School Board Meeting
Lavina Public School Music Room
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 7:00p.m.

Minutes

On Tuesday, April 14, 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, Kim Kopetzky, Susan Hayes, Sarah Bruner, Stacey Mihalovich, Sarah Lyda, Garrett Conway Keeley Fauth, Lillie Jansen, Kelli Schwehr, Ian Hanson, Emily Mihet, Kayla Maki, and Lindsey Fauth.

Attending virtually: Eric Tillman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting on March 9, 2026. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Public Participation/Comments: Susan Hayes stated that the calendar reflects 168 days, as an update to the April 13, 2026 special board meeting.

KJ entered at 7:02p.m.

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 the Student Council is currently holding a coin drive fundraiser to pie an eighth grader in the face, reported on the schoolwide Easter egg hunt and they are getting ready for elections.
3. **Teacher's organization:** Kelli Schwehr reported Pre-ACT is tomorrow, midterm is the 22nd, NHS is partnering with Student Council for the Color Run, and the Awards Banquet is on May 13th, and MTSS training will be this summer.
4. **AD's Report:** Francine reported on the first track meet in Red Lodge; participation includes 44 junior high students and 25 high school students. Class C Caucus will be held in June. Athletic Banquet will be held on May 18th in Broadview, with sports physicals also on that date.
5. **Maintenance Report:** Mrs Hanson reported that plumbing repairs completed over spring break resolved odor issues. Roofing repairs were completed over Mrs. Carpenter's classroom and the break room following wind damage.
6. **Ag/Ed Update:**
   Representative Eric Tillman provided an overview of Ag/Ed programs in Montana, including funding structures, dual enrollment(Future Ready Payments), Advanced Opportunities Grant allocations, FFA programming and extended contracts for AgEd teachers.

Superintendent's Report:

Preliminary Budget Report: 1,293,977.68

CEP Update: District does not currently qualify.

SNP Audit: OPI issued 12 compliance findings; corrective action required.

Title Audit: Jack O'Connor hired for support.

Ford Explorer: Ford Explorer acquired using InterCap loan.

Side by Side Consulting Update: Currently working with staff to improve reading instruction. Hired with reading grant funding.

Stahly project: Due to insufficient MHPG funding for concrete work in the basement, administration proposed revising the scope to focus on upstairs window replacement; board consensus supported the change

Certified Staff Rehire Recommendations: Sarah Bruner, Lisa Carpenter, Abigayle Hansen, Susan Hayes, Janet Jansen, Kim Kopetzky, Sary Lyda(Tenure), Kayla Maki, Ivy Mallo, Cedar Martin(Tenure), Stacey Mihalovich, Kelli Schwehr, Scott Severance.

Classified Staff Rehire Recommendations: Charlotte Ainslie-Kitchen, Kelly Becktold-Bus Driver, Francine Egge, AD/Title Aide/Bus Driver, Sam Fish-Night Custodian, Brandi Gregeroff-SPED Aide, Michaela Jones- Morning Custodian, Rena Kouba-Secretary, Alexis Paladino-SPED Aide, Susan Wood-Bus Driver

Old Business:

1. **MTSBA Policy Updates and Reviews-**
   Multiple policies were presented for review. KJ made a motion to table the MTSBA policies after further review. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Items for Discussion:

Federal Ed-Flex Waivers: State Superintendent Susie Hedalan applied for a waiver to allow flexibility in Title fund allocation as needed.

Regional Water Project - Project is approximately 8 miles north of Lavina; expected completion by year-end. Service to Lavina will happen simultaneously with Broadview. Expected completion at the end of the 2026 calendar year..

New Business:

1. **Senior Class - Approve Recessional Song:** Motion was made by Ben to approve recessional song for the Seniors, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Junior Class - 2027 Graduation:** Ben made a motion to set May 15, 2027 as the graduation date, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
3. **Student Council Constitution:** Ben made a motion to approve revised article, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Keeley and Emily left at 8:20p.m.

4. **Bus Transportation Agreement/Musselshell County:** Ben made a motion to approve the Musselshell County Bus Transportation Agreement, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Teacher Resignation:** Ben made a motion to accept resignation of Lynsey Heiken, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
6. **Bus Driver Resignation:** Ben made a motion to approve resignation for Charlie Egge, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
7. **Diplomas:** Ben made a motion to approve the 8th grade and senior diploma's, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
8. **Out of District Paperwork:** Ben made a motion to approve the Out of District paperwork for the 2026-2027 school year, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
9. **Certified Contracts:** Ben made a motion to approve Certified contracts as recommended, Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
10. **Classified Contracts:** KJ made a motion to approve Classified staff recommendations, Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

11. Open Positions:

Head of Maintenance Position: Ben made a motion, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Open Elementary Position: Ben made a motion, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Open Literacy Coach Position: KJ made a motion, Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Open North Route Driver Position: Ben made a motion, KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. KJ 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

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Chairman of the Board District Clerk

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Date Date