

LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

June 15, 2026

7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during forum time.
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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Approval of Agenda

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

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

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: New Business Consent Agenda Items

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

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



LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Lawton Community Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 18, 2026
High School Board Room**

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools was held Monday, May 18, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM in the HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM.

- Board members present: Steve Carroll, Eric Smith, Bryan Cronenwett, Larissa Hunt, Walter Hitchcock, Nate Pursley, Matt Riggs
- Board members absent: None
- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** - This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during forum time.
- 2. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Facility Assessment Next Steps - Triangle
- 3. **FORUM TIME**
- 4. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Submitted by: _____
Larissa Hunt, Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Secretary



LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2026 High School Board Room

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools was held Monday, May 18, 2026 beginning at 7:00pm in the HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM.

- Board members present: Steve Carroll, Eric Smith, Bryan Cronenwett, Larissa Hunt, Walter Hitchcock, Nate Pursley, Matt Riggs
 - Board members absent: None
1. **CALL TO ORDER** - This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during forum time.
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion: Riggs
Support: Hunt
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the agenda as presented."
 4. **FORUM TIME** - Comments specific to meeting agenda
 5. **BUDGET REPORTS**
 6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - A. Special Recognitions
 1. LAAC Graduate – Hannah Lyn Crouch
 2. Student of the Month
 7. **NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Motion: Cronenwett
Support: Smith
Carried: 7-0
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves consent agenda items: 7. A, B, C, D, E, F, and G."
 - B. Special Recognition Resolution Approvals
 1. Middle School
"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for being Students of the Month for the month of

March: Fifth Grade James Barber, Sixth Grade Jonah Woodward, Seventh Grade Serafina Micheli, and Eighth Grade Jennifer Casarrubias.”

James Barber; Son of Mark and Cherie Baker

James has been selected as Student of the Month for demonstrating exceptional effort and achievement throughout this school year. He consistently shows hard work and dedication in his studies by completing assignments thoroughly and staying focused during class. He also maintains a positive attitude and treats classmates and staff with kindness and respect here at Lawton Middle School. His strong commitment to learning is evident in the effort he puts into his schoolwork each day and serves as an excellent example for both his peers and teachers. Way to go, James!

Jonah Woodward; Son of Ryan and Jane Woodward

Jonah Woodward has been an outstanding member of our classroom community and truly deserving to be recognized as our April Student of the Month. He consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and takes pride in doing his best in everything he does. Not even a recent sports injury has dampened his spirits or affected his willingness to help his peers and teachers. Whether completing assignments, participating in class discussions, or tackling challenging tasks, Jonah approaches each day with focus, determination, and a positive attitude that sets a great example for his classmates.

In addition to being hardworking, Jonah is incredibly kind and respectful to everyone around him. He treats his classmates with patience and encouragement, always willing to lend a helping hand to students who may be struggling with their work. Jonah’s caring nature helps create a welcoming and supportive classroom environment where others feel comfortable asking questions and trying their best. For these reasons, it is our privilege to select Jonah Woodward as our 6th grade Student of the Month.

Serafina Micheli; Daughter of Michael and Jennifer Micheli

Serafina Micheli is a hardworking student who always gives her best effort in every subject. She comes to class with a positive attitude and takes pride in doing her work well. Serafina also sets a great example for her classmates through her kindness, responsibility, and the way she carries herself each day. For these reasons, we are proud to recognize Serafina Micheli as our April Student of the Month.

Jennifer Casarrubias; Daughter of Filberto and Dulce Casarrubias

Jennifer was elected as the 8th grade Student of the Month for being an outstanding student and a positive role model. She quietly works hard every day and always completes her assignments on time. Jennifer is polite and respectful to her teachers, kind and supportive to her friends, and consistently demonstrates excellent behavior. Her hardworking attitude, respectful nature, and positive example make her very deserving of this recognition.

2. Senior Scholars

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the Top Ten Senior Scholars for the Class of 2026: Ethan Burgett, Greyson Burrous, Jack Fletcher, Kasey Franks, Amaya Garcia, Ben Hall, Belle Karsen, Ben Kucinich, Claire Pursley, and Anabelle Riggs.”

