

Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

A regular meeting of the District 69 Board of Education, Pawnee County, was held on Thursday, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m., the meeting being open to the public and proceeded in notice as required by law. Notice of this meeting was given to the President and all members of the Board and a copy of the acknowledgement of notice and the agenda is noted in the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the public in advanced notice and to the President of the Board and all Board members.

The meeting was called to order, the Open Meetings Law poster recognized, and verbal notice that the meeting was recorded was given by the President and on a roll call vote, the following members were present: Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, Searcey, Stake, and Wehrbein. Excused Absence: Also present: Todd Halvorsen, Juli Smith, Emily Bohling and several visitors.

Nominations for Board President: Rule was nominated by Searcey, seconded by Mencl, Wehrbein moved nominations cease. Votes were cast and Rule was elected President by a vote of 5-0.

Nominations for Vice President: Searcey was nominated by Bredemeier, seconded by Stake, Wehrbein moved nominations cease. Votes were cast and Searcey was elected Vice President by a vote of 5-0.

Nominations for Treasurer: Bredemeier was nominated by Searcey, seconded by Wehrbein, Stake moved nominations cease. Votes were cast and Bredemeier was elected Treasurer by a vote of 5-0.

Board members reviewed Policy 2012 & 2013 Code of Ethics Policies.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the Board Designations and Appointments as follows:

- Mr. Halvorsen was appointed as the district representative for all State and Federal programs including REAP, Title I, Title IX, Homeless Liaison, the district’s nondiscrimination coordinator, suicide prevention coordinator and board secretary for the 26-27 school year.
- Mrs. Smith was appointed as Tech Prep Advisory representative, Drug & Alcohol representative, and Multicultural Liaison for the 26-27 school year.
- Dana F. Cole & Company as the district auditor.
- KSB Law Firm as the district’s legal counsel.
- Emily Bohling as the board secretary recorder & the board treasurer’s designee.
- The Pawnee Republican as the district’s primary newspaper of record for legal notices.
- Pinnacle Bank as the district’s primary financial depository.

Those voting in favor of said motion: Stake, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, and Searcey. Those opposed: non. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Stake and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve item 9.5 with the correction stating that the Board President will act as Board Liaison to NASB for Governmental. Those

voting in favor of said motion: Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, Searcey, and Stake. Those opposed: non. Motion carried, 6-0.

Board committees for 2026 were reviewed and discussed. There were no committee changes made.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Stake “to approve Consent Agenda items 10.2, December 10th meeting minutes, 10.5, Lunch/Activities Account Those voting in favor of said motion: Mencl, Rule, Searcey, Stake, Wehrbein, and Bredemeier. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Move by Wehrbein and seconded by Searcey “to approve agenda items 10.3, January Treasurers Report with an ending balance of \$211,765.32, 10.4, General Fund Claims in the amount of \$104,063.08 and payroll in the amount of \$308,565.64, Those voting in favor of said motion: Rule, Searcey, Stake, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, and Mencl. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitor comments. There were no comments.

Dana Cole reported on the 24-25 audit. No action was taken.

Todd Halvorsen, Superintendent, reported on the 26-27 Superintendent Goals, the Legislative Issues Conference, current Board member information, progress on the 2013 International Bus, and crushed concrete for parking.

The Principal’s report was provided in the board packet. No formal action was taken.

The Special Education Report was provided in the board packet. No formal action was taken.

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve the 24-25 audit as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Stake, Wehrbein, Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, and Searcey. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0

Moved by Searcey and seconded by Wehrbein “to approve policies 2001, 2002, 2003, 2010, 2011, and 2014 as presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, Searcey, Stake, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Wehrbein and seconded by Bredemeier “to approve Board committees for 2026 as reviewed and presented.” Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Mencl, Rule, Searcey, Stake, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding conflict of interest. Each board member completed a new conflict of interest form, and those forms will be kept on file in the Superintendent’s office. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025-2026 master calendar. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding the 2013 International CE Bus. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed contract extension for Rick Kentfield. No action was taken.

Moved by Stake and seconded by Searcey “to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.”. Those voting in favor of said motion: Bredemeier, Stake, Mencl, Rule, Searcey, and Wehrbein. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Americanism Committee will be held Thursday, February 12th, at 6:30 p.m..

Next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Emily Bohling
Business Manager, Dist. #69