

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
May 13, 2025**

On Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Ben Lehfeldt called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees Dan Peters and KJ Fauth, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Charly Tatom were in attendance. Guests present were Rena Kouba, Abby Hansen, Justin Kirkland, Marie Baird, Lindsay Fauth and Amanda Wessel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings on April 29, 2024 and May 1, 2025 as presented. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Reorganization of the Board

1. **Canvass the Ballots:** KJ made a motion to certify the election results for the General Fund Levy, the Technology Levy and Ben Lehfeldt by acclamation, Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Swearing in of Newly Elected Trustee:** Ben Lehfeldt was given the oath of office by Marie Baird, County Superintendent of Schools.
3. **Call for Nominations for Chairperson:** Ben nominated Dan and KJ nominated Ben for Chairperson. Dan was appointed as Chairperson
4. **Election of Vice-Chairperson:** Unanimous vote for KJ as Vice-Chairman. KJ Fauth was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board.
6. **Appointment of Clerk:** Ben made a motion to appoint Charly Tatom as Clerk for a one year term. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
7. **Swearing in of Clerk:** Charly Tatom was given the oath of office by Marie Baird, County Superintendent of Schools.

Public Participation/Comments:

- Amanda Wessel addressed the Board to support the FFA.

Amanda Wessel left at 7:17pm

Communications:

1. **Trustee's report:** KJ reported that the Beef 2 School Appreciation Dinner was held, the Beef to School plaque was updated, and grants will be pursued to help with future funding. Beef will begin to be served at concessions during basketball and volleyball games.

2. **Student Council:** None.
3. **Teacher's organization:** None
4. **AD's Report:** High School Divisionals for track are on May 15th. Sports physicals were completed last week. Class C Caucus is in June; Francine and Chase will be attending. MCA Clinic is at the end of July. The gym floor is being refinished on June 26th. There is a Co-op meeting on June 5th. Phlight Club is scheduled in August.
5. **Maintenance Report:** Advertisement posted for a maintenance person.

Superintendent's Report:

Parent survey results: Mrs. Hanson reviewed the parent survey results with the Board.

Audit Findings: The audit report was discussed. It was overall positive, and corrective measures have been taken regarding current findings

Selling a bus: A bus will be sold at the upcoming Obsolete Sale. The Board agreed on accepting silent bids by 2:00 PM on the day of the sale.

Historic Preservation Awards: Ben Lehfeltdt and Mrs. Hanson will travel to Helena to receive a Historic Preservation Award. They will also meet with Stahly Engineering regarding the \$250,000 grant awarded to the district by the MT Legislature & Department of Commerce.

New Business:

1. **Renew/Non-Renew Classified Contracts:** Mrs. Hanson recommended to approve contracts for Rena Kouba, Sam Fish, Brandi Gregoroff, Debbie Stephenson, Sonia Schraudner, Michaela Jones, Francine Jansen, Raquel Sanguins. Michaela Jones will be reassigned to a janitorial position. The Librarian will be Raquel Sanguins. Classified wages will be increased by 3%, per the prior Board-approved rate. Ben made a motion to approve the changes and the renewal of classified contracts, K.J. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Renew/Non-Renew Bus Drivers Contracts and Wages:** Mrs. Hanson will begin to oversee Transportation and Francine Jansen will no longer serve as the Transportation Director. Rena will coordinate sub drivers as needed and Charlie Egge will oversee the maintenance of the buses. Ben made a motion to approve the bus driver contracts and to table the bus driver wage decision, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
3. **Bus Transportation Agreement with Roundup School District.** Dan made a motion to approve the transportation agreement with Roundup, Ben. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
4. **County Transportation Committee Representative:** Ben made a motion to approve KJ as the County Transportation Committee Representative, Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Clerk Job Description to Comply with STARS Act:** Ben made a motion to approve the revised job description as presented to comply with the STARS Act, K.J. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Obsolete Sale Resolution: Ben made a motion to approve the obsolete sale, K.J. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Lavina School District have determined that the following personal property of the District, located at 214 1st St. E., Lavina, MT are obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes.

WHEREAS, a description of the property is as follows:

Misc. technology equipment

Misc. supplies

Bus

WHEREAS, the subject property is obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes because the items are outdated and/or have been replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lavina Public School District No. 2 hereby resolves to sell the property identified above because it is or is about to become obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this resolution shall, in accordance with § 20-20-204, be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District on May 30, 2024, The Times-Clarion, and posted in three public places in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after publication specified above unless appealed to a district court by a taxpayer in compliance with and as provided in § 20-6-604(4), MCA.

Vote being had on the above and foregoing Resolution and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

	In Favor	Opposed
Ben Lehfeldt	<u> X </u>	_____
KJ Fauth	<u> X </u>	_____
Dan Peters	<u> X </u>	_____

The Chairperson declared said Resolution adopted.

Ben made a motion to approve the obsolete sale on June 13th. K.J. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

7. Updated Job Descriptions: The title of Guidance Counselor has been updated to School Counselor. Ben made a motion to approve the job descriptions for classified and certified staff positions, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

8. Classified Pay for Field Trips: A discussion was held regarding compensation for classified staff who attend field trips. No action taken at this time; will be left to the Board's discretion.
9. Update MTSBA 3141: Out of District: Mrs. Hanson recommended changing the deadline for out-of-district registration from **August 30th** to **June 15th**. Ben made a motion to change the current date from August 30th to June 15th, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
10. Interlocal Agreement with Broadview: Dan made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Broadview, Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Ben made a motion to approve the bills and payroll, K.J. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is on June 10, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Ben made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

Date