LITTLEFIELD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #9
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Administrative Services Site
3490 East Rio Virgin Road
Thursday, August 13, 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 5:13 p.m. There were three (3) people in attendance. All Board Members and staff were present at 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 August 13, 2026 LUSD9 Board Meeting agenda.

Board Member Johnson requested to move item #15 to follow public comment.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Board Member Wright. 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. Other

Mr. Dickie reviewed the Food Service Report and the budget and distributed the Student Activities Report.

Mr. Heaton stated that the senior class from last year still has a remaining balance, which will be transferred to Student Council. Board Member Johnson asked whether Student Council had an advisor. Mr. Heaton stated that there were two advisors, Rebel and Mr. Briggs. He also noted that the student body president left the position halfway through the year due to not fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.

Mrs. Calton asked whether M&O had any carryover from the previous year. Mr. Dickie stated that it did not.

Board President Cobb asked about Conceptual Biology. Mr. Heaton stated that the program is no longer being offered.

7. Lael Calton, Elementary Principal
    a. School Update
        i. August 7, 2026 – Teacher synergy training @ 2:00 p.m.
        ii. August 10, 2026 – 1st Day of School
        iii. August 13, 2026 – 1st Day of Preschool

iv. August 14, 2026 – Preschool Mom's Group – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

b. Other

Mrs. Calton stated that the first day of school was enjoyable, especially seeing the younger students. She reported that students are using scan cards for lunch.

Mrs. Calton also shared that she created binders for teachers and paraprofessionals that include their schedules and other important information. She noted that staff also likes having access to computerized versions, which she plans to make available in the future.

Mrs. Calton stated that she and Dr. Rob are very excited about implementing 90-minute Core Reading and Core Math blocks each day. Dr. Rob is working with teachers on pedagogy and instructional practices. Mrs. Calton stated that she feels the school year has gotten off to a very good start.

Board President Cobb asked whether there is an AED at the elementary school. Mrs. Calton stated that she was unsure. Board President Cobb suggested checking on the availability of an AED and stated that CPR training could be provided, with the District only responsible for the cost of the certification cards. Board President Cobb also expressed interest in offering CPR classes to students.

Mr. Heaton suggested speaking with Susan Henry, as she is teaching the Senior Seminar class.

8. Troy Heaton, Superintendent/Secondary Principal

a. School Update.

i. August 6, 2026 – Students come to school to select elective(s) – 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
ii. August 10, 2026 – Students 1st day of school
iii. August 12, 2026 – Picture Day at 7:15 a.m.
iv. August 14, 2026 – Opening Social for students at Mesquite Rec. Center – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
v. September 17, 2026 – 7th and 10th Grade Field Trip to Mesquite City Hall to participate in Bells Across America
vi. September 23, 2026 – Picture retakes – 7:15 a.m.

b. Other.

Mr. Heaton stated that the District began the school year with a large list of donations and received several generous gifts. He discussed some of the District's goals for the year and expressed confidence that, with the current team, the District can meet and even exceed those goals. He stated that he hopes students will progress beyond grade-level reading expectations. He also noted that five volunteers from Sun City were in attendance.

Mr. Heaton reported that Mr. Manley currently has eight students participating in the music program. The District received a $21,000 grant, and an additional grant opportunity is available through Rotary. He stated that, as a result of this funding, students will not have to pay for their instruments.

Mr. Heaton stated that the first day of school went well. He also announced that the District's

opening social will be held the following evening at the Mesquite Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Heaton also reported that students will be participating in the bells at City Hall on September 17th.

9. Board Reports.
   a. Other

Board Secretary Hogan reported that Tractor Supply donated several tools to the District. The plan is to either repurpose the tools or repair them for resale. He noted that the electrical cords had been cut off the donated tools.

Board President Cobb asked whether the MSDS sheets had been obtained for the vehicle body shop class. Board Secretary Hogan stated that they had not. Board President Cobb stated that he completed a walkthrough with Board Member Fagnan last year and identified several issues that still need to be addressed. He requested that those issues be identified and corrected before moving forward.

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.

The Board allowed public comment on item #11 before a motion was made. Sonny Graham asked about a T-Mobile cell phone charge listed on the vouchers, noting that administrators receive a cell phone stipend.

Mr. Heaton explained that the District previously used T-Mobile for District-issued cell phones but has since discontinued that service. He also noted that T-Mobile pays the District to display its banner.

Mrs. Calton asked whether Salud was included on the stipend list. Mrs. Goessman stated that she was included on the revised stipend list and clarified that the stipend was for IT duties.

Board Member Fagnan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Secretary 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

10. Consideration of approval of the July 9, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

11. Consideration of approval of Vouchers and Stipends:
    a. LUSD9 Payroll Vouchers: 02/2702 and 03/2703.

b. LUSD9 Payables Vouchers: 2750 and 2751.
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
Davis, Tamara	Bus Driver	08/05/2026

13. Consideration of approval of the updated 2026-2027 Stipend List.

14. Consideration of approval of donations received by the District per Policy KCD.
    a. Kids for Sports - $1,000 for Elementary PE
    b. Virgin River Domestic Waste Water - $600 for Baseball and $600 for Softball.

ACTION ITEMS AND/OR DISCUSSION

15. Discussion regarding the Old Littlefield School Property.

Board Member Johnson asked whether Mr. Heaton had spoken with Ms. Schoppmann about the Old Littlefield School. Mary Bundy asked about the District's plans for the property where the old school is located. Mr. Heaton stated that there are currently no plans for the property. He explained that the District previously leased the property to a former Board member for $1 per year in an effort to have the building designated as a historical site through the County; however, the County would not approve the designation. He noted that the Sewer Department currently rents the trailer adjacent to the property for approximately $1,200 per year.

