LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Lawton Community Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2026
High School Board Room

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools was held Monday, September 21, 2026 beginning at 7:00pm in the HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM.

- Board members present: Steve Carroll, Eric Smith, Bryan Cronenwett, Larissa Hunt, Walter Hitchcock, Nate Pursley, Matt Riggs
- Board members absent: None

A. **CALL TO ORDER** - This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during forum time.
Motion: Hitchcock
Support: Hunt
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the agenda as presented."

B. **FORUM TIME** - Comments specific to meeting agenda

C. **BUDGET REPORTS**

D. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Master Schedules – Elementary School, Middle School, High School
      1. Elementary School Master Schedule
      2. Middle School Master Schedule
      3. High School Master Schedule
   B. MASB Annual Leadership Conference Reminder

E. **NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
   A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
      Motion: Smith
      Support: Cronenwett
      Carried: 7-0
      "RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves consent agenda items: 7. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N."
   B. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes
      "RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the August 17, 2026 Regular Minutes as presented."
   C. Hire Resolution – Henshaw – Childcare Provider

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Catherine Henshaw as a Childcare Provider for Lawton Little Learners."

D. Hire Resolution – Tomsic – JV Sideline Cheer
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Kim Tomsic as a JV Sideline Cheer Head Coach."

E. Hire Resolution – Mandujano – MS Boys Soccer Coach
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Martin Mandujano as a Middle School Boys Soccer Coach."

F. Hire Resolution – Woodward – 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Ryan Woodward as a 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach."

G. Hire Resolution – Hernandez – Title I Paraprofessional
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Selina Hernandez as a Title I Paraprofessional for the Elementary."

H. Hire Resolution – Dykstra – Childcare Provider
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Charlotte Dykstra as a Childcare Provider for Lawton Little Learners."

I. Hire Resolution – Slevatz – Special Education Paraprofessional
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Raegan Slevatz as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the Elementary."

J. Hire Resolution – Williams – Special Education Paraprofessional
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Marc Williams as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the Elementary."

K. Hire Resolution – Smith – LAAC Paraprofessional
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Starr Smith as an LAAC Paraprofessional."

L. Resignation Resolution – O'Neal – Bus Driver
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Natalia O'Neal as a Bus Driver effective August 7, 2026."

M. Resignation Resolution – Nienhuis – MS Girls Soccer Coach
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Addison Nienhuis as a Middle School Soccer Coach effective August 18, 2026."

N. Resignation Resolution – Ludwig – Varsity Softball Coach
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Madison Ludwig as a Varsity Softball Coach effective August 20, 2026."

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Points of Pride
Bandfield-DJ sent favorable email about homecoming dance
Cronenwett-thank Tamara and Jon giving tour to Class of '76

B. Renewal – Standards of Practice Document
Motion: Hunt
Support: Hitchcock
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education renews the Standards of Practice as a model for the effective governance of the district."

C. MASB Voting Delegate
No vote necessary since no one is planning on going to the conferrence
~~Motion:~~

~~Support:~~
~~Carried:~~
~~"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education appoints _____ as a voting delegate."~~

D. Facilities & Student Activities Committee Meeting – 09.16.26

Committee: Facilities, Athletics, Student Activities
Date of Meeting: 9.16.26
Committee Members attending: Cronenwett, Riggs, Smith
Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Turner
Type of committee report:
X Reporting/updating
X Recommending board action
Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:
The committee met on Wednesday Sept 16 to discuss a number of topics.

1. Middle School Facility Assessment Review
   a. Completed the MS review and now have all areas reviewed. Changes will be compiled and sent to Triangle.
2. Elementary Sewer Pipe
   a. Continued exploration on any further things that can be done to prevent parking lot flooding. Monday 9.21 the district will be looking at the potential of connecting the problem area to another pipe running along the front of the building.
3. Elementary Humidity
   a. Discussion around the challenges, adjustments, and remedies that were suggested and done. Suggestion to maintain awareness of humidity and HVAC concerns while in discussion of the Elementary Site Assessment and the future plans of the Elementary. The committee will explore future air quality testing
4. 8th Grade Washington Field Trip
   a. Explored the Proposal submitted for the Washington DC Trip for 8th grade which is tentatively scheduled for the summer after the school year is complete. There were comments around safety, behavior, communication, and cost. Since the meeting responses from Mrs. Ashmus & Mr. Williams has been provided to the committee. The Committee moves this to the BOE for consideration.
5. Champions 101
   a. The committee learned more about Champions 101 and potential implementation. This is a program for athletes, coaches, and parents that focus on the foundational mindsets, choices, and behaviors that help people become worthy of winning in sports and in life.

CHAIR DOES NOT NEED TO READ THE FOLLOWING BOARD ACTIONS AS THEY WILL BE RESOLUTIONS AFTER THE COMMITTEE REPORT

E. Washington DC – Out of State Approval
Motion: Smith
Support: Riggs
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the out of state Washington DC trip planned for June 7, 2027 through June 10, 2027."

F. Curriculum Committee Meeting – 09.21.26
Committee: Curriculum Committee
Date of Meeting: Monday Sept 21 @ 6:00pm
Committee Members attending: Pursley , Hunt, Smith

Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Webster
Type of committee report:
X Reporting/updating
X Recommending board action
Feb 19 Meeting Report
The committee met on Monday September 21 for for review of the proposed Text for 8th Grade Social Studies
The committee agreed to proceed with the BOE to consider a resolution for approval.
1. Purchase of Textbook – **Roll Call Vote**
Motion: Pursley
Support: Hunt
Carried: 7-0
Ayes: Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hunt, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs
Nays: None
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves adoption of the digital and student editions of Savvas American History Beginning to 1877 for a six-year cycle. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and ending in the 2031-2032 school year. The price of this adoption would not exceed $15,109.16."

G. Thrun Policy Adoption – **Roll Call Vote**
Motion: Hunt
Support: Pursley
Carried: 7-0
Ayes: Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hunt, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs
Nays: None
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of Thrun Policy and Administrative Guidelines. The cost to purchase the Policy Manual and Administrative Guidelines/Forms is $14,000 with an Annual Update Cost not to exceed $2,750 per year."

H. Neola Policy – Vol. 40, No. 2 – 2nd Reading
Motion: Smith
Support: Cronenwett
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education adopts the Neola Board Policies 2418, 7540.09, and 8120.09 from Vol. 40, No. 2 as presented."

I. FOIA Appeal to Board of Education
Motion: Cronenwett
Support: Smith
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education, in reference to the appeal the district's denial of a FOIA request received on August 17th, has determined to issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial and directs the Superintendent to issue the written notice of the Board's decision to the requestor."

9. **FORUM TIME**
Carroll-congratulations to Cronenwett and Smith on the golf outing
Hitchcock-issue of board pay, negotiate with staff but should also look into what the board get paid, would like to be $500-$1,000 for time/gas
Hunt-discussion of cell tower

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Submitted by: 

Larissa Hunt, Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Secretary