

**Lavina Public School**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**December 9, 2024**

**Minutes**

On Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Dan Peters called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustee KJ Fauth, Ben Lehfeldt, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Charly Tatom were in attendance. Guests present were Cedar Martin, Croix Martin, Emily Mihet and Michael Mihet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular meeting as presented. KJ 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

**2. Public Participation/Comments:** None

**3. Communications:**

- **Trustee's report:** KJ provided an update on Beef2School program, mentioning donations from Lewis Ranch, Bart Bilden, Eric Lehfeldt and Ben Lehfeldt. Prime Rib was secured for the student Christmas lunch. Discussed the donations need and who to reach out to for more funds to help out.
- **Student Council:** Emily Mihet reported that the recent tree raffle on Saturday raised \$328.00. The winners were 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> in Elementary, 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Jr. High, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the High School. The 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade tree will go over to the Senior Center for the Angel Tree.
- **Teacher's organization:** Cedar Martin discussed recent school activities including the Pep Club's Tip-off Tournament decorations, Secret Santa exchanges, and various student performances and events. The 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony was held, and upcoming performances include the Christmas Concert on December 18th and a Senior Center performance on December 11th. Final exams are being held in the high school before the break, as the semester ends the week after return. Recent highlights include Kelli and Susan attending the High School Forum in Great Falls, ELA and math testing for grades 3-8 was completed, and a seatbelt safety presentation was given for grades 6-12. High school FFA members attended the Montana FFA Expo in Bozeman,

and the BPA and Honor Society hosted the Annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Senior Center.

- **AD's Report:** No report.
  - **Maintenance Report:** Addressed matter in the girl's locker room shower due to concern for water damage and potential mold and there were no problems. Inventory checks of the work room, office, maintenance and storage rooms were conducted, and roof inspections were completed with the contractor. Will do a partial stripping and waxing of the floors over Christmas break.
  - **Superintendent's Report:**
    - Beef 2 School Program:** The school freezer now has Lewis beef, and prime rib was purchased for the Christmas lunch. An informational flyer about this will be included in the "What's Happening" newsletter. The grant balance for processing stands at \$14,785.05.
    - Grants Update:** Mrs. Hanson plans to attend the coal board meeting to present how funding supported the Boiler Project and will also testify in Helena in January for the Lavina School's MT Historical Society grant.
    - Other Announcements:** A new "Did You Know" section will be added to the "What's Happening" newsletter, featuring facts about the general fund budget.
- Florin Sonnechison will be bringing rocks for the front of the school this week.
- The Superintendent's house requires painting; a bid of \$8,912.10 has been received from Pat Goldhahn.
- Discussed evaluation of Clerk Charly Tatom. The Board received sample evaluation materials and decided that an evaluation will be given along with the Superintendent Evaluation in January.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- 1. Head of Maintenance Position – Chrystin Roufley:** KJ made a motion to hire Chrystin Roufley for the Head of Maintenance Position. Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.
- 2. Bonuses for Staff:** Ben made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses for Certified and Classified staff. Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

Dan made a motion to approve the bills and pre-approve payroll as presented. Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

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Chairman of the Board

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District Clerk

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