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for graduating Senior Scholar Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.90-4.00) for the Class of 2026: Grayson Burrous, Jack Fletcher, Amaya Garcia, Ben Hall, Belle Karsen, Rocky Karsen, Ben Kucinich, and Anabelle Riggs.”

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for graduating Senior Scholar Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.7-3.89) for the Class of 2026: Ethan Burgett, Kasey Franks, Katelyn High, Ahnia

McDaniel, Claire Pursley, Tessa Skinner, Carley Tanis, McKenzee Terpstra, and Madelynn Yakim.”

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for graduating Senior Scholar Cum Laude (GPA of 3.5-3.69) for the Class of 2026: Josie Eufrazio, Emma Hackenberg, Ava Hernandez, Gabe Newhouse, Addie Smith, and Ava Witteveen.”

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends its congratulations to the following students for making Senior Scholar Honor Roll (GPA of 3.0-3.49) for the Class of 2026: Gia Bridges, Levi Brooks, Brody Camp, Alex Commissaris, Lahna Eggleston, Chris Ferrell, Leandro Garcia, Gabby Rodriguez, Derek Ruimveld, Tyler Smith, Maya Tag, Maddie Thomason, Chase Triemstra, and Taylor Whipple.”

C. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the April 20, Regular Minutes and the May 5, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.”

D. Donation – Honee Bear

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education extends sincere appreciation to Honee Bear for the donation of \$500 to the Lawton Community Schools Rotobics team.”

E. Hire Resolution – Smith – SM Softball Assistant Coach

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Holli Smith as an MS Softball Assistant Coach.”

F. Hire Resolution – Miller – Childcare Provider

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Avery Miller as a Childcare Provider.”

G. Resignation Resolution – Kelly – Elementary Paraprofessional

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Shelly Kelly as an Elementary Paraprofessional effective May 13, 2026.”

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Points of Pride

Bandfield – went to Senior Awards Night and was impressed by the accomplishments

Pursley – surprised by all the awards given just for Lawton

Hunt/Bandfield – Band’s performance night was nice

Carroll – enjoyed the artwork displayed in the hallway

B. Facilities & Student Activities Committee Meeting – 04.21.26

Committee: Facilities, Athletics, Student Activities

Date of Meeting: 4.21.26 @ 6:30

Committee Members attending: Cronenwett, Riggs, Smith

Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Turner

Type of committee report:

X Reporting/updating

Recommending board action

Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:

The committee met on Tuesday April 21st to review Operations and Technology Capital Expenditures for the 26-27 Proposed Budget.

1. The Committee reviewed the 26-27 requests, the 5 year plan, and the Transportation Fleet Information from Building Operations & Transportation. The Committee will be recommending \$400,800 to be included in the 26-27 Budget to the Finance Committee.

\$20,000.00	Additional Stacking Chairs, Elementary
\$16,300.00	Band Equipment / Needs (2nd of 2 year purchase plan)
\$15,000.00	Metal Roof @ High School Explore / Fix
\$25,000.00	HS Aux Gym Floor Refinish
\$6,000.00	HS Main Gym Backboards Replace
\$93,500.00	Handicapped Van Replacement
\$16,000.00	Motor Shaft bearings of Air Handlers
\$48,000.00	HVAC Jace Upgrade
\$15,000.00	Kubota Diesel RTV
\$90,000.00	HS / MS Parking Lot Crack Fill & Reseal
\$30,000.00	Storage and Fencing - Enclosure of Home Bleachers
\$15,000.00	Maintenance & Transportation Bathroom
\$1,000.00	Admin Concrete Fixes
\$10,000.00	Elementary Door Locks

2. The Committee reviewed the 26-27 requests from Technology. The Committee will be recommending \$165,639.59 to be included in the 26-27 Budget to the Finance Committee.

