

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Fergus High School – Library  
1001 Casino Creek Drive  
Lewistown MT 59457**

**Monday, March 28, 2011**

**BOARD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION—FHS STUDENTS**

**6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

3. Recognition—Fergus High School Speech and Drama
4. Recognition—Fergus High School Wrestling Team
5. Recognition—Fergus High School FCCLA
6. Recognition—Fergus High School BPA
7. Report—Student Representative
8. Report—Committees of the Board
9. Discussion—General Fund Budgets
10. Discussion—Facilities
11. Calendar Items, Concerns, Correspondence, Etc.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

12. Report—Election Update
13. Report—Investment
14. Other Items

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

15. Recognition of Parents, Patrons, and Others Who Wish to Address the Board

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MINUTES**

16. Minutes of the February 28, 2011, Regular Board Meeting
17. Minutes of the March 16, 2011, Special Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

18. Claims

**CONSENT GROUP ITEMS**

19. Approve Fergus High School AP Government Class Student Activity Account

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

20. Approve Personnel Report
21. Set School District Number One Levy Election
22. Set High School District Number One Levy Election
23. Approve Request to Apply for the *Nature of Learning* Grant

**ADJOURNMENT**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Board of Education encourages participation at public school board meetings. Under normal circumstances it is desirable to allow everyone to address the Board. However, when there are many persons who wish to address the Board, the following rules shall apply to protect the public's right to be heard:

- Each speaker shall be allowed a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
- There will be a limit of one presentation per person.
- The Board requests that organizations and groups be represented by a single spokesperson. The spokesperson for each group shall be limited to a presentation of three (3) minutes. To save repetition and time, the Board also requests that persons not speak if a previous speaker has expressed a similar position on the same issue.
- The Board will accept comments from the public on each agenda item as it is discussed.

By a majority vote of the Board, these rules may be suspended for special reasons at any particular meeting. Further, the Board may reserve the right to adjust the length of time.

### **CONSENT GROUP ITEMS**

The action of adoption of the "Consent Group" as an official item on the agenda means that all items appearing under the title "Consent Group" shall be adopted by majority approval of a single motion, unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any particular item be removed from the "Consent Group" and voted on separately.

Generally "Consent Group" items are matters which members of the Board and Superintendent agree are routine in nature and should be acted upon in one motion to conserve time and permit focus on other than routine matters on the agenda.

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**ITEM TITLE:** RECOGNITION—FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Terri Daniels    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees would like to recognize and congratulate the Fergus High School Speech and Drama team and coaches for their successes at the State Speech and Drama Meet.

Coaches: Terri Daniels and Miriam Huff

State Team Members: Molly Daniels, Elizabeth Finn, Nathan Kennedy, Rebecca Kennedy, Sarah Knab, Emily Olson, and Jonny Skipper

Pantomime: Elizabeth Finn placed 8th.  
 Humorous Duo: Sarah Knab & Emily Olson placed 3<sup>rd</sup>  
                           Jonny Skipper & Nathan Kennedy placed 7th.  
 Classical Duo: Rebecca Kennedy & Nathan Kennedy placed 4th.  
 Humorous Solo: Molly Daniels placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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**ITEM TITLE:** RECOGNITION—FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Chad Armstrong    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees would like to recognize and congratulate the Fergus High School Wrestling team and coaches for their successes at the State Wrestling Meet.

Coaches: Chad Armstrong, Mark Malone, and Vic Feller

Team Members:

- 98 Andrew Olson
- 112 Trei Bulluck
- 125 Tre Yaeger
- 130 John Chamberlin (5<sup>th</sup>)
- 135 Jerime Granot and Dylan Kelly
- 140 Jim Malone (5<sup>th</sup>)
- 145 Rex Martin (3<sup>rd</sup>) / Jacob Sanford
- 160 Connor Malone (1<sup>st</sup>— State Champion) / Ethan Blythe
- 171 Bill Thompson

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** RECOGNITION—FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Karen Durbin    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees would like to recognize and congratulate Karen Durbin, FCCLA Advisor, and members of the Fergus High School FCCLA team for their successes at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

State FCCLA Members: Kiera Bullock, Jasmyne Emeterio, Ashley Ann Goddard, Kylee Hould, Kerry Lombard, Taylor Miller, Kelsey Phillips, and Jessica Seal.

Kylee Hould and Kelsey Phillips--1st in Chapter Showcase, Taylor Miller--1st in Fashion Construction, Kiera Bulluck--2nd in Job Interview. These 4 will be representing Montana at National Convention in Anaheim this July. Kerry Lombard and Jessica Seal received a Gold Medal in Chapter Service event; Jasmyne Emeterio received a Silver Medal in Focus on Children; and Ashley Ann Goddard received a Bronze Medal in Fashion Construction.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

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**ITEM TITLE:** RECOGNITION—FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL BPA

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Diane Lewis    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees would like to recognize and congratulate the advisors and members of the Fergus High School BPA team for their successes at the BPA Montana State Leadership Conference.

Advisors: Diane Lewis and Brad Breidenbach

BPA State Qualifiers: Andy Butcher – 1<sup>st</sup> in CISCO and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Network Administration using Microsoft; Zane Klein – 7<sup>th</sup> in Banking and Finance; Kayla Olson – 9<sup>th</sup> in Financial Math and Analysis; Keelen Phillips – 1<sup>st</sup> in Entrepreneurship; Sammy Platt – 7<sup>th</sup> in CISCO; Julie Spika – 3<sup>rd</sup> in CISCO and 7<sup>th</sup> in Advanced Office Systems & Procedures; Amber Strouf – 5<sup>th</sup> in Legal Office Procedures and 7<sup>th</sup> in Medical Office Procedures; and Kaylee Wise – 5<sup>th</sup> in Network Administration Using Microsoft.

The Board would also like to congratulate Jacob Singley on a very successful year as a Montana BPA State Officer.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** REPORT—STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Sydney Stivers    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Fergus High School Student Representative to the Board of Trustees will provide a report on upcoming activities at Fergus High School.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** REPORT—COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Committee    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees has the opportunity to provide updates on their various committees.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational Report

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** DISCUSSION—GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Mike Waterman, Business Manager/District Clerk, would like to discuss with the Board some of the updated preliminary information regarding the 2011-2012 General Fund Budgets.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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FY12 General Fund Budget Projections

March 22, 2011

	Lewistown Elementary	Fergus High School	Totals
FY11 General Fund Budget	5,605,833.83	3,283,795.38	
FY12 Projected Expenditures	5,687,822.02	3,462,568.18	
<b>Current Law:</b>			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	5,394,725.58	3,146,030.17	
Highest Voted Amount	211,108.25	137,765.21	348,873.46
Highest Budget	5,605,833.83	3,283,795.38	
Voted Mills	17.49	10.58	28.07
Annual Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home	27.69	16.75	44.44
Projected Surplus/(Shortfall)			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	(293,096.44)	(316,538.01)	(609,634.45)
Highest Budget	(81,988.19)	(178,772.80)	(260,760.99)
<b>Jones Proposal:</b>			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	5,490,594.13	3,197,536.80	
Highest Voted Amount	142,641.86	94,880.41	237,522.27
Highest Budget	5,633,235.99	3,292,417.21	
Voted Mills	11.82	7.28	19.10
Annual Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home	18.71	11.52	30.23
Projected Surplus/(Shortfall)			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	(197,227.89)	(265,031.38)	(462,259.27)
Highest Budget	(54,586.03)	(170,150.97)	(224,737.00)

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**ITEM TITLE:** DISCUSSION—FACILITIES

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Board of Trustees    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees would like to continue the discussion on facilities.

