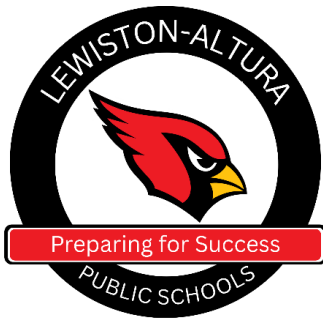




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Mark Gruen, Superintendent
Dave Riebel, PreKdg – 5 Principal
Cory Hanson, 6-12 Principal

To: LA School Board Members
From: Mark Gruen
Re: Superintendent's Report
Date: August 17, 2026

IV. Approve the Meeting Agenda

VI. Open Forum Guideline: Three minutes per speaker; 15 minutes maximum. Complaints about personnel or individuals are prohibited. No Board action is taken during the Open Forum. This is the only time during the Board meeting that audience participation is allowed unless scheduled prior.

VII. Consent Agenda - **Requesting a motion to approve with thanks on the resignations.**

A. Board Meeting Minutes:

B. Financial Reports

- a. Board Bills
- b. Student Activity Report
- c. Treasury Report
- d. Miscellaneous Payments
- e. Wire Payments

C. Staffing

- Accept the resignation of Samuel Pedersen, PE/Health teacher, for the 2026-27 school year, effective July 24, 2026.
- Approve the hire of Cole Mundt as PE/Health teacher for the 2026-27 school year at BA Step 2.
- Approve hire of Carrieann Uhren as substitute bus and van driver.

VIII.

X. Handbook Updates Support Staff, Bus Drivers, Teaching Staff - **Requesting a motion to approve the updated handbooks.**

XI. AD/Dean of Students Contract – **Requesting a motion to approve the new contract as presented.**

XII. Personnel Support Staff Wages – **It was brought to our attention that Gwen must have shared a draft with Linda – by mistake- that included pay increases for the summer employees. Linda used these salaries in hiring for the summer. Adm. Team including Julie S. agree that we should not go back on the amount offered. This does not amount to a large amount and the hourly wage is actually in line with the new document. Requesting a motion to update the hourly wage chart to what was used – back dating it to the start of summer.**

XIII. Property Transfer Petition – **Ryan Ihrke a resident of St.Charles is requesting that we transfer his 10 Acre parcel become part of the St.Charles School District. It appears that he wanted to run for the St.Charles school board and does not live in their district. Gwen and I talked about this in June and we agreed that we can not think of a reason the board would consider this. My recommendation would be to deny the request.**

XIV. PK-6 Principal's Report

XV. L-A High School Principal's Report

XVI. Superintendent's Report

XVII. Board Committee Reports Speaker(s): Superintendent Carman Speaker(s): Superintendent Carman

XVIII. Adjourn

Questions:

Snow Removal bids – are you ok with us doing a 2 year bid?

New Dates

Quotes

FYI: - Brein and I signed a contract renewal with HVED –

FYI – We were not 100% on the contract for business services – July. In summary, we are paying less this year than last. FY26 was \$68,958, FY27 is \$67,406. (5% increase over FY26 then less \$5,000 for Julie moving to mostly remote work)

Superintendent Transition: .

November 2026 School Board Elections: Learning on this. Shelly Pringle filled the required time slots and has been working with me on any other requirements. i

Summer School Board Meeting Location Change Reminder: The summer meetings *August 17th* will be held at City of Lewiston Council Meeting Room.

Permanent School Fund Amendment Information for November Election - <https://mnmsba.org/advocacy/permanent-school-fund/> How do we want to inform the community related to what this is, no tax increase, money for schools, and to get out to vote?

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Belief Statements (internal operations- beliefs to drive decisions):

- **LIFELONG LEARNERS:** We believe in the value of education for all ages.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** We believe we are accountable for our actions and outcomes.
- **COMMUNITY CENTERED:** We believe our schools are the central hub of our community and essential for building strong communities.
- **ADAPTABLE:** We believe in being responsive to an ever-changing world.
- **RESPECTFUL:** We believe in everyone's right to safety, respect, and dignity in our schools.
- **DIVERSE:** We believe in fostering the value of each other's individual differences, perspectives, and life experiences.
- **STUDENT FOCUSED:** We believe that we are all responsible for the success of students.

Goals

1. **STUDENT SUCCESS:** Provide all students with the education they need for success: academically, emotionally, and socially.
2. **EFFECTIVE STAFFING:** Hire, maintain, train and support staff to be as effective as possible.
3. **FINANCE:** Be financially healthy and sustainable.
4. **FACILITIES:** Have facilities that are safe, modern and conducive to 21st century education.
5. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Engage with parents, community members and business owners.