Ms. Bundy stated that Dan Reber informed her that the old school building had been condemned and discussed the possibility of demolishing and burying the structure. She stated that her husband could perform the work at no cost to the District. She proposed fencing the property while leaving the single-wide trailer in place and using the remaining property as an area to ride or turn out horses. She added that she would personally prefer to restore the old school, but the County would not allow it.

Mr. Heaton stated that Ms. Schoppmann had previously attempted to obtain grants and County funding to preserve the building but was unsuccessful. Board Member Johnson noted that many community members would like to see the building preserved but may not understand the limitations associated with a condemned building. Mr. Heaton suggested that Mr. Reber speak with Ms. Schoppmann regarding the property. Ms. Bundy clarified that the issue was not simply a lack of available funding, but that grants would not be awarded because the building had been condemned.

Board President Cobb asked whether Ms. Bundy was proposing to use the property for personal

or community purposes. Ms. Bundy stated that the primary use would be personal. She added that if she used the property as a riding area, others could also be allowed to use it, similar to an area in Gunlock.

Mr. Heaton explained that any decision regarding the property would need to be made by the Governing Board. He stated that the District could either auction or lease the property, but any arrangement would need to benefit the District or the community. Board Secretary Hogan commented that the property is currently a hazard and indicated that a use benefiting students or the community would be preferable. Ms. Bundy acknowledged that the proposed use would primarily benefit her.

Mr. Heaton noted that the property is currently used as a bus turnaround and that the District receives rental income from the trailer. He advised Ms. Bundy to have Mr. Reber speak with Ms. Schoppmann and, if appropriate, submit a formal proposal to the Governing Board. He noted that if the proposal resulted in costs to the District, it would likely not be feasible.

Board President Cobb stated that he would like to review a detailed proposal outlining Ms. Bundy's plans for the property and requested that the proposal account for the existing trailer remaining in place. Mr. Heaton reiterated that, upon receiving a proposal, the Governing Board could consider the request and, if approved, direct him to prepare a lease agreement.

Sonny commented on the sentimental value of the old school building. Mr. Heaton acknowledged the building's importance to Pat Schoppmann and noted that the District had previously considered possible uses for the building. Board Member Johnson reiterated that many people may not fully understand what it means for a building to be condemned.

16. Consideration of approval of first reading for Policy Advisory #1047-#1064.

a. Policy BEDB: Agenda
b. Policy CBA: Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent.
c. Policy DJ: Purchasing Ethics
d. Policy DJE: Bidding/Purchasing Procedures
e. Policy IHA: Basic Instructional Program.
f. Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements
g. Policy JJAB: Limited Open/Closed Forum
h. Policy KFA: Public Conduct on School Property.

Board Member Fagnan made a motion to approve the first **reading for Policy Advisory #1047-#1064, 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

17. Consideration of approval of the July 2026 Policy Alert.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to approve the July 2026 Policy Alert, 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

18. Consideration of approval of introduction of Policy Advisory #1065.

    a. Policy DGD: Credit Cards

Board Secretary Hogan made a motion to approve the introduction of Policy Advisory #1065, seconded by Board Member Fagnan.

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

19. Discussion and possible action regarding moving the September Governing Board Meeting.

Board Member Fagan made a motion to move the September Governing Board Meeting to September 17, 2026. Board Secretary Hogan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

20. Governing Board to discuss and may consider action to approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2027 Political Agenda, and, direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

Mrs. Goessman stated that ASBA is requesting that the Governing Board provide direction to the District's delegate regarding the Board's position on the draft 2027 Political Agenda.

Board President Cobb made a motion to have each Board member review the report and submit their voting preferences to Ms. Goessman by August 24. Board Secretary Hogan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board President Cobb: Yes
Board Member Fagnan: Yes

Board Secretary Hogan: Yes
Board Member Johnson: Yes
Board Member Wright: Yes

21. Suggestions for Future Board Meetings.

- LUSD/Beaver Dam Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy.
- LEA Family and Community Engagement Policy.
- Extracurricular Fee of $350 per semester for homeschooled students wanting to play sports.
- Second reading and adoption of Policy Advisory #1047-#1064.
- Second reading and adoption of Policy Advisory #1065.

INFORMATION ITEMS

22. News articles about the schools.

23. Upcoming Governing Board Conferences:

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

Board President Cobb asked about trainings from ASBA. Mrs. Goessman said she will bring trainings back to the Board.

24. Notification of Regulations/Exhibits in Policy Advisory #1047-#1065.
a. Regulation IHB-R: Special Instructional Programs.
b. Regulation IKE-RB: Promotion and Retention of Students.
c. New Regulation JF-R: Student Admissions.
d. New Regulation JFAA-R: Admission of Resident Students.
e. New Regulation JFAB-R: Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students.
f. New Regulation JFABC-R: Admission of Transfer Students.
g. New Regulation JFABD-RB: Admission of Homeless Students.
h. New Regulation JFABDA-RB: Admission of Students in Foster Care.
i. New Regulation JFB-RB: Open Enrollment.
j. Regulation JR-R: Student Records.
k. Regulation DGD-R: Credit Cards.
l. Exhibit DGD-E: Credit Cards.

25. School Calendar 2026/2027

26. Football Schedule

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27. Volleyball Schedule

28. Next Meeting – September TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Fagnan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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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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