

LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

January 5, 2026

7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. **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.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **2**
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6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
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9. **FORUM TIME**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Ben Bandfield  
DATE: January 5, 2026  
SUBJECT: Approval of Agenda

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

**"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the agenda as presented."**

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Ben Bandfield  
DATE: January 5, 2026  
SUBJECT: New Business Consent Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

**"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves consent agenda items: 7. A, B, and C."**

## December 2025 Student of the Month

To: Board of Education  
From: David Williams  
Date: January 5, 2026  
Re: Middle School Resolutions

### **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

**“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for being Students of the Month for the month of December: Fifth Grade Isabella Servello, Sixth Grade Malachi Wold, Seventh Grade Amelia Christiani, and Eighth Grade Eve Martini.”**

#### **Isabella Servello; Daughter of Anthony Servello and Roberta Lentner**

Isabella Servello is a hard working student who is well deserving of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade December Student of the Month. She puts her best effort into solving whatever challenge awaits her. While quiet, don't mistake her for dismissive; she carries a positive energy into the classroom that the students all benefit from. Isabella is truly an inspiration to Lawton Middle School and great things are ahead of her.

#### **Malachi Wold; Son of Thomas Wold and Angel Nesbitt**

Malachi embodies the qualities of a remarkable student: curiosity, discipline and engagement. For these reasons, it is our privilege to select Malachi Wold as our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade December Student of the Month.

Malachi Wold is an outstanding student with an amazing work ethic. He has shown himself to be an honest, hardworking, and determined young man. He is usually the first student in the room and one of the last to leave. Malachi asks tough, insightful questions, and he consistently gives his best effort on homework and tests. He actively participates in group discussions, offering insights that encourage his classmates to think critically and collaborate effectively.

#### **Amelia Christiani; Daughter of Trent and Bianca Cristiani**

Amelia exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding 7<sup>th</sup> Grade December student of the month through her enthusiasm, responsibility, leadership, and engagement.

Amelia consistently demonstrates exceptional dedication and a strong commitment to her learning. She is a reliable, motivated, and focused student who takes pride in her work. She asks thoughtful, challenging questions and approaches assignments and assessments with care and determination. In addition to her academic strengths, Amelia is a natural leader in the classroom. She is always willing to help classmates, whether by explaining concepts, offering encouragement, or guiding group work. Her positive attitude and willingness to support others contribute to a respectful and collaborative learning environment.

#### **Evelina Martini; Daughter of Tami Martini**

For the month of December, the 8th grade team would like to nominate Eve Martini for student of the month. Eve gives her best effort on every task given to her. She is incredibly kind to staff and peers, demonstrating the ROAR principals on a daily basis. She has made great improvements with her learning, and she shows a great amount of courage and grit when challenged with something difficult. We are all very proud of the work and attitude she brings to Lawton Middle School!



# LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2025 High School Board Room

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A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools was held Monday, December 15, 2025 beginning at 7:00pm in the HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM.

- Board members present: Walter Hitchcock, Steve Carroll, Bryan Cronenwett, Larissa Hunt, Nate Pursley, Matt Riggs, Eric Smith
  - Board members absent: None
1. **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.
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Motion: Riggs  
Support: Carroll  
Carried: 7-0  
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the agenda as presented."
  4. **FORUM TIME** - Comments specific to meeting agenda
  5. **BUDGET REPORTS**
  6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
    - A. Special Recognitions
      1. Student of the Month
  7. **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: A, B, C, D, E, and F."
    - B. Special Recognition Resolution Approvals
      1. Middle School  
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for being Students of the Month for the month of November: Fifth Grade Braylee Marcoux, Sixth Grade Scarlett Sweet, Seventh Grade Jax Thatcher, and Eighth Grade Levi Baldus."

**Braylee Marcoux; Daughter of Layken Marcoux**

Braylee Marcoux is a wonderful example of a Student of the Month for the 5th grade. She is consistently kind and helpful to others, always looking for ways to support her classmates and contribute positively to our classroom community. Braylee works hard during independent work time and takes pride in doing her best. She also participates thoughtfully during class discussions and activities. One of Braylee's greatest strengths is her confidence to ask questions and let me know when something feels challenging, which shows strong self-advocacy and a desire to learn. Her positive attitude and dedication make her a joy to have in class.

**Scarlett Sweet; Daughter of Lucien and Dessirae Sweet**

The 6th Grade Student of the Month for November is... Scarlett Sweet!

Scarlett consistently demonstrates our Lawton Middle School R.O.A.R. expectations. She is always prepared for class and on time, whether that means having necessary materials, homework completed or being prepared for and ready to take a test. She keeps track of her assignments and does a great job managing her time. Scarlett always puts forth her best effort in all of her classes! If Scarlett is unsure of directions or expectations for an assignment, she does not hesitate to ask for clarification. A positive attitude is something we know Scarlett will bring to every class every day. Although often quiet, Scarlett is always respectful to all staff and peers. She is very aware of her surroundings and is the first to jump in and help a teacher or peer if she sees the opportunity.

Scarlett demonstrates a great deal of maturity and already has great habits in place to be successful. These qualities will not only be helpful throughout middle and high school, but will enable her to excel on whatever post-high school path she chooses. Scarlett has what it takes to push herself to reach her dreams. For all of these reasons and many more, we are proud and excited to recognize Scarlett Sweet as Student of the Month!"

