

Regular School Board Meeting of ISD 857

Monday, October 12, 2026 6:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM, 100 County Road 25 , Lewiston, MN 55952

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Quorum Call

David Baer
Sara Daley
Daniel Kreidermacher
Bree Maki
Luke Miller
Amber Pasche
Dave Pringle

IV. Approve the October Meeting Agenda

V. L-A High School Student Report

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

Resignations

Emily Thill - JV Dance Coach

Hiring

Elementary Para - Dianna Martinez

Junior High Softball Coach - John Larkie

Maddie Cone, Emma Miller, Kendall Goyette - JV Dance

(Split equally 3 ways)

A. September Board Meeting Minutes:

B. Financial Reports a. Board Bills

b. Student Activity Report

c. Treasury Report

d. Miscellaneous Payments

e. Wire Payments

VIII. Construction Update

IX. Daily Substitute Rate

X. Spanish trip to Argentina or Costa Rica -
Summer of 2029

XI. Snow removal bids

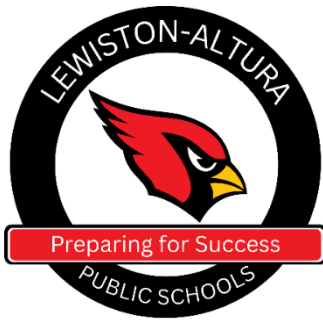
XII. PK-5 Principal's Report

XIII. L-A High School Principal's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. Board Committee Reports
Finance - Next meeting - Oct. 27 @ 9AM

XVI. Adjourn



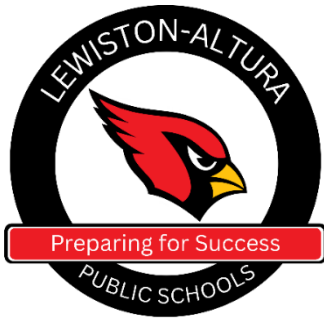
Lewiston–Altura Public School District
100 County Road 25
Lewiston, MN 55952
www.lewalt.k12.mn.us
(507) 523-2191

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

To: School Board Members
From: Mark Gruen
Re: Minutes
Date: September 14, 2026

- I. Call the Meeting to Order- **President Maki called the meeting to order at 6PM**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Quorum Call
David Baer
Sara Daley
Daniel Kreidermacher
Bree Maki
Luke Miller
Amber Pasche - **Absent**
Dave Pringle
- IV. Approve the Agenda – **Motion by Pringle/Baer – motion carried**
- V. L-A High School Student Report- **Homecoming this week**
- VI. Ingensea Update – **People will be around for a while – create a list of things needing to be fixed or finished and get it to construction Dave. Cc an Administrator.**
- VII. Open Forum – **No one shared**
- VIII. Consent Agenda –**Motion by Pringle/Miller – motion carried**
 - a. Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Reports
 - i. Board Bills
 - ii. Student Activity Report
 - iii. Treasury Report
 - iv. Miscellaneous Payments
 - v. Wire Payments
 - c. Resignations
 - i. Makayla Burt – JH Softball
 - ii. Amy Kingsley – Ast. Golf
 - d. Hires
 - i. CC Para – Matthew Sprague
 - ii. Building Sub – Jill Pigott
- IX. Lewiston- Altura Levy Document (Julie) **Not ready – No action**

- X. Pickle Ball Courts at the High School – **No action – but consensus to allow the community fund raising for the courts.**
- XI. Permanent School Funding – **No action – but requesting the adm. team get the information to our website to inform the public.**
- XII. PK-5 Principal's Report -
- XIII. MS/HS Principal's Report -
- XIV. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Dasher report
 - b. **Big Thank you to Cory, Nancy, Shelly, Amanda – the Dasher team, baseball team, parents, coaches.... And many others.**
- XV. Board Committee Reports - **None**
- XVI. Adjourn – **Motion by Baer/Miller Motion carried**



Independent Public School District 857
Lewiston-Altura School
100 County Road 25
Lewiston, MN 55952
www.lewalt.k12.mn.us
(507) 523-2191

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

Special Meeting Minutes.