Paul Stengel will be present to discuss updates on the elevator at the Junior High School and replacing all or a portion of the roof at the Lincoln Building.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** CALENDAR ITEMS, CONCERNS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Time is provided on the agenda for the Board to discuss calendar items, concerns, correspondence, future agenda items, and comments for the good of the district.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

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**ITEM TITLE:** REPORT—ELECTION UPDATE

**Requested By:** Superintendent    **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Mike Waterman, Business Manager/District Clerk, will report on the election calendar and procedures for 2011.

Attached are the Terms of Office Listing and the 2011 School Election Calendar.

Board members terms of office that are due to expire in 2011 include: Jennifer Granot, Becky Jackson, and Stan Monger. These are all three year terms.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOARD MEMBERS TERMS OF OFFICE**

As currently exists, Board members terms of office are as follows:

	<b>Expire 2011</b>	<b>Expire 2012</b>	<b>Expire 2013</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT #1</b>	Jennifer Granot Becky Jackson Stan Monger	Mary Schelle Monte Weeden	Jeremy Bristol Lisa Pierce

**School District #1 Three (3) - Three (3) Year Terms:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 year term (to expire in 2014)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 year term (to expire in 2014)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 year term (to expire in 2014)

**Petitions Filed for Nomination of School Board Trustee:**

Diana Hewitt  
Joe Irish  
Mark McLendon  
Stan Monger  
Jeannie Rickert  
Jamie Sura  
Barb Thomas

**MAY 3, 2011  
SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR**

<p style="text-align: center;">December 19, 2010 through March 24, 2011</p>	<p><b>Trustee candidates file for election.</b> Nomination petition and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with election administrator. No person signing a petition may sign more nomination petitions than there are trustee positions open. <b>NO CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS HE OR SHE MEETS THIS DEADLINE.</b></p> <p>Candidates from county high school districts with enrollments of 2,000 or more or first-class districts in counties with populations of 15,000 or more must file a form C-1-A, and if desired, a form C-3 with the district clerk and Montana Commissioner of Political Practices within 5 days of filing for office. (<a href="#">13-10-201(6)</a>, <a href="#">13-37-201</a>, <a href="#">20-3-305</a> and <a href="#">20-3-344</a>, MCA) [No earlier than 135 days, or no later than 40 days before election.]</p> <p><b>Any candidate that has already filed for election, but wishes to withdraw their name, must do so by March 24, 2011. Otherwise, their name must appear on the ballot.</b> (<a href="#">13-10-325</a>, MCA)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">End of January</p>	<p>Contact the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices (MCP) office at (406) 444-2942 if you are in</p> <p>(1) a first-class district located in a county with populations of 15,000 or more, <b>OR</b></p> <p>(2) a county high school district with an enrollment of 2,000 or more and did NOT receive a notice and a packet of information from the MCP.</p> <p>(<a href="#">13-37-206</a>, MCA )</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">**Updated in 2009** (SB 276) Changes</p>	<p><b>County election administrator mails address confirmation forms to electors who have requested absentee ballots for subsequent elections.</b> The county election administrator will mail the address confirmation forms in January. You still must contact your county election administrator for the permanent absentee ballot list.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February 17, 2011</p>	<p><b>First day elector can request an absentee ballot.</b> Voters who wish to vote absentee may request an absentee ballot in writing or in person starting at this date until noon the day before the election. Remember to include the following on the application for absentee ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A section on the form allowing the voter to become part of the permanent absentee list</li> </ul> <p>(<a href="#">13-13-211</a> and <a href="#">13-13-214</a>, MCA) [75 days before election]</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 24, 2011</p>	<p><b>Trustees call for an election.</b> At least 40 days before the election, the trustees must pass a resolution stating: 1) the date of the election; 2) the purpose of the election; 3) the polling site(s) (if changed from previous school election); and 4) the time the polls will open, if before noon. The trustees do NOT have to set levy amounts at this time; however, they must be set in time for the clerk to certify the ballot. The resolution must be delivered to the county election administrator at least 35 days before the election, but it need NOT be posted. The trustees must also appoint three election judges per precinct. The resolution should appear in the board minutes. An election may also be called by the county superintendent, county commissioners, board of public education or the trustees of a community college. <a href="#">20-20-401</a>, <a href="#">20-20-201</a>, and <a href="#">20-20-203</a>, MCA</p>

March 29, 2011	<b>Last day to file resolutions for school election with county election administrator.</b> ( <a href="#">20-20-201(2)</a> , MCA) [no later than 35 days before election]
April 3, 2011 (Next Business Day is April 4, 2011)	<b>Voter registration closes.</b> A voter must register by this deadline to vote in the school election. County election administrator prepares registration list. It is not necessary to publish any notice of closing of voter registration. ( <a href="#">20-20-311</a> and <a href="#">20-20-312</a> , MCA) [30 days before election]
April 3 – April 13, 2011	<b>Notice of election is posted.</b> The election notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district AND posted in at least three public places in the district, provided that in incorporated cities and towns at least one notice must be posted in each ward or precinct. Radio or television notice may supplement the notice. The notice must include 1) the date and polling places of the election, 2) polling place hours, 3) each proposition to be considered by the electorate, 4) the number of trustee positions, if any, subject to election and the length of the terms for those positions and 5) where and how absentee ballots may be obtained. ( <a href="#">20-20-204</a> , MCA) [not less than 20 days or more than 30 days before election]
April 7, 2011 (By 5 p.m.)	<b>Deadline for write-in candidate for a trustee position on a school board to file declaration of intent.</b> ( <a href="#">13-10-211(3)</a> , MCA) [not less than 26 days before the election]
April 7, 2011 (After 5 p.m.)	<b>Election by Acclamation and Cancellation of Election - Notice.</b> If the number of candidates filing a nomination petition or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of open trustee positions to be elected, the trustees cancel the trustee election. They must then give notice that a trustee election will not be held. ( <a href="#">20-3-313</a> , MCA)
By April 8, 2011	<b>Election administrator certifies ballot.</b> The election administrator prepares the final ballot form, listing all candidates and propositions to be voted upon. The ballot must then be delivered to the election administrator, if other than the clerk. See School Election Handbook for more information. <b>Trustees must pass a resolution stating exact levy amounts by this date in order for the clerk to certify the ballot.</b> This resolution must include the durational limit, if any, on the levy.  [not less than 25 days before election] <a href="#">13-12-201</a> , <a href="#">20-20-401</a> , and <a href="#">15-10-425</a> , MCA
April 13, 2011	<b>Absentee ballots available.</b> The election administrator prepares ballots for absentee voters. Remember to enclose four things in the absentee package. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The ballot</li> <li>● Instructions for voting and returning the ballot</li> <li>● A secrecy envelope, free of any marks that would identify the voter</li> <li>● A self-addressed, return envelope with affirmation printed on the back of the envelope</li> </ul> ( <a href="#">20-20-401</a> , MCA) [at least 20 days prior to election]
April 21-May 23, 2011	Candidates who marked Box "C" on their form C-1-A must file form C-5 with the district clerk and Montana Commission of Political Practices. ( <a href="#">13-37-226(4)</a> , MCA) [12 days before and 20 days after the school election]
April 23, 2011 (Next Business Day is April 25, 2011)	<b>Last day to notify election judges of appointment.</b> ( <a href="#">20-20-203</a> , MCA) [not less than 10 days before election]
February 17 until noon May 2, 2011	<b>Deadline for absentee requests.</b> Absentee ballots may be requested 75 days before the election but no later than noon the day before the election.  *If the voter has a health emergency between 5 p.m. the Friday before the election (April 29) and noon on the election day (May 3), an emergency request for an absentee ballot may be made by noon on the election day (May 3.) ( <a href="#">13-13-211</a> , MCA)