\$60,518.59	Security Cameras and Servers
\$60,333.00	Chromebooks
\$34,180.00	Projectors
\$10,608.00	Switches, Doc Cams, Speakers

3. Additionally the Committee had discussions about potentially addressing some of the larger projects that have been discussed over the last few years and addressed in the Facility Assessment. The Middle School Roof was most focused on as a potential project that could be done outside of a potential future Bond Project. With the cost of such a project the Chair is interested in getting Feedback from the whole BOE this evening.

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

C. Food Service Spenddown Plan

Expected Spend Down Total	Revised	
Updated 5.12.26		
The Food Service Spend Down plan has to be submitted to MDE, with a plan to revise prior to June 30. This is our current plans and intentions for the Food Service Spend Down.		
\$168,156.13		
Cafeteria Updating	\$75,000.00	No Formal Plan yet but will work with FASA Committee / BOE prior to any approvals
Pro Team Advisors	\$19,287.00	Dietician / Meal Planning / State Federal Requirements
Milk Coolers (1)	\$4,457.00	
Heating Display Case (1)	\$6,160.00	HS Serving Line
Chef Ann Foundation Training/Cert	\$4,000.00	Staff Training
ProTeam Advisor Fresh Eye Consultation	\$3,995.00	Consultant looking at all aspects of FS
Sonicu Alarm System	\$2,503.60	Alarm System for Freezers & Coolers
Meal Magic	\$5,194.00	POS System
Ice Machine	\$6,248.00	
Display Fridge @ MS	\$1,600.00	
Food Processor x2	\$2,000.00	
Immersion Blender x3	\$4,500.00	
Serve Safe Training	\$1,593.00	Staff Certification
Picnic	\$5,000.00	
Food Quality - Valley Hub	\$20,000.00	TBD - Improving Food Quality Purchasing
Smallwares	\$6,618.53	TBD - Finalizing Inventory Check
Total	\$168,156.13	

D. VBISD Budet Approval – Roll Call Vote

Motion: Hunt

Support: Cronenwett

Carried: 0-6, 1 abstain

Ayes: None

Nays: Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs

VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Fund Operating Budget

RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools was held at the Board Room on , May 18 , 2026, at 7:00pm.

Members present: Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hunt, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs

Members absent None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Hunt and seconded by Member Cronenwett.

WHEREAS this Board received the Van Buren ISD General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2026; and **WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed ISD budget and must submit to the Van Buren ISD Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to the budget **prior to June 1, 2026**.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Van Buren ISD General Fund Operating Budget for the **2026-2027 school year** be (“supported” or “disapproved for the reasons attached hereto”) and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Van Buren ISD Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

Ayes: Members - None

Nays: Members – Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs

Motion declared adopted.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Lawton Community Schools , Michigan hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held on May 18, 2026, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board’s minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Signed:

_____, Larissa Hunt, Secretary
Lawton Community Schools Board of Education

E. Neola Policy – Vol. 40, No. 1 – Nondiscrimination – 2nd Reading

Motion: Hitchcock

Support: Cronenwett

Carried: 7-0

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Board of Education adopts the Neola Board Policies Vol. 40, No. 1 for Nondiscrimination.”

F. Finance Committee Meeting – 05.11.26

Committee: Finance

Date of Meeting: 4.11.26

Committee Members attending: Carroll, Cronenwett,

Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Watson

Type of committee report:

X Reporting/updating

X Recommending board action

Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:

The committee met on Monday May 11th to discuss the following

- Review and Finalize of the 2025-26 General Fund Amendment with an overview of Revenue and Expense changes.
- Finalize the Initial Review of the 26-27 Projected General Fund Budget Proposal
- The 2025-26 General Fund Budget Amendment and a High Level 2026-27 General Fund Budget Proposal is upcoming it tonight's meeting.
- June will be Amendments and Proposed Budgets for both 25-26 and 26-27 Budgets for General Fund (Amendment if needed), Food Service, and Student Activities.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Recommends approval of the 25-26 General Fund Budget Amendment

