

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Lincoln Board Room  
215 Seventh Avenue South  
Lewistown, Montana 59457

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/tsp-zpmx-ovz](https://meet.google.com/tsp-zpmx-ovz)

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**CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Presentation—Lewistown Junior High GIS Team – Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Video

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

5. Approve Facilities Bond Proposal for November 2021
6. Approve Personnel Report

**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:

- Speaker must first be recognized by the Chair and identify him/herself.
- Comments may not infringe on the rights to privacy of another.
- 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.
- Appropriate comments are welcome but no action is likely to be taken at this time to ensure that others have the opportunity to address the same issue also. Items discussed may, at the discretion of the Board, be placed on a later agenda.
- 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.

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Lewistown, Montana

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date**

03/23/2021

**Agenda Item No.**

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

**ITEM TITLE:** PRESENTATION---LEWISTOWN JR. HIGH SCHOOL SAMSUNG SOLVE FOR TOMORROW VIDEO

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Suzy Flentie

**SUMMARY:**

The Lewistown Jr. High School GIS Club and their Advisors, will present their video that complies with their entry materials for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow National Contest. Their proposal addresses the social and emotional pyramid they designed that relates to COVID-19, school closures and how students were able to adapt to the challenges endured during the pandemic.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Informational

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Additional Information Attached

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**NOTES:**

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Lewistown, Montana**

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

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:**

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Lewistown, Montana**

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

**ITEM TITLE:** APPROVE FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL FOR NOVEMBER 2021

**Requested By:** Board of Trustees    **Prepared By:** Thom Peck

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Trustees will discuss moving forward with the bond initiative for November 2021.

Document and materials will be provided at Board Meeting.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve Facilities Bond Initiative for November 2021

**Additional Information Attached**

**NOTES:**

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bailey						
Birdwell						
Koterba						
Southworth						
Thompson						
Heintz						
Weeden						

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 Action – Indiv.

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT

Requested By: Board of Trustees    Prepared By: Christy Rogers

**SUMMARY:**

Attached is the Personnel Report for your review.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approve All Items

Additional Information Attached

NOTES:

<i>Board Action</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Other</i>
Bailey						
Birdwell						
Koterba						
Southworth						
Thompson						
Heintz						
Weeden						

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

Tuesday March 23, 2021

<i>EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED ACTION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>RECOMMENDED BY</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<b>BIRDWELL, Danielle</b>	Elementary Teacher	Garfield Elementary School	Approve appointment on schedule --BA Step 0, 1.0 FTE	7/1/2021	Matt Lewis	Replacing Susan Standley
<b>BUEHLER, Dylan</b>	Teacher	Lewistown Jr. High School	Contract Previously Issued	7/1/2021	Jeff Friesen	Replacing Suzy Flentie
<b>DOHRMANN, Marne</b>	Elementary Teacher	Garfield Elementary School	Approve appointment on schedule --MA Step 9, 1.0 FTE	7/1/2021	Matt Lewis	Replacing Lori Brown-Chavet
<b>GATZ, Tessa</b>	First Assistant Tennis Coach	Fergus High School	Approve appointment on schedule --(0.105 x \$34,748.00) \$3,648.54	3/23/2021	Paul Bartos	Replacing Matt Gruener
<b>WELSH, Devney</b>	Elementary Teacher	Highland Park Elementary School	Accept Letter of Resignation	3/10/2021	Matthew Ventresca	See attached letter

Devney Welsh  
207 Fluorite Drive  
Lewistown, MT 59457

March 8, 2021

Mr. Matthew Ventresca, Principal  
Mr. Thom Peck, Superintendent  
Lewistown Public Schools

Dear Matt and Thom,

It is with a heavy heart that I notify you both that I will not be renewing my contract as an educator for the upcoming school year, 2021-2022.

I have given my decision to resign a lot of thought. I feel it is in my best interest to continue on a new adventure. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 15 years with the staff of Highland Park. I have seen many changes throughout those years and can't wait to hear about changes that will happen in the next several years.

I am looking forward to finishing out the school year with the staff of Highland Park and most especially the students who have given me so much joy. You all will be missed!

Sincerely,

Devney Welsh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Highland Park Elementary  
Lewistown, MT



**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.

<b>PUPIL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>First Semester</b>				<b>89 days</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>				<b>90 days</b>
	<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>				<b>DAYS</b>	<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>				<b>DAYS</b>
	First Week	Aug 26	to	Aug 28	3	First Week	Jan 19	to	Jan 22	4
	Second Week	Aug 31	to	Sept 4	5	Second Week	Jan 25	to	Jan 29	5
	Third Week	Sept 8	to	Sept 11	4	Third Week	Feb 1	to	Feb 5	5
	Fourth Week	Sept 14	to	Sept 18	5	Fourth Week	Feb 8	to	Feb 12	5
	Fifth Week	Sept 21	to	Sept 25	5	Fifth Week	Feb 15	to	Feb 19	5
	Sixth Week	Sept 28	to	Oct 2	5	Sixth Week	Feb 22	to	Feb 25	4
	Seventh Week	Oct 5	to	Oct 9	5	Seventh Week	March 1	to	March 5	5
	Eighth Week	Oct 12	to	Oct 14	3	Eighth Week	March 8	to	March 12	5
	Ninth Week	Oct 19	to	Oct 23	5	Ninth Week	March 15	to	March 19	5
	Tenth Week	Oct 26	to	Oct 30	5					
				<b>45</b>					<b>43</b>	
	<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>				<b>DAYS</b>	<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>				<b>DAYS</b>
First Week	Nov 2	to	Nov 4	3	First Week	March 22	to	March 26	5	
Second Week	Nov 9	to	Nov 13	5	Second Week	March 29	to	April 1	4	
Third Week	Nov 16	to	Nov 20	5	Third Week	April 6	to	April 9	4	
Fourth Week	Nov 23	to	Nov 25	3	Fourth Week	April 12	to	April 16	5	
Fifth Week	Nov 30	to	Dec 4	5	Fifth Week	April 19	to	April 23	5	
Sixth Week	Dec 7	to	Dec 11	5	Sixth Week	April 26	to	April 30	5	
Seventh Week	Dec 14	to	Dec 18	5	Seventh Week	May 3	to	May 7	5	
Eighth Week	Dec 21	to	Dec 23	3	Eighth Week	May 10	to	May 14	5	
Ninth Week	Jan 4	to	Jan 8	5	Ninth Week	May 17	to	May 21	5	
Tenth Week	Jan 11	to	Jan 15	5	Tenth Week	May 25	to	May 28	4	
				<b>44</b>					<b>47</b>	
									<b>Total Days 179</b>	

<b>PUPIL INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAYS (PIR)</b>	August 17	New Staff Orientation	
	August 24-25	All Staff Orientation/PIR	2.0
	October 15-16	Staff Development Days <i>Teachers Convention</i>	2.0
	November 4-5	Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>Evening Nov. 4, All Day Nov. 5</i>	1.5
	March 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences <i>Conferences Evening Only Full School Day for Students</i>	.5
	May 24	PIR Day	1.0
		Floating PIR Day	<u>1.0</u>
		<b>8.0</b>	

<b>HOLIDAYS &amp; VACATIONS</b>	<i>Dates Inclusive</i>	September 7	Labor Day
	November 6	Vacation Day	
	November 26-27	Thanksgiving Vacation	
	Dec 24-Jan 3	Winter Break	
	January 18	Vacation Day	
	February 26	Vacation Day	
	April 2-5	Spring Break	
	May 31	Memorial Day	
July 5	Vacation Day (12-mo employees)		