May 2, 2011 (By 5 p.m.)	<b>Absolute last day for write in candidates to file a declaration of intent</b> ( <a href="#">13-10-211</a> , MCA) A declaration of intent may be filed after the deadline and until 5 pm the day before the election only if a candidate for the office that the write in candidate is seeking: dies, withdraws from the election or is charged with a felony offense.
May 2, 2011	<b>Deliver certified copy of the lists of registered electors</b> for each polling place to the district by election administrator before the election day. District then delivers list(s) to election judges prior to opening of polls. ( <a href="#">20-20-313</a> , MCA)
May 3, 2011	<b>Notify election judges of the names of write-in candidates</b>
May 3, 2011	<b>ELECTION DAY.</b> ( <a href="#">20-20-105</a> , MCA) The election administrator must prepare polling places, print ballots, ensure election judges are present and conduct a fair and unbiased election. ( <a href="#">Title 13, Chapter 13</a> , and <a href="#">20-20-203</a> , <a href="#">20-20-401</a> , and <a href="#">20-20-411</a> , MCA)
April 21-May 23, 2011	Candidates who marked Box "C" on their form C-1-A must file form C-5 with the district clerk and Montana Commissioned of Political Practices. ( <a href="#">13-37-226 (4)</a> , MCA) [12 days before and 20 days after the school election]
Following receipt of the tally sheets from all polls <b>AND By May 18, 2011</b> (Next regular or special board meeting following the election)	<b>Trustees canvass votes, issue certificates of election and publish results.</b> The canvassed results shall be published immediately in a newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people in the district. ( <a href="#">20-20-415</a> and <a href="#">416</a> , MCA) [within 15 days after the election]
Within 15 days after receipt of certificate of election. ( <a href="#">20-20-416</a> , MCA)	<b>Candidate completes oath of office and files</b> with the County Superintendent. Newly elected trustees may not be seated until the oath is filed. ( <a href="#">20-3-307</a> , <a href="#">20-1-202</a> , <a href="#">1-6-101</a> , MCA)
May 21, 2011	<b>Deadline for trustees to hold organizational meeting.</b> ( <a href="#">20-3-321</a> , MCA) [not later than the third Saturday in May]
June 1, 2011	<b>Deadline for trustees to request county election administrator to conduct school election for next year.</b> ( <a href="#">20-20-417</a> , MCA)
<b>Additional References:</b>	
Sample forms can be found at this address. <a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&amp;Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_7">http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&amp;Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_7</a>	
<a href="#">1-1-307</a> , MCA. Postponement of day appointed for an action when it falls on a holiday or Saturday. Whenever any act of a secular nature, other than a work of necessity or mercy, is appointed by law or contract to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a holiday or a Saturday, such act may be performed upon the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.	
<a href="#">20-3-205</a> , MCA. The county superintendent has general supervision of the schools of the county within the limitations prescribed by this title and shall perform the following duties or acts: (2) administer and file the oaths of members of the boards of trustees of the districts in the county in accordance with the provisions of <a href="#">20-3-307</a> , MCA.	
<a href="#">1-5-416</a> , MCA. A notary public shall: take depositions and affidavits, if the notary is knowledgeable of the applicable legal requirements, and administer oaths and affirmations in all matters incident to the duties of the notary public's office or to be used before any court, judge, officer, or board in this state.	
(MASBO takes special care in preparation of the annual election calendar however, if you find a mistake or oversight, please notify the MASBO office so corrections can be noted in future newsletters and in future calendars. Thank You.)	



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**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

03/28/2011

**Agenda Item No.**

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- Minutes/Claims   
  Board of Trustees   
  Superintendent's Report   
  Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** REPORT—INVESTMENT

**Requested By:** Superintendent    **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Attached is the report on the interest earned and distributed for February 2011.

The first column of the report reflects the cash balance in various funds as of February 1, 2011.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

**Additional Information Attached**    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

Lewistown School District No. One

Investment Distribution Detail Report

Fiscal Year: 2010-2011

Criteria: Control#: 13

Acct Mask: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort By Acct

Print Internal Accounts Only

Type: HS Interest

Posting Date: 2/28/2011

Amount Distributed: \$502.48

Control#: 13

Posting Description: Interest Distribution

1/31/2011

Entry#: 445

Account Number	Final Cash	Days	Percent	Amount	Original Cash	Redirect	Redirect Amount	Internal?
201.00.000.0000.101.000	\$646,557.60	31	.2152580	\$108.15	\$646,557.60		\$0.00	Yes
210.00.000.0000.101.000	\$346,442.78	31	.1153410	\$57.96	\$346,442.78		\$0.00	Yes
211.00.000.0000.101.000	\$458,174.41	31	.1525397	\$76.65	\$458,174.41		\$0.00	Yes
213.00.000.0000.101.000	\$228.13	31	.0000760	\$0.04	\$228.13		\$0.00	Yes
214.00.000.0000.101.000	\$292,262.68	31	.0973028	\$48.89	\$292,262.68		\$0.00	Yes
217.00.000.0000.101.000	\$23,092.36	31	.0076881	\$3.86	\$23,092.36		\$0.00	Yes
218.00.000.0000.101.000	\$21,215.23	31	.0070632	\$3.55	\$21,215.23		\$0.00	Yes
220.00.000.0000.101.000	\$8,193.99	31	.0027280	\$1.37	\$8,193.99		\$0.00	Yes
221.00.000.0000.101.000	\$25,094.17	31	.0083546	\$4.20	\$25,094.17		\$0.00	Yes
224.00.000.0000.101.000	\$162,086.09	31	.0539632	\$27.12	\$162,086.09		\$0.00	Yes
228.00.000.0000.101.000	\$85,117.07	31	.0283380	\$14.24	\$85,117.07		\$0.00	Yes
229.00.000.0000.101.000	\$90,806.75	31	.0302322	\$15.19	\$90,806.75		\$0.00	Yes
260.00.000.0000.101.000	\$66,705.53	31	.0222082	\$11.16	\$66,705.53		\$0.00	Yes
261.00.000.0000.101.000	\$570,423.13	31	.1899106	\$95.43	\$570,423.13		\$0.00	Yes
281.00.000.0000.101.000	\$89,248.34	31	.0297134	\$14.93	\$89,248.34		\$0.00	Yes
282.00.000.0000.101.000	\$117,992.45	31	.0392832	\$19.74	\$117,992.45		\$0.00	Yes
Control# 13 Total:	\$3,003,640.71		1.0000002	\$502.48	\$3,003,640.71		\$0.00	

Balance Calculations based on Prior Month Ending Balances as of 1/31/2011

End of Report

Lewistown School District No. One

Investment Distribution Detail Report

Fiscal Year: 2010-2011

Criteria: Control#: 12

Acct Mask: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort By Acct

Print Internal Accounts Only

Type: Interest

Posting Date: 2/28/2011

Amount Distributed: \$751.61

Control#: 12

Posting Description: Interest Distribution

1/31/2011

Entry#: 444

Account Number	Final Cash	Days	Percent	Amount	Original Cash	Redirect	Redirect Amount	Internal?
101.00.000.0000.101.000	\$958,444.17	31	.2388651	\$179.54	\$958,444.17		\$0.00	Yes
110.00.000.0000.101.000	\$555,998.31	31	.1385668	\$104.15	\$555,998.31		\$0.00	Yes
111.00.000.0000.101.000	\$852,108.16	31	.2123638	\$159.61	\$852,108.16		\$0.00	Yes
112.00.000.0000.101.000	\$118,760.54	31	.0295977	\$22.25	\$118,760.54		\$0.00	Yes
113.00.000.0000.101.000	\$0.00	31	.0000000	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Yes
114.00.000.0000.101.000	\$616,395.67	31	.1536192	\$115.46	\$616,395.67		\$0.00	Yes
120.00.000.0000.101.000	\$9,892.16	31	.0024653	\$1.85	\$9,892.16		\$0.00	Yes
121.00.000.0000.101.000	\$51,080.52	31	.0127304	\$9.57	\$51,080.52		\$0.00	Yes
124.00.000.0000.101.000	\$84,826.62	31	.0211406	\$15.89	\$84,826.62		\$0.00	Yes
128.00.000.0000.101.000	\$37,537.21	31	.0093551	\$7.03	\$37,537.21		\$0.00	Yes
129.00.000.0000.101.000	\$86,033.40	31	.0214414	\$16.12	\$86,033.40		\$0.00	Yes
150.00.000.0000.101.000	\$206,092.14	31	.0513626	\$38.60	\$206,092.14		\$0.00	Yes
160.00.000.0000.101.000	\$0.00	31	.0000000	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Yes
161.00.000.0000.101.000	\$435,323.10	31	.1084920	\$81.54	\$435,323.10		\$0.00	Yes
Control# 12 Total:	\$4,012,492.00		1.0000000	\$751.61	\$4,012,492.00		\$0.00	