I. Call Meeting to Order

**President Brein Maki
called the meeting to
order.**

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Quorum Call -

David Baer - **Absent**
Sara Daley - **Absent**
Daniel Kreidermacher
Bree Maki
Luke Miller
Amber Pasche
Dave Pringle

IV. Approve the Sept 23 special Meeting Agenda – **Motion by
Pringle/Miller – motion passed.**

V. Levy recertification - **Motion by Pringle/Kreidermacher to
set the levy at the maximum allowed for the 2027 tax year.**

VI. Construction Walk thru

VII. Adjourn – **Motion by Pringle/Miller to adjourn at 9AM.**

Each year, the Minnesota Department of Education releases the results of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) in late August. This typically coincides with the Minnesota State Fair. With the fair in mind, a 4H ribbon comparison is used to highlight the five area school districts' comparison of results.

Districts north, south, east, west of Lewiston-Altura

MCA results comparison

State Categories for MCA Reading results = Advanced, Meets, Intermediate, Beginning

State Categories for MCA Math results = Exceeds, Meets, Partially Meets, Does Not Meet

Being Proficient at grade level = Advanced and Meets or the Exceeds and Meets levels

The scores below signify the percent proficient at each grade level.

2026									
Reading									
Grade	RP	SC	PEM	Win	LA	State		4H Ribbons	
3	33%	50%	62%	46%	61%	47%		1st	Purple
4	43%	62%	41%	40%	62%	49%		2nd	Pink
5	57%	54%	66%	53%	62%	55%		3rd	Blue
								4th	Red
3-5	44%	55%	56%	46%	62%	50%		5th	White
Math									
Grade	RP	SC	PEM	Win	LA	State			
3	56%	73%	71%	59%	75%	58%			
4	55%	65%	45%	46%	85%	55%			
5	40%	31%	57%	30%	77%	42%			
3-5	50%	56%	58%	45%	79%	52%			
Science									
	RP	SC	PEM	Win	LA	State			
5	31%	21%	32%	17%	65%	26%			

Report to the School Board

October 12, 2026

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Smooth start to the school year!

Considering the construction that happened all through the start of the school year, our students and staff have forged a smooth start to the year. Routines have been set and practiced. It is really nice to have the renovations to our rooms and hallways working well. Quiet hallways!!

- MCA results:

The release of the MCA reading results highlighted the last portion of last spring's MCA assessments. Our elementary results continue to surpass the state averages in reading, math and science.

Please review the "4-H ribbon" comparison to the elementary grades in the districts to our north, south, east and west. Thanks to the cumulative efforts of our elementary students, parents and staff, we continue to showcase high levels of learning!

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Wednesday, Oct. 14:

Our upcoming professional development day will focus on our continued work towards revamping our report cards and standards based grading.

- Para posting

Our elementary continues to post for paraprofessional help. Please direct any interest to our website.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- P.L.A.Y. Group support:

Thank you to the P.L.A.Y. Group for their support of and the funds to cover our elementary field trips for the 25-26 school year. The connections and memories continue because of the support from our parent group.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

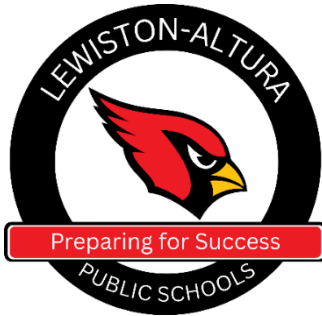
- Getting closer:

The march towards completion continues. Many of the punch list items are being checked off the list, both indoors and outside. We have items arriving this week for MEA break installation including gym partition wall and basketball hoops. The lines on the gym and cafeteria floors will also be painted.

There are many areas that need a second coat of paint or touch up. Painters are also due to be in during MEA break.

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

The weather provided a beautiful day for the LARPH cross country meet. That also helps with increased entries in the elementary race. Third grader Nora Gossen took first in the girl's division and a runner from Lanesboro took first in the boys race.



Lewiston-Altura Public School District

100 County Road 25
Lewiston, MN 55952

www.lewalt.k12.mn.us

(507) 523-2191

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

Priority 1: Student Success

- Thank you to the student council for their work on Orientation Day, the 1st Day of school and homecoming. Thank you to Mr. Wilmes for all the extra work prior to the start of school and during homecoming as we needed to make many adjustments.
- Congratulations to the following Cardinals of the Month: Delilah Streich, Ava Gilow and Arie Polus.

Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- We are still in need of paraprofessional subs.
- We will be interviewing for the student success liaison.

Priority 3: Finance

- Thank you to the Cardinal Foundation for their donations of a high school math document camera, AI for Students Assembly in January, Ag Display Table, ELL Live Translation Equipment, and Young Artists Conference grant support.
- Thank you to the Crossing Center for hosting the cross country family night after our home meet on Oct. 8.
- Thank you to the Heartland Country Club for hosting the cross country meet on Oct. 8.

Priority 4: Facilities

- We continue to get closer to final condition.

Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Thank you to our fans that have attended our fall events as we head into tournament time.
- Thanks to the FFA alumni for their support of the National's bound conduct of chapter meeting team with an event at the crossing center on October 11.

Upcoming events:

October 13 – Conferences

October 14 – No School / Staff Day

October 15/16 – No School

October 19-23: FFA National (Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team is competing)

Lewiston-Altura G.O. School Building Bonds Series 2025A

As of 10/01/26

Investment Earnings Detail

\$1,126,250.27	Current Portfolio Interest Income Estimate
\$14,276.98	Potential Interest Income on Balances (3.75%)
<u>\$1,140,527.24</u>	<u>Estimated Interest Income (Not including Rebate)</u>
\$1,072,815.89	Original Portfolio Interest Income Estimate
4.073%	Total Return for Arbitrage Purposes
59	Weighted Avg Life of Future Projected Expenses

Investment Proceeds Information

2/6/2025	Closing Date - Investment Proceeds Received
\$20,515,175.40	Investment Proceeds Received
+ \$1,087,104.61	Total Interest Income Net of Rebate
= \$21,602,280.01	Total Funding Available as of 10/01/26
- \$16,459,491.43	Cumulative Expenses Through 10/01/26
= <u>\$5,142,788.58</u>	<u>Outstanding P & I Net of Rebate after 10/01/26</u>

Portfolio Arbitrage Status

Yield Restriction: The bond proceeds currently fall under the three year temporary period and are therefore not yield restricted.

Arbitrage Rebate: The proceeds are subject to arbitrage rebate. The district has not met the two year exception and does expect to pay arbitrage.

\$1,140,527.24	Estimated Interest Income (Not including Rebate)	\$1,140,527.24	4.073%	Current Interest Estimate for Arbitrage Purposes
\$53,422.63	Anticipated Arbitrage Rebate Liability	\$1,087,104.61	3.893%	Maximum Interest Limited by Arbitrage Yield
<u>\$1,087,104.61</u>	<u>Total Interest Income Net of Rebate</u>	<u>\$53,422.63</u>	0.180%	Potential Arbitrage Rebate Liability

(May not reflect annual credits for Arb. Calculation)

Regulatory Requirement

Estimated Spend-Down Requirements

8/6/25	10%	\$2,165,570.26
2/6/26	45%	\$9,745,066.19
8/6/26	75%	\$16,241,776.98
2/6/27	100%	\$21,655,702.64

Actual/Projected Portfolio Status

Cumulative Expenses

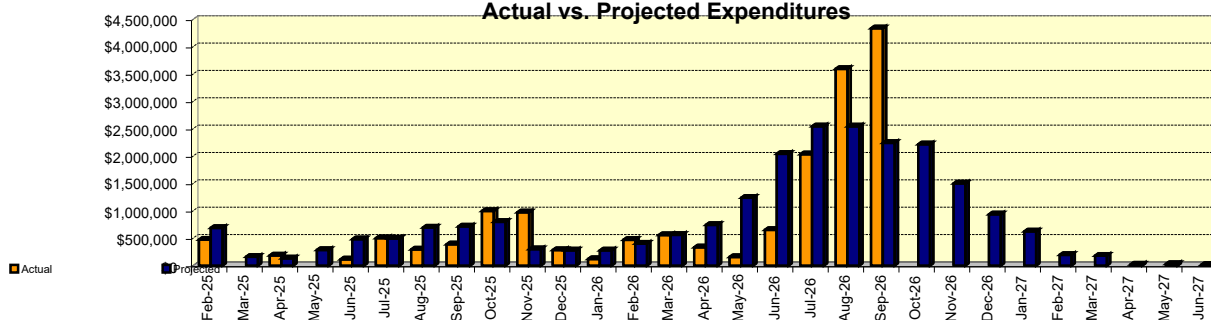
5.87%	\$1,271,100.86	Actual Expense
19.97%	\$4,325,624.12	Actual Expense
55.98%	\$12,123,016.90	Actual Expense
100.38%	\$21,737,132.98	Projected Expense