G. 2025-26 General Fund Budget Amendment – Roll Call Vote

Lawton Community Schools 2025/2026 Amended Budget General Fund Budget Summary				
<small>updated 5/13/2026</small>				
Account Description	Actual 2024/2025 Audited	Original 2025/2026 June 2025	Amended 2025/2026 May 2026	Variance From 25/26 Original
General Fund 11				
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Local Sources	\$ 1,693,585	\$ 1,613,602	\$ 1,691,336	\$ 77,734
Local - Athletic Sources	51,813	41,779	46,742	4,963
State Sources	12,588,423	12,389,729	12,982,885	593,156
Federal Sources	290,493	184,796	209,947	25,151
ISD Sources	406,132	444,533	474,533	30,000
Misc.-Incoming Transfers	65,114	60,000	65,000	5,000
General Fund Revenues	15,095,560	14,734,439	15,470,443	736,004
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
<u>Instruction</u>				
Basic Programs	7,505,862	7,962,127	8,080,324	118,197
Added Needs	1,266,705	1,209,067	1,301,991	92,924
Total Instruction:	8,772,567	9,171,194	9,382,315	211,121
<u>Support Services</u>				
Pupil Support	578,836	570,534	583,045	12,511
Instructional Support	111,109	100,488	89,901	(10,587)
General Administration	439,184	460,615	488,308	27,693
School Administration	1,143,927	1,171,604	1,187,851	16,247
Business Services	337,473	331,842	297,626	(34,216)
Operations/Maintenance	1,627,305	1,541,226	1,643,832	102,606
Transportation	422,979	448,950	522,845	73,895
Central Services	443,172	516,856	533,965	17,109
Athletics	313,221	289,148	339,455	50,307
Other Support	1,421	-	-	0
Community Services	-	-	1,000	-
Debt Service	3,721	-	3,722	-
Total Support Services:	5,422,348	5,431,263	5,691,549	260,286
<u>Community Services</u>				
Lawton Little Learners	-	51,000	-	(51,000)
Other	-	3,283	-	(3,283)
Total Transfer Out:	-	54,283	-	23,321
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>				
QZAB	174,333	178,637	174,333	(4,304)
Lawton Little Learners	72,700	-	26,604	26,604
Total Transfer Out:	247,033	178,637	200,937	22,300
Total General Fund Expenditures	14,441,948	14,835,378	15,274,801	439,423
Excess/(Deficiency) Revenues/Expenditures:	653,612	(100,939)	195,642	296,581
Prior Year-End Fund Balance:	5,656,720	5,854,517	6,310,332	455,815
Projected Current Year-End Fund Balance:	\$ 6,310,332	\$ 5,753,578	\$ 6,505,974	752,396
Less Nonspendable Fund Balance:				
Less Restricted Fund Balance:				
Less Committed (AFB) Fund Balance:				
Unassigned Fund Balance:	(665,000)	(732,000)	(732,000)	
	5,645,332	5,021,578	5,773,974	
	39.09%	33.85%	37.80%	

The Board of Education will levy 18.000 mills of ad valorem property tax on non-homestead property for the purpose of general operations.

Motion: Riggs
Support: Pursley
Carried: 7-0
Ayes: Carroll, Smith, Cronenwett, Hunt, Hitchcock, Pursley, Riggs
Nays: None

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Originally Adopted: June 16, 2025

Amended: May 18, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION

BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented May 18, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves an amended General Fund budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 to reflect updated known revenues and expenditures from the originally approved 2025-2026 General Fund of June 16, 2025:

Revenues of:	\$15,470,443
Expenditures of:	<u>\$15,274,801</u>
Revenues Exceeding Expenditures of:	\$ 195,642

and Ending Fund Balance of: \$ 6,505,974

to include:

Non-Spendable:	\$0
Restricted:	\$0
Committed:	\$732,000 for Capital Expenditures
Assigned:	\$0
Unassigned:	\$5,773,974