Balance Calculations based on Prior Month Ending Balances as of 1/31/2011

End of Report

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

03/28/2011

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**ITEM TITLE:** OTHER ITEMS

**Requested By:** Superintendent    **Prepared By:** Superintendent    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Time is provided on the agenda for the Superintendent to discuss with the Board any calendar items, concerns, correspondence, future agenda items, and announcements.

- ❖ Staffing 2011-2012
- ❖ Day of Advocacy Update
- ❖ Legislative Update
- ❖ Roundtable Schedule—Monday, April 11, 2011—Admin—6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Montana Jazz Festival—March 28-29, 2011—Lewistown
- ❖ Early Release—Wednesday, March 30, 2011—1:30 p.m.—Assessment/MAPS
- ❖ FHS FFA State Convention—March 30 – April 2, 2011—Billings
- ❖ FHS School Play—Friday, April 1, 2011—FCPA—TBA
- ❖ TR—Central Montana Invitational Track Meet—Saturday, April 2, 2011—TBA
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences—Thursday, April 7, 2011—Evening Only
- ❖ FHS Junior/Senior Prom—Saturday, April 9, 2011

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE**  
**2010-2011**

Date	Group	Time	Meeting Site
November 8, 2010	Garfield Elementary	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Garfield Elementary School
November 22, 2010	Lewis & Clark Elementary	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Elementary School
December 13, 2010	Highland Park Elementary	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Highland Park Elementary School
January 10, 2011	FHS Staff	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Fergus High School
January 24, 2011	Junior High School	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Junior High School
February 14, 2011	Classified Staff	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Lincoln Board Room
February 28, 2011	LEA	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Lincoln Board Room
March 28, 2011	FHS Students	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Fergus High School
April 11, 2011	Admin Council	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Lincoln Board Room

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lewistown, Montana**

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- Minutes/Claims   
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 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Time is provided on the agenda for anyone who wishes to address the Board.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

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Additional Information Attached    Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lewistown, Montana**

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**Meeting Date**

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- Minutes/Claims  
  Board of Trustees  
  Superintendent's Report  
  Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** MINUTES

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees   **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman   **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The following minutes are attached for your approval:

- Minutes of the February 28, 2011, Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the March 16, 2011, Special Board Meeting

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve Minutes as Presented

**Additional Information Attached**   Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						



**MINUTES  
LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**LINCOLN BOARD ROOM  
215 Seventh Avenue South  
Lewistown, Montana 59457**

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

**BOARD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION—LEA**

**6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)**

1. ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Board Chair Becky Jackson, Jeremy Bristol, Mary Schelle, Stan Monger, Lisa Pierce, Jennifer Granot, Monte Weeden

STAFF PRESENT:

Superintendent Jason Butcher, Business Manager/District Clerk Mike Waterman, Sandi Chamberlain, Andrea Payne, Paul Stengel, Germaine Stivers, Michelle Trafton, Scott Dubbs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Student Representative Sydney Stivers, Joe Zahler-KXLO/KLCM Radio, and other interested parties.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Germaine Stivers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

3. REPORT—STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Sydney Stivers, student representative to the Board, reported on upcoming activities at Fergus High School.

4. REPORT—COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There were no committee reports.

5. DISCUSSION—FACILITIES

The Board continued the discussion regarding facilities and options that were presented at the Board Work/Study Session on February 21, 2011. Paul Stengel, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the Trustees on monitoring the Heating and Ventilation systems in the buildings.

Paul also answered questions regarding issues that could arise if improvements are made to the Junior High building. Improvements made to the building would not necessarily trigger all of the building codes to be updated; that determination would be at the discretion of the local authorities, in this case, the City's Public Works Department.

The Board then discussed the remaining elementary special education stimulus money in the amount of approximately \$120,000. The money must be obligated by June 30, 2011, and spent by September 30, 2011. The Board discussed several options for the funding including:

- Installing an elevator at the Junior High (estimated cost: \$150,000)
- Remodeling first floor restrooms in the Junior High (no cost estimate available)
- Purchasing temporary classrooms (no cost estimate available)

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at noon to further discuss the issue.

6. CALENDAR ITEMS, CONCERNS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

No items were discussed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

7. REPORT—ELECTION UPDATE

Mike Waterman, Business Manager/District Clerk, presented to the Board the 2011 School Election Calendar and advised them of deadlines regarding the school elections.

8. OTHER ITEMS

Jason Butcher, Superintendent, reminded the Board of the MTSBA School Finance Symposium that will be held in Lewistown on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011, has been cancelled to allow Jason and the Board members to attend the Day of Advocacy in Helena. Jason and Mike also discussed Legislative issues with the Trustees. The next Board Roundtable discussion will be at the Fergus High School Library with the Fergus High Students. Other dates were listed for upcoming events in the district.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

9. RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no public input.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MINUTES**

10. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2011, REGULAR BOARD MEETING – approved unanimously (Bristol/Pierce).

11. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2011, BOARD WORK/STUDY SESSION – approved unanimously (Weeden/Granot).

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

12. CLAIMS – The claims referenced in the 2010-11 Bill Schedule and submitted through February 24, 2011, were approved unanimously (Monger/Bristol).

**CONSENT GROUP ITEMS**

13. NONE

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

14. APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT – see Exhibit A – approved unanimously (Pierce/Granot).

15. APPROVE TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION – approved unanimously (Granot/Weeden).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Fergus High School Library (Monger– unanimous).

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REBECCA S. JACKSON  
BOARD CHAIR

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MIKE WATERMAN  
BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

**“EXHIBIT A”**

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

**PERSONNEL REPORT FOR BOARD ACTION**

**DATE:** February 28, 2011

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<b>NEARHOOF, Rich</b>	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Lewistown Junior High School	Approve appointment on a volunteer basis	February 28, 2011	See attached memo.

# MINUTES

## LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lincoln Board Room  
215 Seventh Avenue South  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

#### **CALL TO ORDER (7:00 a.m.)**

1. ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair Becky Jackson, Jeremy Bristol, Monte Weeden, Stan Monger, Lisa Pierce

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mary Schelle, Jennifer Granot

STAFF PRESENT:

Business Manager/Clerk Mike Waterman, Sandi Chamberlain, Paul Stengel, Tim Majerus

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Murray-Lewistown News-Argus

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no public input.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

4. APPROVE CLAIMS REPORT – The claims referenced in the 2010-11 Bill Schedule and submitted through March 11, 2011, were approved unanimously (Monger/Pierce).