**Jax Thatcher; Son of Robyn and Donald Thatcher**

The 7th grade nominee is Jax Thatcher. Jax stands out for being respectful to all his classmates as well as teachers. He consistently gives his best on his assignments, asking the teacher for help and then applying it right away. He's a great student and is always on task!

**Levi Baldus; Son of John and Dorothy Baldus**

The 8th grade team nominates Levi Baldus for November's student of the month. Levi is a phenomenal student who is kind, caring, and thoughtful in all that he does. His thoughtfulness and positivity carries through all of his classes. Levi is often found helping others and going out of his way to help out classmates. Levi takes his studies seriously and is a great role model for others. He shows Lawton Middle School's core values of responsibility, ownership, attitude, and respect on a daily basis. Congratulations to Levi, our November Student of the Month!

2. High School

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for being Students of the Month.

**Anika Weurding, daughter of Lisa Weurding and Derek Weurding:**

One Teacher wrote: Quiet, dedicated, and remarkably smart, Anika Weurding consistently challenges herself to grow and succeed. I'm proud of her commitment to excellence and the example she sets in our classroom.

**Hunter Nugteren, son of Elizabeth Nugteren and Joshua Nugteren:**

One Teacher wrote: Hunter Nugteren is an exceptionally hard-working, respectful, and kind student who consistently demonstrates impressive intelligence. His thoughtful responses and deep understanding of material make him a standout learner in our classroom.

- C. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
 “RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 1, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.”
- D. Hire Resolution – Payne - Bookkeeper  
 “RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Emily Payne as a Bookkeeper for the Business Office.”
- E. Resignation Resolution – Schubert – MS Track Head Coach - Girls  
 “RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jessica Schubert as an MS Track Head Coach - Girls effective November 20, 2025.”
- F. Resignation Resolution – Bullock – MS Track Head Coach - Boys  
 “RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kris Bullock as an MS Track Head Coach - Boys effective November 23, 2025.”
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. Points of Pride  
 Hitchcock – AJ did a great job with Holiday breakfast  
 Hunt – spent time with David Williams and Risky Words survey and participation from students was great
- B. Finance Committee Meeting – 12.01.25  
 Committee: Finance  
 Date of Meeting: 12.1.25 @ 7:10  
 Committee Members attending: Carroll, Cronenwett, Riggs  
 Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield  
 Type of committee report:  
 X Reporting/updating  
 X Recommending board action  
 Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:  
 The committee met to discuss a few items on Monday 12.1
- Public Act 1 of 2025 - Increase of Minimum Wage  
 Under Public Act 1 of 2025, Michigan’s minimum wage will increase on Jan 1, 2026. The BOE will need to comply with this Act and is in favor of a Letter of Agreement with LESPA for awareness of complying and making the necessary adjustments to the impacted classifications and steps.
  - Brief conversation about upcoming Finance Committee Meeting Needs including Audit Presentation, Internal Controls in the Business Office, and State Budget changes  
 The committee chair does not need to read the resolution, it will be a separate Agenda Item.
- RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:  
 "RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves supporting a letter of agreement with the LESPA to comply with Public Act 1 of 2025
- C. LESPA Letter of Agreement  
 Motion: Cronenwett  
 Support: Hunt  
 Carried: 7-0  
 “RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves supporting a letter of agreement with the LESPA for Public Act 1 of 2025, regarding Michigan’s minimum wage increase to take effect January 1, 2026.”
- D. Neola Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – **Roll Call Vote**  
 Motion: Riggs  
 Support: Carroll

Carried: 7-0

Ayes: Hitchcock, Carroll, Cronenwett, Hunt, Pursley, Riggs, Smith

Nays: None

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education adopts the Neola Board Policy 8330 and the policies in Vol. 40, No. 1, excluding policy 5460, as presented.”

9. **FORUM TIME**

Cronenwett – news said they’re trying to pass a bill for health guidelines; Webster – reproductive health is chosen by the community, not the board; Hunt – we should have an advisory board the meet about this

Cronenwett – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball numbers are low; Bandfield – believes there’s just one team for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Hunt – inquired about struggle with numbers, ex. Competitive Cheer; Smith – sees numbers strong 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below but falling off in high school

10. **CLOSED SESSION** – to consider a period personnel evaluation as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(a) – **Roll Call Vote**

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:46pm and returned to Open Session at 8:19pm.

Motion: Hunt

Support: Riggs

Carried: 7-0

Ayes: Hitchcock, Carroll, Cronenwett, Hunt, Pursley, Riggs, Smith

Nays: None

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation as alloed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(a).”

10. **OPEN SESSION**

Motion: Hunt

Support: Cronenwett

Carried: 7-0

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education return to Open Session.”

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Larissa Hunt, Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Secretary

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Ben Bandfield  
DATE: January 5, 2026  
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

**"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented."**



### Committee Report Form

**Committee:** Facilities, Athletics, Student Activities

**Date of Meeting:** 12.22.25 @ 9am

**Committee Members attending:** Cronenwett, Riggs, Smith

**Administrator(s) attending:** Bandfield,

**Type of committee report:**

X	Reporting/updating
	Recommending board action

**Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:**

The committee met on Monday 12.22 with representatives from Triangle and TMP to discuss the Facility Assessment process.

The committee talked through some items that have been discussed among the committee members in the past for potential future projects to share their thoughts with the representatives from Triangle and TMP.

The plan remains to have a Facility Assessment completed to present to the BOE in our March work session, with the potential of the FASA committee meeting with Triangle prior to go over the report.

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