

**MINUTES OF THE ISD #857 LEWISTON-ALTURA REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**December 8, 2025**

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #857 was held on December 8, 2025 at 6:00pm in the High School Library. Members present were Bree Maki, Daniel Kreidermacher, David Baer, Sara Daley, Luke Miller, Dave Pringle. Amber Pasche was absent.

Chair Maki called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Business Manager Julie Grant presented information for the Truth in Taxation Public Meeting. Public comments were heard and addressed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to approve the meeting agenda. MCU.

Daley moved and Miller seconded a motion to approve a Resolution CONGRATULATING THE LEWISTON-ALTURA / RUSHFORD-PETERSON / HOUSTON CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON WINNING FIRST PLACE AT THE MSHSL STATE MEET. The Resolution includes recognition of the coaching staff for outstanding leadership, guidance and encouragement, fostering not only athletic excellence but also sportsmanship, character, and academic achievement among the student-athletes. Resolution approved by all. 2025 Cross County Head Coach Matt Kingsbury was present and shared his pride in the student athletes and all who contributed to their success for the past several years.

Alyssa Pringle presented a LAHS student report.

Luke Pfothauer presented updates on the renovations planned for the elementary and high schools. Bid for much for the planned work will be opened December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Baer and second by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU.

Motion by Pringle and second by Daley to Certify the 2025 Levy to be collected in 2026 for \$3,227,956.54, MCU.

Motion by Baer and second by Pringle to approve the 2025-2027 Master Agreement between Independent School District 857 and Education Minnesota Lewiston – Altura, pending approval by EdMN/L-A. MCU.

Motion by Kreidermacher and seconded by Daley to modify the 2025-2027 Support Staff Wage and Benefits Handbook to reflect that support staff (paraprofessionals, office staff, food service staff, not including student workers) hired before July 1, 2025 and earning less than \$16.50 per hour, wages will be increased to \$16.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026. All other support staff will receive a 0.5% hourly raise increase effective January 1, 2026.

Motion by Daley and seconded by Kreidermacher to approve modification of the 2025-2027 Bus Driver and Supplementary Driver Wage and Benefits Handbook to reflect that supplementary (van) drivers' wage will increase from \$16.17 per hour to \$16.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026.

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Miller to approve not 'topping off' with district paid leave if an employee is receiving MN Paid Leave. MCU.

The Board discussed the request from the Cardinal Foundation for board members to meet with them to discuss the districts' priorities and budgeting to facilitate communication with the Foundation and support

them in their prioritization process. Daley agreed to meet with the Foundation. Chair Maki will ask Pasche. Miller or Bree may also be available. Superintendent Porter will follow up with the Foundation regarding doing this at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Motion by Baer and seconded by Pringle to approve Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, and Policy 516 Student Medication and Telehealth on a first reading. MCU.

Motion by Baer and second by Miller to approve Policies 101 Legal Status of the School District; 527 Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles, Patrols, Inspections and Searches; 527F Student Parking Permit Request; 528 Student Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination. MCU.

Reports were presented by Elementary Principal Riebel, High School Principal Hanson, Dashir, Superintendent Porter and Board members.

Pringle moved and Kreidermacher seconded to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with LAPA at 8:25pm. MCU.

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Kreidermacher to reopen the meeting to the public at 9:13pm.

Motion by Pringle and seconded by Baer to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm. MCU.

Dave Pringle, Clerk