5. APPROVE ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR – Substitute Teacher/Aide List—Kimberly Goddard, Chelsey Lund; Substitute Bus Driver List—Joshua Otto; Substitute School Food List—Jean Little. – approved unanimously (Bristol/Monger).
6. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE FOR USE OF IDEA ARRA FUNDS – Following their meeting on March 9, 2011, the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommended using remaining IDEA ARRA funds to install an elevator at Lewistown Junior High. The group also discussed using the money to upgrade the restrooms at Lewistown Junior High and other special education related purposes. Costs in excess of the remaining ARRA funds will be charged to the Year End General Fund Balance, remaining One-Time-Only (OTO) Capital Investment and Deferred Maintenance funds, or the Elementary Building Reserve funds. The Board unanimously approved the committee's recommendation (Weeden/Monger). The Board also briefly discussed installing exterior fire stairs at the Junior High.
7. APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT – see Exhibit A – approved unanimously (Monger/Pierce).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Board Room (Monger– unanimous).

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**REBECCA S. JACKSON**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

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**MIKE WATERMAN**  
**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

**“EXHIBIT A”**

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

**PERSONNEL REPORT FOR BOARD ACTION**

**DATE:** March 16, 2011

<i><b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b></i>	<i><b>POSITION</b></i>	<i><b>LOCATION</b></i>	<i><b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b></i>	<i><b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b></i>	<i><b>COMMENTS</b></i>
<b>KOLAR, Tiffany</b>	Resource Paraprofessional	Lewistown Junior High School	Approve revision of contract to reflect additional duties assigned—add up to 5.0 hours per week as needed—extra hours worked are not to exceed 40 hours per week	March 16, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>BLAZICEVICH, Jenifer</b>	Resource Paraprofessional	Lewistown Junior High School	Approve revision of contract to reflect additional duties assigned—add up to 2.5 hours per week as needed—extra hours worked are not to exceed 40 hours per week	March 16, 2011	See attached memo.

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

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- Minutes/Claims  
  Board of Trustees  
  Superintendent's Report  
  Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** CLAIMS

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees   **Prepared By:** Sherry Martin   **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Approve claims paid through March 24, 2011, as approved by the Finance Committee.

Members of the Finance Committee for January-March 2011 include: Becky Jackson, Jeremy Bristol, Stan Monger, and Lisa Pierce.

**\*\*New members are needed for the Finance Committee for April-June 2011.**

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve Claims as Presented

**Additional Information Attached**   Estimated cost/fund source \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Lewistown, Montana**

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

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<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
<p>19. Approve Fergus High School AP Government Class Student Activity Account</p>	

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** No Items to Approve

**NOTES:**

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
<b><i>Board Action</i></b>						
<b>Bristol</b>						
<b>Granot</b>						
<b>Jackson</b>						
<b>Monger</b>						
<b>Pierce</b>						
<b>Schelle</b>						
<b>Weeden</b>						



**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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- Minutes/Claims   
  Board of Trustees   
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**ITEM TITLE:** APPROVE FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS STUDENT ACCOUNT

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Jerry Feller    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

A request is being made by the AP Government Class to set up a student activity account with the Fergus High School Activity Funds. A memo from Jerry Feller, Fergus High School Principal, is attached.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve Opening an AP Government Class Student Activity Account

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

# Memorandum

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**To:** Board of Trustees, Lewistown Public Schools  
**Cc:** Jason Butcher, Supt.  
**From:** Jerry Feller, FHS Principal  
**Date:** March 1, 2011  
**Re:** New Student Activity Account

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The Fergus High School Class AP Government Class under the direction of Beau Wright is requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to establish a student activity account. The AP Government Class has raised funds to support their travel to Washington D.C. and would like to establish an activity account to keep track of the collections and expenditures. In the past the Science Club account was used for this purpose.

Thank you,

Jerry Feller  
FHS Principal

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

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- Minutes/Claims   
  Board of Trustees   
  Superintendent's Report   
  Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees   
**Prepared By:** Jason Butcher   
**Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

Attached is the Personnel Report for your review.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve All Items

**Additional Information Attached**   
**Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

**PERSONNEL REPORT FOR BOARD ACTION**

**DATE:** March 28, 2011

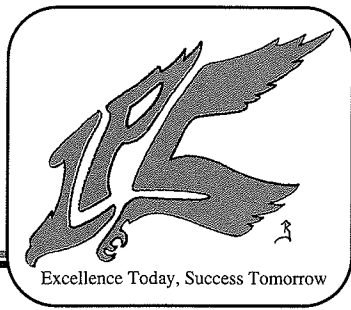
<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<b>MARTIN, Kenneth</b>	Head Custodian	Fergus High School	Accept letter of resignation	April 30, 2011	See attached letter.
<b>BASZCZUK, Rebecca</b>	Delivery Van Driver	School District #1	Accept letter of resignation	March 28, 2011	See attached letter.
<b>FLENTIE, Susan</b>	Head Cross Country Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.125)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>DESCHEEMAEKER, Pat</b>	Assistant Cross Country Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.085)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>GEBERT, Gary</b>	Head Football Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.145)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>FELLER, Vic</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Football Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.105)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>HUDSON, Troy PAULSON, Steve TEDESCO, Matt WRIGHT, Rick</b>	Assistant Football Coaches	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.085)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>KYNETT, Mary</b>	Head Golf Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.090)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>FRIESEN, Jeff</b>	Assistant Golf Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.055)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>TAYLOR, Tara</b>	Head Volleyball Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.145)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>ROSS, Deena</b>	First Assistant Volleyball Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule— (0.105)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

**PERSONNEL REPORT FOR BOARD ACTION**

**DATE:** March 28, 2011

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<b>KRAUSE, Josie</b>	Assistant Volleyball Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule—(0.085)	March 28, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>ARMSTRONG, Chad</b>	Summer Session Driver Education Instructor	School District #1	Approve appointment for 108 hours at \$20.00 per hour for a total of \$2,160.00 for behind-the-wheel instruction	June 3 – July 1, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>RUTLEDGE, Robert</b>	Summer Session Driver Education Instructor	School District #1	Approve appointment for 140 hours at \$20.00 per hour for a total of \$2,800.00 for classroom instruction	June 3 – July 1, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>ZIESKE, Butch</b>	Summer Session Driver Education Instructor	School District #1	Approve appointment for 162 hours at \$20.00 per hour for a total of \$3,240.00 for behind-the-wheel instruction	June 3 – July 1, 2011	See attached memo.
<b>MONTGOMERY, Brian</b>	In-Town Bus Driver Activity Bus Driver	School District #1	Approve appointment on schedule—In-Town Bus Driver \$8.16 per hour on an as-needed basis; Activity Bus Driver \$16.81/hr drive time; \$10.00 per hour wait time (2 hours per day maximum) on an as-needed basis	March 28, 2011	Brian Montgomery is a substitute bus driver for the school district. He needs to have a contract for extracurricular driving in order to be placed on the rotation list.
<b>OTTO, Joshua</b>	In-Town Bus Driver Activity Bus Driver	School District #1	Approve appointment on schedule—In-Town Bus Driver \$8.16 per hour on an as-needed basis; Activity Bus Driver \$16.81/hr drive time; \$10.00 per hour wait time (2 hours per day maximum) on an as-needed basis	March 28, 2011	Joshua Otto is a substitute bus driver for the school district. He needs to have a contract for extracurricular driving in order to be placed on the rotation list.



# LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

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March 1, 2011

TO: Lewistown School Board of Trustees  
Jason Butcher, Supt.  
Paul Stengel, Maint. Supervisor

This letter is to inform you that I will be retiring from the Lewistown Public School District. My last day of employment will be April 30, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kenneth W. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Kenneth W. Martin  
Head Custodian, Fergus High School

March 11, 2011

To: Lewistown Public Schools Board of Trustees

From: Rebecca Baszczuk

Re: Resignation

Board of Trustees,

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from the position of Delivery Van Driver.

Up to the time of the injury of my shoulder, I have enjoyed working in this position. Yet, based on my experiences working in this position, I cannot move past the belief that to continue in this capacity could mean further injury to my arm.