H. Budget Haring: 26-27 Budget High Level

**Lawton Community Schools
2025/2026 Amended Budget
General Fund Budget Summary**

updated 5/16/2024

Account Description	Actual 2024/2025 Audited	Original 2025/2026 June 2025	Amended 2025/2026 May 2026	Variance From 25/26 Original	Projected 2026/2027 June 2025	Variance From 25/26 Amended
General Fund 11						
Revenues:						
Local Sources	\$ 1,691,585	\$ 1,613,602	\$ 1,691,336	\$ 77,734	\$ 1,696,137	\$ 4,801
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State Sources	12,588,423	12,389,729	12,082,885	593,156	13,152,490	169,605
Federal Sources	290,493	184,796	209,947	25,151	209,947	0
ISO Sources	406,132	444,533	474,533	30,000	429,019	(45,514)
Misc. - Incoming Transfers	65,114	60,000	65,000	5,000	65,000	0
General Fund Revenues	15,095,560	14,736,439	15,470,443	734,004	15,599,336	128,893
Expenditures:						
Instruction						
Basic Programs	7,505,862	7,962,127	8,080,324	118,197	8,284,108	203,783
Added Needs	1,266,705	1,209,067	1,301,991	92,924	1,324,494	22,503
Total Instruction:	8,772,567	9,171,194	9,382,315	211,121	9,608,601	226,286
Support Services						
Pupil Support	578,836	570,534	583,045	12,511	585,775	2,730
Instructional Support	111,209	100,488	89,901	(10,587)	83,679	(6,222)
General Administration	439,184	460,615	488,308	27,693	481,652	(6,656)
School Administration	1,143,927	1,171,604	1,187,851	16,247	1,202,820	14,969
Business Services	337,473	331,842	297,626	(34,216)	295,306	(2,320)
Operations/Maintenance	1,627,305	1,541,226	1,643,832	102,606	1,815,041	171,209
Transportation	422,979	448,950	522,845	73,895	512,581	(10,264)
Central Services	443,172	516,856	533,965	17,109	476,265	(57,700)
Athletics	313,221	289,148	339,455	50,307	349,935	10,480
Other Support	1,421	-	-	0	-	0
Community Services	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,288	1,288
Debt Service	3,721	-	-	-	3,722	0
Total Support Services:	5,422,348	5,431,263	5,691,549	269,286	5,809,059	117,510
Community Services						
Lawton Little Learners	-	51,000	-	(51,000)	-	-
Other	-	3,283	-	(3,283)	3,283	3,283
Total Transfer Out:	-	54,283	-	(54,283)	3,283	3,283
Other Financing Uses						
QZAB	174,333	178,637	174,333	(4,304)	174,333	-
Lawton Little Learners	72,700	-	26,604	26,604	-	(26,604)
Total Transfer Out:	247,033	178,637	200,937	22,300	174,333	(26,604)
Total General Fund Expenditures	14,441,948	14,835,378	15,274,801	439,423	15,595,276	320,475
Excess/(Deficiency) Revenues/Expenditures:	653,612	(100,939)	195,642	296,581	4,060	(191,583)
Prior Year-End Fund Balance:	5,656,720	5,854,517	6,310,332	455,815	6,505,974	195,642
Projected Current Year-End Fund Balance:	\$ 6,310,332	\$ 5,753,578	\$ 6,505,974	752,396	\$ 6,510,034	4,060
Less Nonspendable Fund Balance:						
Less Restricted Fund Balance:						
Less Committed (APR) Fund Balance:						
Unassigned Fund Balance:	(665,000)	(732,000)	(732,000)		(732,000)	
	5,645,332	5,021,578	5,773,974		5,778,034	
	39.09%	33.83%	37.80%		37.05%	

The Board of Education will levy 18.000 mills of ad valorem property tax on non-homestead property for the purpose of general operations.

9. FORUM TIME

Carroll – suggested that the members of the board take turns handing out the diplomas at graduation

10. CLOSED SESSION – to consider the dismissal, suspension, or discipline of a student as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(b) – **Roll Call Vote**

The board went into Closed Session at 8:23pm and returned to Open Session at 8:36pm.

Motion: Hunt

Support: Riggs

Carried: 7-0

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

Nays: None

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider the dismissal, suspension, or discipling of a student, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(b). Closed session requested by student.”

