

LAMBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #86 & #4 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (REGULAR)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – 7:00PM in the Lambert School Library

The trustees of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lambert School Library.

Members Present: Lacey Mullin, Cheyanne Rauschendorfer, Alysia Mullin,

Others Present: Superintendent Kara Triplett, District Clerk Rebecca Miller, Principal Lacey Nevins, Roger Meyer

7:08 pm Pledge of Allegiance – Lacey Mullin called the meeting to order.

Correspondence

Public Comment

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 at this time

Consent Agenda – Discussion/Possible Action

Approval of Minutes

Regular/Final Budget - August 18, 2026

Board Approval of Co-op Claims/Claims/Payroll/Student Activity Accounts/Transfers

Motion to approve the minutes and approve the final budget, claims, payroll, activity accounts and transfers made by: Cheyanne Seconded by: Alysia Signified by all: Aye

Reports

Principal Report - Lacey Nevins, see attached

Superintendent/AD Report - Kara Triplett, see attached

Old Business - Discussion/Possible Action

Graduation Date and Time - Approval

The seniors wanted work with Richey for a graduation time, so people could attend both. Richey chose May 15, 2027, at 1:00 pm, and our Class of '27 is choosing May 15, 2027 at 4:00 pm.

Motion to accept the graduation date and time proposed made by: Cheyanne Seconded by: Alysia
Signified by all: Aye

New Business - Discussion/Possible Action

Waterline Easement - Roger Meyer (A)

Roger Meyer asked to be on the agenda to discuss the waterline situation that runs through the school's property and to his house, due to him selling his property and trying to tie up loose ends. Kara included all his documentation in the board packet. After talking to Greg Rauschendorfer, who was the Board Chair when all of this happened, Greg did confirm what Roger is saying historically happened, and that it is possible that we may need to grant him an easement as a result of the agreements the Board and Roger made back long ago. Roger was here to answer questions stating that there was a lot of history about those 2 water lines and that he feels responsible for a water line that he doesn't use. Cheyanne asked if the old line was recorded as dissolved/abandoned and Roger says no and that he still has ownership and an easement. Also mentioned by Roger was a verbal meeting in regards to the new water line that happened long ago. Location of the new water line comes across the old football field, the old one is on the backside and under the building that was supposed to have been abandoned. The hydrant that is NW west of the bus barn was thought to have been shut off but is still running water. Kara suggested we get the dissolution recorded and then work on the easement. Cheyanne is

concerned about the easement coming across the old football field will stop the school from building on that piece of property. We would like to keep some of the ownership of the waterline. Roger states that the waterline is his, he suggests that maybe we can move the waterline.

Roger included a draft agreement proposing he relinquishes the old waterline and that it is his and that were using it. The old water line was shared between the school and the superintendents house. When Roger bought that house, it gave him full ownership of that waterline except for the hydrant and that came with a verbal agreement that we could use it. Basically, saying that were in violation because he owns it and were using it. He wants to give us the old waterline back and he wants an easement to the new waterline or things could get very complicated. Kara wants to know what the best way to go about this. Cheyanne wants to make sure the property be free and clear of easements or anything else that could potentially block anything we would want to build in the future. We can't build over the top of a waterline. We may need to move the waterline. The property is encumbered at this point due to the waterline. Cheyanne would like to wait until we have a full board before making any decisions. Lacey wants to wait to hear from the attorney so we need to table this until we hear. Roger potentially closes on his property November 1st so we will schedule a special board meeting in the next week to address this. Roger isn't going to press why his waterline is still live and why we put a building on it. Worse case scenario is that he would have to hook up to the old line and since we put a building on it we have a problem. He would agree to moving the waterline. Once he closes on the house it will be a different situation because they will own the old waterline. Kara said we certainly could entertain the moving of the waterline but we also don't want the selling of the house to happen without us doing anything. Time is of the essence. The school paid for the new waterline. Lacey stated that we will table this and we will wait to hear from the attorneys in the next few days and we will schedule a special meeting to address this. Kara will contact Roger via phone since he might be out of town.

School Card Machine – Square

The concessions would like to get approval to add a credit card machine as part of the services they can offer customers. Mark Pust has researched this quite extensively and met with Rebecca. Mark said it is \$600/per year with a .19 cent charge per transaction plus 2.6%. They have figured the added expense into their costs. They also wanted a separate checking so that they could monitor the transactions. Rebecca visited with Susan there was a savings set up at Wells Fargo and it had been transitioned to a checking but it was never used. Susan is going to stop there this week and visit with them about using that account since it is on its own. Kara explained that as part of her job as the business manager at the Sidney High school she dealt with their Square system and it's very straight forward and that we might not even need a separate account since you are able to label transactions as they happen and print out a report for balancing. Looking forward it would be nice to also be able to use it for the coffee shop. Kara also shared that Tommy and she may ask the Co-op Board to allow us to go digital for the ability to sell tickets/season passes for sporting events next year. If this is something we end up doing, GoFan is what we would use, and they would provide a card reader that we could use for our concession stand, too.