I have serious reservations about the job assessment that was done by MSGIA in that it is my belief that they did not conduct a fair and realistic evaluation of the job requirements in regards to weight restrictions and these areas are as follows:

The evaluator made her determinations of "weight" based on measurements that she took in the kitchen at the Lincoln Building on level floor. Assessing normal work conditions should have included;

- Fully loaded carts at each schools thresholds, which require lifting, pushing and pulling and at several schools includes ramps to roll the carts up and down.
- Holding carts on the lift as it is moving up and down.
- The water in the dirty dishes totes was not factored in the "weight" assessment – these also are moved back over the same thresholds and up and down on the lift

I appreciate that the School District is willing to modify this position in that paper can be transported by separate packages rather than by the case, yet this again seems like nominal compromise, especially in view of the tight schedule that the Delivery Van operates on, and moving paper by the ream rather than the case, i.e., more trips back and forth from paper storage, more trips back and forth from delivery van to schools offices, etc.

For the benefit of the School District and in consideration of the above points, I must stick with my decision to resign from the position of Delivery Van Driver.

Thank you.

  
Rebecca Baszczuk



FERGUS HIGH SCHOOL  
Athletic Director Jim Daniels, Athletic Secretary Wendy Pfau  
(406) 535-2321 Fax: 535-3835

**TO: Jason Butcher, Superintendent of Schools**

**FR: Jim Daniels A.D.**

**RE: FHS Fall Sports Coaches**

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**Please recommend to the Board of Trustees the following individuals for extracurricular activities for the 2011-2012 School Year.**

**Athletic Coaches:**

**Fergus High School**

<b>Football</b>	<b>Head Coach:</b> <b>First Asst:</b> <b>Assistants:</b>	<b>Gary Gebert</b> <b>Vic Feller</b> <b>Rick Wright</b> <b>Troy Hudson</b> <b>Steve Paulson</b> <b>Matt Tedesco</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Head Coach:</b> <b>Assistant:</b>	<b>Mary Kynett</b> <b>Jeff Friesen</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>Head Coach:</b> <b>Assistant:</b>	<b>Suzy Flentie</b> <b>Pat Descheemaeker</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Head Coach:</b> <b>First Assistant:</b> <b>Assistant:</b>	<b>Tara Taylor</b> <b>Deena Ross (Wier)</b> <b>Josie Krause</b>

**Thanks!!**



# Memorandum

**To:** Jason Butcher, Superintendent  
**From:** Diane Oldenburg, Driver Education Director  
**Date:** March 22, 2011  
**Re:** Summer Driver Education

I am requesting the Board of Trustees approval to hire Robert Rutledge, Chad Armstrong and Butch Zieske to instruct the Driver Education summer sessions for 2011. They have each received the appropriate Traffic Education Endorsement from the Office of Public Instruction to teach Driver Education.

Approximate dates of employment and approximate contract amounts:

Chad Armstrong	June 3-July 1, 2011	\$2,160.00 (BTW only-108 hours)
Robert Rutledge	June 3-July 1, 2011	\$2,800.00 (Classroom-140 hours)
Butch Zieske	June 3-July 1, 2011	\$3,240.00 (BTW only-162 hours)

The rate of pay will be \$20.00 per hour for classroom time and behind-the-wheel (BTW) driving time. Thank you for your consideration.

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

03/28/2011

**Agenda Item No.**

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Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** SET SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE LEVY ELECTION

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees needs to set the School District Number One Levy Election.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Set School District Number One Levy Election

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

MEMO

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Mike Waterman, Business Manager

DATE: March 21, 2011

SUBJECT: SETTING GENERAL FUND LEVY AMOUNT

Technically, the Board has until April 8 to decide how large a levy to request at the upcoming General Fund election; however, the March 28 meeting is our last regularly scheduled Board meeting before that deadline. As a result, we will recommend the Board set the levy amount on March 28.

This decision is obviously complicated by the fact that the legislature is in session and has not decided on how school funding will work for the coming biennium. Nonetheless, the Board essentially has three options to consider when selecting an amount for which to request taxpayer approval:

1. Cancel the election. The Board may cancel the levy elections by setting the additional request amount at \$0 for both Districts.
2. Request the maximum amount allowed under current law. Under current law, the Board may request up to \$211,108.25 and \$137,765.21 in the Elementary and High School districts, respectively. The mill calculations and taxpayer impacts can be found on the attached Budget Projection.

The benefit of requesting the maximum amount under current law is that it would maximize the District's spending authority next year and in the future. If approved, the District would have permanent access to those funds on an annual basis. Should the legislature increase state funding to schools and decrease the maximum amount for which we can approach our voters, we simply would levy up to the maximum allowed by law.

The largest drawback of this option is the likelihood of passage. Obviously, the current law maximum levy amounts are quite substantial, and local voters may not feel able to or comfortable with approving such a substantial increase.

3. Request a lesser amount at the Board's discretion. With the legislature in session and school funding a hot topic there, the Board may choose to anticipate additional state funding going into education and select a lower levy amount. For your consideration, I calculated our maximum budgets and levy amounts under SB403, an education funding bill that has received a good deal of attention in Helena. Those figures are available on the accompanying Budget Projection document as well.

This option has benefits and drawbacks as well. Benefits include a lower request, which could increase the chance of voter approval. The drawbacks are that the District's spending authority would be restricted if the legislature doesn't increase school funding.

In an effort to minimize the District's budget shortfalls, administration recommends the Board pursue the maximum levy available under current law. We recognize the inherent risk of this recommendation, and understand that justifying the tax increases to the community will be a challenge. Nonetheless, the District faces a funding shortfall even if the levy passes. Maximizing our available resources will ensure that these reductions have the smallest impact possible on our students.

Please contact me with questions.

Mike

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

FY12 General Fund Budget Projections

March 22, 2011

	Lewistown Elementary	Fergus High School	Totals
FY11 General Fund Budget	5,605,833.83	3,283,795.38	
FY12 Projected Expenditures	5,687,822.02	3,462,568.18	
<b>Current Law:</b>			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	5,394,725.58	3,146,030.17	
Highest Voted Amount	211,108.25	137,765.21	348,873.46
Highest Budget	5,605,833.83	3,283,795.38	
Voted Mills	17.49	10.58	28.07
Annual Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home	27.69	16.75	44.44
Projected Surplus/(Shortfall)			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	(293,096.44)	(316,538.01)	(609,634.45)
Highest Budget	(81,988.19)	(178,772.80)	(260,760.99)
<b>Jones Proposal:</b>			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	5,490,594.13	3,197,536.80	
Highest Voted Amount	142,641.86	94,880.41	237,522.27
Highest Budget	5,633,235.99	3,292,417.21	
Voted Mills	11.82	7.28	19.10
Annual Tax Increase on \$100,000 Home	18.71	11.52	30.23
Projected Surplus/(Shortfall)			
Highest Budget Without a Vote	(197,227.89)	(265,031.38)	(462,259.27)
Highest Budget	(54,586.03)	(170,150.97)	(224,737.00)

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

03/28/2011

**Agenda Item No.**

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  Board of Trustees   
  Superintendent's Report   
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**ITEM TITLE:** SET HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE LEVY ELECTION

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Mike Waterman    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees needs to set the High School District Number One Levy Election.

Information for the Board regarding the High School Levy election is on the attachments for action item #21.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Set High School District Number One Levy Election

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

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**Agenda Item No.**

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- Minutes/Claims   
  Board of Trustees   
  Superintendent's Report   
  Action - Consent  
 Action - Indiv.