Regulatory Status as of 10/01/26

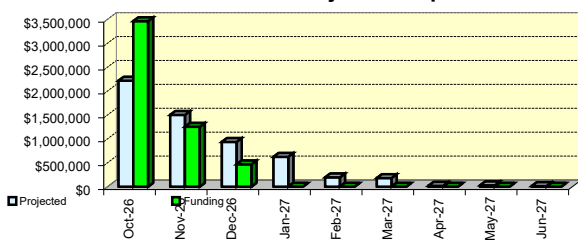
\$16,459,491.43 Expenses to Date: 76.01%

Not met regulatory requirement
Not met regulatory requirement
Not met regulatory requirement
Not met regulatory requirement

Actual vs. Projected Expenditures



Future Maturities vs. Projected Expenditures



Cash Flow Focus - Payouts

Funding Date	Projected Expenses	Portfolio Funding
10/16/2026	\$2,216,333.99	\$3,462,278.52
11/13/2026	\$1,501,103.86	\$1,002,381.72
12/18/2026	\$936,168.84	\$467,325.00
1/15/2027	\$624,034.86	\$0.00
2/12/2027	\$195,260.00	\$0.00
3/12/2027	\$180,534.48	\$0.00

Disclosure Statement: Bond Portfolio Management Report

The information and projections on the Bond Portfolio Management Report on the reverse side of this page is derived from information that comes from various sources. PMA Financial Network, LLC (PMA) will assume, without further research, that all information provided by you (the "Issuer") or the Issuer's staff, agents and/or other intermediaries working on the Issuer's behalf is accurate. Such items may include but are not limited to:

- Information regarding the structure and pricing of the Issuer's bond issue and corresponding arbitrage yield limits.*
- Information regarding the projected expenditures of the project.*
- Information regarding the actual amounts and timing of disbursements on the project.*
- Information and representations made by the Issuer and/or its intermediaries in any Issuer or bond issue document.*

This report is designed as a planning tool that should be used for informational purposes only. The methodology used in preparing the report and its corresponding projections is dependent on certain data. This data may be generated using actual data and/or "reasonable" assumptions. Such items include but are not limited to:

- Investment/reinvestment assumptions that relate to actual dollars being invested/reinvested and/or the interest rates at which investments/reinvestments could be executed.*
- It is assumed that the speed of the expenditures will not exceed the most current projection of expenditures and that fixed term investments will not be liquidated.*

PMA does not take responsibility for any affect that other bond issues or borrowings may have on the projections or the stated or implied investment strategies. Furthermore, PMA does not take responsibility for differences between the projections on the report and any third party calculation. PMA does not take responsibility for any changes in tax law. Finally, PMA does not take responsibility for the issuer not meeting the requirements for an exception to the arbitrage/yield restriction rules.

Dashir Management Services, Inc.

www.dashirmanagement.com

Lewiston-Altura School District

Custodial / Maintenance Report

October 2026

Personnel Information

We are currently seeking to fill one position.

Training

Staff completed OSHA required safety training on Confined Space Entry Awareness.

Inspections

- Ahern will complete the annual fire alarm inspection at the high school on October 14.
- Custom Alarm completed the annual fire alarm inspection at the elementary during walk through inspection.

Progress on Projects

- Gym floor was installed at the elementary school.
- Still waiting for proper keying of the building.
- Cooling units for the gyms still need to be installed on the high school roof.
- Winona Controls is still working with the temperature controls in both buildings.
- Worked with MMC on some plumbing issues in the elementary and high school kitchens.
- Key fobs are now working on the new fobbed access points at the high school.
- With the addition of the new air handlers the cost of a complete change out of filters at both schools rose from \$6,100.00 to \$10,600.00. Some of the filters can last up to 2 years while others need to be changed 3 to 4 times a year.

Comments

We were able to get the buildings ready for school. We are still working to clean some backroom areas, but things are starting to get back to normal as the major portions of the project wind down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Buege

Facility Manager