Motion made to allow the Mark and Sheri to pursue the use of the Square system by: Alysia
Seconded by: Cheyanne Signified by all: Aye

Strategic Plan - Review of '24-26 Plan (B)

Pre-development Phase of '27-29 Plan

Kara explained we do need to take a look at our Strategic Plan in place now, as we are operating in a year without one. If you take a look at the document, we are currently operating in a 5-year plan cycle to support the 15-20 Year Planning Horizon. We have completed the 2-year cycle, and now we need to reflect on that '24-26 cycle, and then gather info to help us ultimately create specific objectives for the '26/27-'28/29 cycle.

Kara asked the Board to review the plan tonight, take a look at the '24-'26 goals to see if you feel we have accomplished those, do we still need to work on them, or maybe they don't apply anymore? Kara would like to consider each of the Goal Areas and brainstorm for potential 3-year objectives we may want to incorporate to try to meet the 5-year objective cycle we are currently under.

From some of the board's thoughts, Kara will also ask for input from the staff/students, and then also survey the community regarding the current school operations, as well as some feedback for ideas that will fit under each of these goals. This type of surveying is important for this Continued School Improvement through this Strategic Plan Document, but it is also important for the Integrated Strategic Plan, which is a large portion of our school accreditation process/cycle for this year.

At the next meeting, hopefully Kara can present the ideas shared and information gathered, and then we can work on putting some objectives together. It is possible we could form a committee, as well, of a couple of Board members, Admin, some staff, some parents, and some students to look at the data and put some objectives together for the Board to consider?

Cheyenne questioned how to include/increase parental involvement. Kara will continue to work on this with Lacey. Kara will talk to the staff tomorrow at the staff meeting and will bring to the board at the next meeting.

'26-27 Bus Route Mileage/Passenger Adjustment

Louie gave Kara new route information to revise the contract. The board reviewed the route information for route 1 but there's some discrepancy so Kara will clarify with Louie. The mileage would change back to the 158 miles/day instead of the 152. Route 5 has also changed from 77.8 miles/day to 75 miles due to losing a student on that route. Kara will omit the highlighted, update the contract and have Louie sign it.

Motion was made to accept the route changes after clarification and approved the contract omissions
made by: Cheyanne Seconded by: Alysia Signified by all: Aye

Acknowledgement of Out of District Students (C)

We received some out of district forms from Culbertson. Because of the open enrollment, as a school, the Board may not deny allowing students in our District to go attend an out of District school. Kara suggested that the Board make the motion to acknowledge any forms for students who are attending a District other than ours, since we will likely see a form from Sidney Schools, too. I have included the exact requests in your packet. Please be aware you may not refer to these students using their names!

As a point of information, we have about 25 out of district students who attend our school, while we have 2 going to Culbertson, 2 to Sidney, and 2 to Savage. Discussion on new applicants that applied after the July 15th deadline per our policy and due to it not being on the agenda we will revisit the consideration of enrollment at the next board meeting.

Motion to acknowledge out of district forms was made by: Alysia Seconded by: Cheyanne
Signified by all: Aye

Personnel -

Asst. FB (Volunteer) - Beau Mullin

The deadline for any objection to this Nepotism hire has passed.

Lacey will abstain from voting which in turn means there isn't enough for a quorum so there will be no vote – this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion made by: NONE Seconded by: Signified by all:

Asst. Custodian - Resignation and possible hire (D)

At the time the Board packets were assembled we have had no other applications or inquiries into this position. Kara recommend the board offer a Full-time/year-round Assistant Custodian position to Maziee Kirby, with the standard benefits we have been offering as well as a wage TBD by the Board.

Maria 's last day was today 22nd, Kara will be meeting with Gordon, Maria and Maizee in the morning.

Maizee minimum 36-40hr employee, wage is \$13.50 year-round contract from now until 6/30/26

Motion to accept Maria's resignation and offer Maizee a full-time year-round position at a minimum of 36 hrs-40 hrs at the wage of \$13.50 per hour was made by: Alysia Seconded by: Cheyanne Signified by all: Aye

Next meeting is September 30th, 6:00pm – Special Meeting

Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2026 @ 7PM

Motion to adjourn made by: Cheyanne Seconded by: Alysia Signified by All: Aye

Meeting Adjourned 7:32pm