**School Board Meeting**
Lavina Public School Music Room
**Monday, March 9, 2026 7:00p.m.**

**Minutes**

On Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Dan Peters called the regular School Board meeting to order. Trustee KJ Fauth, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Charly Tatom were in attendance. Guests present were Francine Egge, Abby Hansen, Pam Forrest and Janet Jansen, and online were Susan Hayes and Michael Frudakis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

KJ made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting on February 10, 2026. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

**Public Participation/Comments:** Francine discussed club volleyball and reported that there are currently 13 girls participating. Mrs Hanson discussed gym usage and asked for Board direction regarding facility usage. The board noted they would like the Superintendent to approve building usage agreements unless the Superintendent feels there might be a conflict.

**Communications:**

1. **Trustee's report:** KJ reported that an Appreciation Dinner for Beef2School will be held on April 27th at 5:00pm.
2. **Student Council:** Susan Hayes reported that Student Council is currently holding a coin drive to pie an eighth grader in the face. Students are helping at the senior lunch on Wednesday's, which is going well. The pep rally held for Spirit Week was successful. A schoolwide Easter egg hunt is coming up on March 30th.
3. **Teacher's organization:** Janet Jansen reported that the Missoula Children's Theatre recently worked with students and the performance was excellent.
4. **AD's Report:** Francine reported that the first day of track has been moved to March 16th. No meets will be held until after Easter. Junior High Track will begin on March 23rd, with additional scheduling information expected following the district meeting. Work is underway on the schedule for 2026-2027. Ski day is scheduled for March 25 and Alternative Day activities will include bowling and a trip to the pictograph caves..
5. **Maintenance Report:** Mrs Hanson read the Maintenance report. Plumber Joe repaired restroom toilets by replacing seals resolving the odor issue. Kirkland repaired a leak and addressed a drainage problem.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**FFA Update:**

Abby Hansen shared the FFA Newsletter and reported that members will attend Districts in Big Timber. A new AgPals program will pair FFA with younger students.

**Student Support and School Climate:**

The school community continues to provide to students and staff, including outreach from outside counselors and regional partners. Weekly counselor visits are now scheduled for Tuesday

mornings. Superintendent Hanson expressed appreciation for the support from staff and community members during a difficult period.

**Crisis Response & Safety Planning:**

The district is reviewing crisis response procedures and staff preparedness, including training opportunities in collaboration with the Central Montana Learning Resource Center and other partners. Hanson is pursuing a congressional spending grant through Senator Sheehey's office to support a Crisis Response Team.

**Academic Support:**

After-school academic support continues in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30–5:30 p.m., with teacher and peer tutoring available, structured assignments, and snacks provided.

**Professional Development:**

Staff continue work related to the Science of Reading initiative and are renewing First Aid and CPR certifications through online and in-person sessions. A preschool screening is scheduled for April 29.

**Community Outreach:**

"Coffee with the Superintendent" will begin on the last Friday of April and May.

**PIR Day:**

Upcoming PIR day activities include staff meetings, MTSS work, First Aid/CPR training, and classroom preparation.

**Assessment & Academic Monitoring:**

Staff are preparing for the MAP Growth testing window and are exploring scheduling strategies to reduce student fatigue.

**Student Activities:**

Students continue to participate in track and State FFA activities.

**Professional Networking:**

Mrs. Hanson attended the National Conference on Education in Nashville, February 11–15, focusing on Career and Technical Education pathways and opportunities for students, aligning with district goals.

**Old Business: None**

**Items for Discussion:**

**Milligan Data-Staff Survey Review -** Mrs. Hanson discussed the survey results, including areas of strengths and areas needing improvement. The Board agreed the reports are helpful and would like to continue receiving them. Each Board member will attend a staff meeting over the next 3 weeks to discuss the results further.

**New Business:**

1. **Hire Head Cook:** The Board agreed to move the hiring of Head Cook up on the agenda to allow Pam Forrest to leave earlier: Dan made a motion to hire Pam Forrest for Head Cook position. The contract will include two weeks prior to the start of school and two weeks after school ends. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Seniors:** KJ made a motion to approve the Class of 2026 budget. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Dan made a motion to approve the Senior class trip scheduled in April. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

3. **Stahly Basement Proposal:** The Board discussed the proposal with Michael Frudaki regarding development of a comprehensive plan for the basement project. The item was tabled to review previous payments and will be revisited at the next meeting.
4. **Open Math Position:** Dan made a motion to open the Math position. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Intercap Loan Resolution:** KJ made a motion to approve the Intercap Loan Resolution. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
6. **Open Library/BPA Advisor Position:** KJ made a motion to open the Library/BPA Advisor position. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
7. **Summer Groundskeeper:** Dan made a motion to open the Summer Groundskeeper position. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
8. **Technology Contract:** Dan made a motion to approve the Technology Contract as presented. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
9. **Memorandum of Understanding:** Dan made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Evaluations as presented. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
10. **Amend CoOp Funding:** KJ made a motion to amend the CoOp funding from $1500 to $2500. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
11. **Policy 5120 (P)1: Hiring Process and Criteria-Federal Background Check**
12. **Resolution Estimating Changes in Revenue/Mills for FY2026:** KJ made a motion to adopt the resolution estimating changes in revenue/mills for the 2026 school fiscal year. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies 2027.docx.pdf
13. **MTSBA Policy Updates and Reviews**
    - **1120- Annual Organization Meeting**
    - **1610- Goals and Objectives**
    - **2210- Objectives**
    - **2162- P2- Section 504- Procedures**
    - **2322- Contest for Students**
    - **2700- AI Integration in Education**
    - **3210- Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination**
    - **3224- Student Dress**
    - **3311- Firearms and Weapons**
    - **3415- Management of Sports Related Concussions**
    - **3520- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**
    - **4210-P1- School-Support Organizations, Boosters and Fundraisers**
    - **4332- Conduct on School Property**
    - **5010- Equal Employment Opportunity and Nondiscrimination**
    - **5222- Evaluation of Staff**
    - **5223: Personal Conduct***
    - **5314: Substitutes**
    - **5420- Paraprofessionals**
    - **5510- HIPPA**
    - **6110- Superintendent**
    - **6410- Evaluation of Administrative Staff**
    - **7430- Financial Reporting and Audits**
    - **7500- Property Records**
    - **8124- Student Conduct on Buses**
    - **8410- Operation and Maintenance of Facilities**
    - **8550- Cyber Incident Response**

KJ made a motion to table the MTSBA policies after further review. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00pm.

KJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

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Chairman of the Board District Clerk

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Date Date