**ITEM TITLE:** APPROVE REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE NATURE OF LEARNING GRANT

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Superintendent    **Date:** 03/28/2011

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees needs to approve the request from Steve Paulson, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Teacher, to apply for the *Nature of Learning* Grant.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Association are taking applications from organizations interested in the *Nature of Learning* grants. The *Nature of Learning* is a community-based environmental education initiative that seeks to use outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues. Academic institutions are eligible to apply for funding. Eligible projects must involve a partnership with a Wildlife Refuge such as the Charles M. Russell NWR. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and may cover project activities for as long as 18 months. Application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2011.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve Request to Apply for the *Nature of Learning* Grant

**Additional Information Attached**    **Estimated cost/fund source** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Granot						
Jackson						
Monger						
Pierce						
Schelle						
Weeden						



## ***The Nature of Learning Grant Program***

**Applications Due: Friday, April 1st, 2011**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Wildlife Refuge System, in partnership with the FWS National Conservation Training, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) and the National Wildlife Refuge Association are now soliciting applications from organizations interested in *The Nature of Learning* grants. *The Nature of Learning* is a community-based environmental education initiative that seeks to:

- use national wildlife refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues;
- encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that seeks to enhance student academic achievement; and
- utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues.

First year grants of up to \$10,000 and second year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to support education projects focused on the **causes and effects of climate change on refuges** and to **build citizen science partnership programs**. Proposals that incorporate this theme are preferred; however, it is not required.

Examples of programs that support climate change education and citizen science efforts include but are not limited to:

[National Phenology Network](#)  
[Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology](#)  
[Project Budburst](#)

### **Eligibility**

Academic institutions or non-profit organizations, including "Friends" organizations, cooperative and interpretive associations, Audubon Chapters, youth organizations, community groups, etc., are eligible to apply for funding.

### **Grant Guidelines**

- The program must involve a partnership with a national wildlife refuge and a letter of support from the refuge must be provided in your grant application.
- The program must be designed to improve scientific literacy, and conform to appropriate academic standards of learning.
- The program must be completed within 18 months.
- The program must include a community stewardship project.
- Preference will be given to start-up programs that can demonstrate a commitment to sustaining the program over time.
- Preference will be given to programs that incorporate climate change and citizen science.
- Matching contributions are not required; however preference will be given to applications that include other contributions of funds, goods and services from program partners, including letters of reference.
- You must reapply for the second year grant.
- Funding will be dispersed on an as-need basis with 10% of the funds held back for dispersal upon receipt of *The Nature of Learning* program final accomplishment report.

### **How to apply**

Applicants must complete the on-line application form at [www.nfwf.org/grantapplication](http://www.nfwf.org/grantapplication) by **Friday, April 1st, 2011**. Projects will be evaluated to the extent by which the guidelines are met. **Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by Wednesday, June 15th, 2011.**

For additional information on The Nature of Learning program, please contact Deborah Moore at [Deborah\\_moore@fws.gov](mailto:Deborah_moore@fws.gov). For questions regarding grant applications, please contact Teal Edelen at [teal.edelen@nfwf.org](mailto:teal.edelen@nfwf.org).

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## The Nature of Learning Grant Program

### Program Overview

Start-Up grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to support initial expenses associated with new programs. Follow-Up grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded on a comprehensive basis to provide continued support to existing *The Nature of Learning* Programs.

*The Nature of Learning* framework includes:

- **Partnerships:** Central to each *The Nature of Learning* site is a partnership among a neighborhood school, natural resource professionals and community members. These partners use *The Nature of Learning* methodology to create site-specific goals and an action plan for achievement.
- **Integrated Learning:** *The Nature of Learning* outlines a process by which a community-based curriculum is developed utilizing formal and non-formal education expertise at the site.
- **Standards-based:** Using the standards-based curriculum from collaborating schools, teams of teachers and resource specialists blend the resources from the classroom with existing activities and programs used on public lands. The framework guides educators in a standards-based instructional process that encourages an interdisciplinary approach.
- **Stewardship Projects-** Community projects are planned and implemented as a culminating activity of this initiative. After building an understanding of conservation issues, students are encouraged to identify tasks that put their awareness into action and enhance their community.
- **Professional Development-** *The Nature of Learning* framework assists site teams to build local site workshops to meet professional development needs. Partnerships with local organizations that have similar missions are highly recommended. In addition, the FWS National Conservation Training Center offers many courses that can be directly applied to *The Nature of Learning* Initiative.

*The Nature of Learning* supports one of the six Fish and Wildlife Service's priorities of connecting people with nature ensuring the future of conservation. *The Nature of Learning* also supports the FWS Manual Policy (605 FW 6) as an environmental education initiative that has the ability to promote awareness, appreciation and understanding of the role that the Refuge System plays in the conservation of wildlife. As a priority use, FWS encourages environmental education within refuge missions and purposes, supports site-specific environmental education, and uses on-site programs to focus on refuge issues and emphasize species of importance. Meeting the education objectives of the Refuge System is an important goal of *The Nature of Learning*, but it will take the collaboration that includes the community to achieve it.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lewistown, Montana

**2010-2015 GOALS AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

Lewistown Public Schools, as entrusted by the Lewistown Community, provides children with an accountable, high quality, rigorous education in a safe, nurturing environment; developing the full potential of each child and preparing them for lifelong success in their personal lives and careers, wherever they may be in the world.

**Goal Area 1: Measurable Student Achievement**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has developed an outstanding educational program that ensures that every student achieves the highest academic performance possible and has multiple opportunities to actively participate in both co-curricular and extra-curricular activities offered by our District. We use a multitude of measures to gauge student performance based on district-created progress goals. We adequately prepare students for their career/job choices and life choices. Our staff is highly supporting and enthusiastic about our differentiated approach to instruction.*

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Response to Intervention (RTI) is embraced and consistently implemented by staff in every building in the district and is used to monitor and improve student achievement.
2. The District is consistent in each building in developing and implementing both curricula as well as intervention programs to insure student achievement and success.
3. The District has evaluated the high school graduation requirements and its processes for allowing deviation from the requirements for both college bound and vocation bound students.
4. The District is consistent at all levels in developing and implementing differentiated instruction techniques.

**Goal Area 2: Facilities**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has developed a state-of-the-art facilities program that meets the needs of our students and staff on a long-term basis. We have prioritized our facility needs and have a plan in place for resources necessary to achieve our facilities program. Our facilities program is fully supported by our community. In planning for our facilities, we have adequately addressed the issue of technology and incorporated that in to our facilities plan.*

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Develop a comprehensive plan to address the District's building and facilities needs to insure our physical plant can effectively and efficiently address the needs of our students, staff and community for the next 20 years.
2. Secure community support and funding necessary to implement the comprehensive facilities plan.
3. Use gifting and fund-raising via the Central Montana Foundation to assure long-term funding for critical needs in our buildings and grounds.

**Goal Area 3: Community / Parental Engagement**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has created an environment of collaboration and transparency with families of students and with our community as a whole. Families of students are actively involved in their children's education. The community is highly engaged in helping provide the best education possible for our children. As a result of our community's and family's commitment to public education, we have established a collaborative approach to solving public education issues that includes our local legislators.*

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Develop, implement and maintain a consistent, district-wide effort to involve parents and interested community members in our schools.
2. Implement an accepted and used communication system so that information can be shared quickly and effectively with parents and interested community members and to allow easy and effective communication from parents and interested community members with the Board, administration and district staff.
3. Implement a program whereby those parents and community members interested and willing to advocate for public schools with the legislature and state agencies are empowered to do so.

**Goal Area 4: Technology**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has developed a technology plan that incorporates regular upgrades of both hardware and software and training of staff on existing and new programs. We have successfully incorporated technology into our facilities and all aspects of our educational program in a methodical and effective manner that prepares our students for the real world. We have systems in place to ensure the safety of our students and compliance with District standards.*

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Keep technology infrastructure current and sound (routers, switchers, servers, internet service and work stations). Continue to prevent problems and keep technology accessible (security, filtering, preventative updates).
2. Have implemented steps to leverage social networking and other technology to support better teaching and learning by expanding student-to-student and student-to-faculty connections for collaborating beyond the classroom.
3. Provide staff development to ensure that technology standards are implemented in classrooms district wide.
4. Develop and implement efforts to develop a consistent approach/philosophy by our staff to the use of technology in the classroom as an effective and proven learning tool.
5. Determine how the district should help educate parents about the ways their children use technology (in and out of school, for good and bad reasons).

