently. With the student fully engaged 1 year of university language is equal to 2 years in high school. Learning a second language is harder as the student grows older and that's why they need the extra 2 hours. Stephanie started to explain Comprehensible Input, a core concept in second-language acquisition (SLA). It refers to input that is understandable enough for the learner to follow meaning, yet challenging enough to promote growth but reached her 3-minute time limit.

There were no other public comments.

**New Business - Discussion/Possible Action**
**Letter of Complaint, Level IV - Personnel Matter**
**Possible closed session per MCA 2-3-203**

Kara – Started with explaining the complaint procedure and the factors that have to be in place so that the board can make a determination. Kara stated it was important for the Board to have some background information to have a better understanding of how we arrived at this point. Kara then reviewed our Policy 1700, pertaining to a Level IV Complaint, and presented the time line of responses to the letters of complaint and investigations that occurred during those times.

"Level 4: The Board
Upon written appeal of a complaint alleging a violation of the individual's rights under state or federal law or Board policy which the Board of Trustees has authority to remedy, the Board may consider the Superintendent's decision. It is the role of the Board to review the decision of the Superintendent for compliance with applicable District policies. It is not the role of the Board to reinvestigate the matter, and the Board is entitled to rely upon the facts determined during an investigation conducted at Level 2 or 3.

Upon receipt of written request for appeal, the Chair will either: (1) place the appeal on the agenda of a regular or special Board meeting, (2) appoint an appeals panel of not less than three trustees to hear the appeal and make a recommendation to the Board, or (3) respond to the complaint with an explanation of why the appeal will not be heard by the Board of Trustees in accordance with this policy.

If the Chair appoints a panel to consider the appeal, the panel will meet to consider the appeal and then make written recommendation to the full Board. The Board will report its decision on the appeal, in writing, to all parties, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board meeting at which the Board considered the appeal or the recommendation of the. If the matter is heard by the Board or by an appeals panel, the Board shall have the authority to uphold the decision of the Superintendent; to reverse the decision of the Superintendent; to remand the case back to the Superintendent for further investigation or other action deemed necessary by the Board; or any combination of the above. "

After Kara presented and read aloud the time line, the steps taken and findings of the investigations conducted by herself and principal Nevins in accordance with the Level of the complaints and what the policy stated was to be done.
Chairman Lacey Mullin asked if there were any questions from board at this time. Tara asked Kara to provide the dates of responses on the different level of complaints to make sure they were done within the limits stated in the policy. –
There was some discussion between Kara, the board and Jessica Spinner confirming dates and correspondence during those times.

The floor was open for public comments or questions reminding everyone of the 3-minute time limit per person.

Brittni Thiessen– Questioned why the board wasn't asking more questions since the meeting was in regards to a level 4 complaint. Chairman Lacey explained the board is here to determine and review that everything has been followed as needed per policy and that they don't get to ask questions about specifics they just get to see the complaint letters and the response letters. The board doesn't get to hear details on action plans or those items.

Lacey asked if anyone else wanted to speak during public comment, there was no response. The Board was asked if they had more questions before she asked for a motion.

No one responded.
Lacey asked for a motion – in either approving or denying the superintendent's decision on the level 3 complaint, Cheyanne made a motion to affirm the superintendent's decision. Motion was seconded by Tara. Chairman Lacey asked 3 times if there was any other discussion. No other discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

**Adjournment**
Kyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alysia, all in favor all stated aye.
Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm and the public was thanked by Lacey.

Next School Board Meeting:
Thursday, August 20, 2026 @ 5:30 PM (Special (Budget)/Regular)

(CLERK OF THE DISTRICTS) (CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD)