

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
February 11, 2025**

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Ben Lehfeltdt called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees KJ Fauth and Dan Peters, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Charly Tatom were in attendance. Guests present were Ivy Mallo, Emily Mihet and Reese Wallis. Joining the meeting on Google Meet were Dan Peters and Susan Hayes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Public Participation/Comments: None

Communications:

1. **Trustee's report:** None
2. **Student Council:** Spirit week is scheduled for next week. A Pep Rally in Broadview on February 19th at 1:00. A coin drive will take place next month for a fundraiser. The senior's are volunteering at the Senior Center for Senior lunch on Wednesdays. The first Meals on Wheels delivery by Student Council members will be this Friday and will cost \$5.00.
3. **Teacher's organization:** MAST testing will close on Feb 21st. Social and Emotional Learning(SEL) lessons are progressing well. FCS is holding a Valentine's fundraiser. February is "I Love to Read" month and the last day for Book Fair is tomorrow. Science Fair for grades K-8 potential dates is being considered for April 11th or April 24, 2025. The Spelling Bee, originally scheduled for February 5th has been moved to February 17th, 2025, due to weather.
4. **AD's Report:** Senior night is this Friday night. High School Track starts March 10th and Junior High Track starts on March 4th.
5. **Maintenance Report:** Maintenance and storage areas have been organized. The steam table in the kitchen needed a new part and has been repaired. Supplies are being ordered and stocked. Extra sanitizing is in progress, focusing on areas needing extra attention such as stairs, water fountains and walls.

Superintendent's Report:

STARS Act (HB252)

The bill passed its second reading in the legislature by a margin of 93-7. A decision by our board and teachers needs to be made by the District before May 15th.

Levy Consideration: Current Adopted budget is 1,104,762.76 with a maximum budget of 1,174,264.49

Parent Conferences: There was a high attendance and they went well.

Goodies with Grownups: Donuts will be available on February 14th, during the breakfast hour for anyone who would like to attend.

Senior Meals on Fridays: Starts this coming Friday and is \$5.00 per meal.

Literacy Grant: In the process of applying for this grant which is one million dollars over 4 years.

Teacher Evaluations: These will be completed by the end of the week.

Survey Season: Surveys for teachers, parents, students and the community are being sent out by Adam Milligan.

Cold Weather review: A new propane delivery is needed due to the colder weather. We used 10% in a week.

Beef to School: A new freezer has been purchased to store the beef that we have received.

Professional Development: Attending a training in Dallas from February 20-23, 2025.

Literacy Grant: The application is due March 1, 2025 for 1,000,000 over 4 years.

FFA Alumni Grant: Helped FFA Alumni apply for \$1000 Tractor Supply Grant.

MHPG Grant(HB 12): No updates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Senior Class:** KJ made a motion to approve the graduation songs. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Will discuss the agenda for the Senior trip at the March board meeting. Reese Wallis and Emily Mihet left at 7:55pm.

2. **Expedition Repairs:** KJ made a motion to install a metal grill guard. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. The repair bids will be tabled and will postpone filing an insurance claim.

Susan Hayes left at 8:01pm.

3. **Call for Election:** Dan made a motion to open Trustee position and approve the following resolution. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. A discussion of running a levy will take place at the March board meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 2, Golden Valley County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 2025, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by:

☐ Mail Ballot ☒ Poll Election (the polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

The purpose of the election is to elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.

Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 2026 will also be requested.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Charly Tatom, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with [13-1-304](#) and [20-3-313](#), MCA.

The following voting locations will be used for the election and the three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election at each voting place as follows:

Voting Location and Address: 214 1st Street E. Lavina Montana 59046

Election Judge

1. Jamie Lehfeltdt

2. Abby O'Neill
3. Sharon Parker

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request the clerk to close regular registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

4. **Resignation of Brittany Boehm:** KJ made a motion to accept Brittany Boehm's resignation. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Open Elementary Position:** KJ made a motion to open the elementary position. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
6. **Resignation of Rosalind Watkins:** KJ made a motion to accept Rosalind Watkins' resignation. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
7. **Hire Teacher's Aide- Debra Stephenson:** KJ made a motion to hire Debra Stephenson for the position of Teacher's Aide. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
8. **2024-2025 Board Goals Review:** Summer projects will include painting the Superintendent house and completing the water project. The MHPG Grant and water mitigation have put the playground project on hold. Ben made a motion to update playground goals due to these changes. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
9. **MTSBA Policy Updates:**
 - **Policy 3141: Non-resident Student Enrollment:** KJ made a motion to keep the policy as is with no 2nd reading. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
 - **Policy 4125: District Social Media:** KJ made a motion to approve 1st reading of Policy 4125. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
 - **MTSBA Policy 2421: Promotion and Retention:** KJ made a motion to retain the current policy and add an amendment to include the last line from Alternate language 2 to Alternate language 1. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
10. **District Attendance Agreement:** KJ made a motion to accept the attendance agreement. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
11. **Accreditation Plan:** KJ made a motion to accept section 10: Non-resident Student Enrollment Policy of the ISAP Agreement in the Accreditation Plan.

KJ made a motion to approve the bills and pre-approve payroll as presented. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

KJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

Date