**Goal Area 5: Highly Qualified Staff**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has developed a recruitment and retention program to ensure that the District hires and retains high quality, effective personnel. Our teachers and other staff have been provided professional development opportunities that directly correlate to the high academic standards set by the District. Our teachers and other staff have embraced the use of technology into all aspects of our educational programs. The staff shares the vision of the Board in providing differentiated educational programs in order to meet the needs of our students and in achieving the District's high academic standards.*

**Strategic Objectives:**

1. Implement a consistent, rigorous and fair assessment and evaluation process for staff that is understood and supported by administrators and staff.
2. Professional development is tailored to meet the needs of teachers, administrators, and staff. They are part of the planning and assessment of these opportunities.

## **Goal Area 6: Fiscal Management/Responsibility**

**Statement of Intended Outcome, 2010-2015:** *Lewistown Public Schools has secured adequate, sustainable funding from the State and has developed a process to prioritize the financial resources that we have according to the educational goals set by the District. We have secured funding sources that are not earmarked for specific causes and have the discretion to determine where funds are needed in order to achieve our high standards and our goals. Through our community engagement initiative, our community understands our budgeting process, they support our schools and they understand our needs and the strategic direction of our District.*

### **Strategic Objectives:**

1. Review all financial processes; streamline and consolidate these processes where possible; find ways to improve efficiencies and accountability in our financial processes while reducing, if possible, staff frustration with them.
2. Seek ways to better involve staff in budget development.
3. Carefully assess specific ways in which we can involve community, staff and the Board in better maintaining a strong and influential presence in the next Montana Legislature (2011).
4. The Lewistown Schools leadership team works with outlying communities to determine what cooperative efforts can be made to make the best use of limited resources.
5. Conclude, prior to August 15, 2011, a review of the Strategic Plan's 1-5 year goals and objectives and insure they still represent appropriate and realistic milestones on our way to our 20-year vision.

## School District #1 Mission Statement:

*Excellence Today, Success Tomorrow*

### Core Values of the Lewistown Public Schools:

1. **High Standards:** Lewistown Public Schools upholds high standards and expectations for the Board, staff and students of the District. We strive to provide challenging curriculum taught by innovative leaders in the field of education, utilizing research-based curriculum and implementing best practices.
2. **Student-Centered:** The motivation for everything we do is based upon what is right and best for the children of our community. We ensure the development, well-being and education of students through a variety of academic and extracurricular activities. We assist students in overcoming challenges and help them celebrate their successes, all as part of a plan to maximize the potential of each student.
3. **Effective and Efficient Practices:** Lewistown Public Schools is committed to effective and efficient stewardship of our resources.
4. **Accountability:** Lewistown Public Schools is accountable for all that we do from fiscal management to the performance of students, staff, administration and the Board.
5. **Community Support:** Lewistown Public Schools understands that community support is vital, earned and continually renewed through consistent dedication to quality service. We believe the key to success is found through mutual engagement of the community and the schools, effective interaction between parents, students, staff, administrators, trustees and all elements of the Lewistown Community. We value the trust the community has invested in our public schools and we strive to earn and maintain that trust.
6. **Communication:** Lewistown Public Schools values effective and open communication with parents, students, staff, trustees and the community.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Becky Jackson, Board Chair  
 Jeremy Bristol  
 Jennifer Granot  
 Stan Monger  
 Lisa Pierce  
 Mary Schelle  
 Monte Weeden

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**A. Pupil Instruction**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>91 Days</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>89 Days</b>
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<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>	<b>DAYS</b>
First Week	Aug 25 -- Aug 27 3	First Week	Jan 24 -- Jan 28 5
Second Week	Aug 30 -- Sept 3 5	Second Week	Jan 31 -- Feb 4 5
Third Week	Sept 7 -- Sept 10 4	Third Week	Feb 7 -- Feb 11 5
Fourth Week	Sept 13 -- Sept 17 5	Fourth Week	Feb 14 -- Feb 18 5
Fifth Week	Sept 20 -- Sept 24 5	Fifth Week	Feb 21 -- Feb 24 4
Sixth Week	Sept 27 -- Oct 1 5	Sixth Week	Feb 28 -- Mar 4 5
Seventh Week	Oct 4 -- Oct 8 5	Seventh Week	Mar 7 -- Mar 11 5
Eighth Week	Oct 11 -- Oct 15 5	Eighth Week	Mar 14 -- Mar 18 5
Ninth Week	Oct 18 -- Oct 20 3	Ninth Week	Mar 21 -- Mar 25 5
Tenth Week	Oct 25 -- Oct 29 5		<b>44</b>
	<b>45</b>		

<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>	<b>DAYS</b>
First Week	Nov 1 -- Nov 3 3	First Week	Mar 28 -- Apr 1 5
Second Week	Nov 8 -- Nov 12 5	Second Week	Apr 4 -- Apr 8 5
Third Week	Nov 15 -- Nov 19 5	Third Week	Apr 11 -- Apr 15 5
Fourth Week	Nov 22 -- Nov 23 2	Fourth Week	Apr 18 -- Apr 20 3
Fifth Week	Nov 29 -- Dec 3 5	Fifth Week	Apr 26 -- Apr 29 4
Sixth Week	Dec 6 -- Dec 10 5	Sixth Week	May 2 -- May 6 5
Seventh Week	Dec 13 -- Dec 17 5	Seventh Week	May 9 -- May 13 5
Eighth Week	Dec 20 -- Dec 21 2	Eighth Week	May 16 -- May 20 5
Ninth Week	Jan 3 -- Jan 7 5	Ninth Week	May 23 -- May 27 5
Tenth Week	Jan 10 -- Jan 14 5	Tenth Week	May 31 -- Jun 2 3
Eleventh Week	Jan 18 -- Jan 21 4		<b>45</b>
	<b>46</b>		

**B. Pupil Instruction Related Days (No School for Students)**

August 23	All Staff Orientation/PIR	1.0
August 24	PIR	1.0
October 21-22	Staff Development Days - Teachers Convention	2.0
November 3-4	Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening Only on 3rd, All Day on 4th)	1.5
January 17	PIR	1.0
April 7	Parent Teacher Conference Evening <u>ONLY</u> (Regular School Day for Students)	0.5
		<b>7.0</b>

**Totals**

2010-2011 Regular Board Meetings		
July	26	5:30 p.m.
Aug.	9	5:30 p.m.
Aug.**	24	7:00 p.m.
Sept.	13	7:00 p.m.
Sept.	27	7:00 p.m.
Oct.	11	7:00 p.m.
Oct.	25	7:00 p.m.
Nov.	8	7:00 p.m.
Nov.	22	7:00 p.m.
Dec.	13	7:00 p.m.
Jan.	10	7:00 p.m.
Jan.	24	7:00 p.m.
Feb.	14	7:00 p.m.
Feb.	28	7:00 p.m.
Mar.	14	7:00 p.m.
Mar.	28	7:00 p.m.
Apr.	11	7:00 p.m.
Apr.	25	7:00 p.m.
May	9	7:00 p.m.
May	23	7:00 p.m.
June	13	5:30 p.m.
June	27	5:30 p.m.

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**C. Holidays (Dates Inclusive)**

September 6	Labor Day
October 21-22	Fall Vacation (Teachers -- Convention)
November 4	Parent Teacher Conferences (Vacation Day for Students)
November 5	Vacation Day
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 22-31	Christmas Vacation
January 17	PIR (Vacation Day for Students)
February 25	Vacation Day
April 21-25	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day