11. OPEN SESSION

Motion: Hitchcock

Support: Cronenwett

Carried: 7-0

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

1. Student Discipline

Motion: Riggs

Support: Smith

Carried: 7-0

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education suspends student

#20291043 from Lawton Community Schools for 19 school days which is the remainder of the

25-26 school year. Beginning in the 26-27 schol year, the student would be enrolled in the LAAC and beginning the year either virtually or in person which is at the discretion of the Superintendent. The student is not permitted on school grounds during the suspension.”

2. Further Budget Discussion

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Submitted by: _____

Larissa Hunt, Lawton Community Schools Board of Education Secretary

Proposed

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the May 18, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the May 18, 2026 Rgeular Meeting Minutes as presented."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Hire – Schwartz – MS Math Teacher

Dave Williams is recommending Michelle Schwartz be hired as an MS Math Teacher. One candidate applied and one was interviewed.

Mrs. Schwartz is a highly qualified candidate who will fit in really well at LMS. She brings enthusiasm and innovation that will only help our students and team succeed. She brings ample years of experience working with middle school students and multiple areas of certification.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Michelle Schwartz as an MS Math Teacher."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Hire – Allison – Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach

Chris Richter is recommending Kirstin Allison be hired as a Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach. Two candidates applied and two were interviewed.

Coach Allison has a vast basketball background. She spent 8 years as a Varsity Head Coach at Bloomingdale HS, where she won 2 conference championships and sent many players to play at the college level. She also has 7 years of experience coaching at the AAU level. Coach Allison is a high basketball IQ person who forms great relationships with her players.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Kirstin Allison as a Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Hire – Waterson – 4th Grade Teacher

Heather Olson is recommending Lisa Waterson be hired as a 4th Grade Teacher. Nine candidates applied and nine were interviewed.

Lisa is returning to us with 24 years of teaching experience and 4 of those with LES! She retired last year in January due to extenuating circumstances. She has a drive and passion for education that isn't ready for retirement and we are thrilled to hire her back to serve our school and community once again!

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of Lisa Waterson as a 4th Grade Teacher."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Resignation Resolution – Ely – MS Library Aide

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kristen Ely as a Middle School Library Aide effective June 4, 2026."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Resignation Resolution – Eastman – MS Boys Soccer Head Coach

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Tim Eastman as a Middle School Boys Soccer Head Coach effective June 8, 2026."



2026-27

1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-5046

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, nonprofit corporation comprised of public, private and parochial junior high/ middle and senior high schools whose Boards of Education/Governing Bodies have voluntarily applied for and received membership for and on behalf of their secondary schools. The association sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsored tournaments in the various sports. Each Board of Education/Governing Body that wishes to host or participate in such meets and tournaments must join the MHSAA and agree to abide by and enforce the MHSAA rules, regulations and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules and tournament policies, procedures and schedules. **It is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournaments that high schools adhere to at least the minimum standards of Regulation I and the maximum limitations of Regulation II in ALL MHSAA Tournament sports.**

Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments are the collective property of the MHSAA and not of any individual member school. The MHSAA reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of MHSAA-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests, and the use of images or transmissions identifying contest officials, spectators and member schools' students, personnel and marks.

To obtain membership, it is necessary for the Board of Education/Governing Body to adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle and senior high schools. This resolution must be formally ratified by your Board of Education/Governing Body and properly signed. Please return one signed copy for our files and retain one copy for your files. Resolutions that are modified in any way or are supplemented with letters placing additional conditions on MHSAA membership or tournament participation shall be rejected.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

For the year August 1, 2026 — through July 31, 2027

LIST ON BACK

_____ the School(s) which are under the direction of this Board of Education/Governing Body.

(Junior high/middle and senior high schools of your school system which are to be listed as MHSAA members and receive MHSAA mailings during 2026-27 must be listed on the back of this form)

Lawton Community Schools City/Township of Lawton

County of Van Buren and Kalamazoo, of State of Michigan, are hereby:

- (A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association, and
- (B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current HANDBOOK as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2026 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2027, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the

Lawton Community School(s), on the 15 day of June, 2026, and is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the said Board/Governing Body.

Lawton Community Schools

(Governing Body Name)

101 Primary Way

(Address)

Lawton, MI 49065

(City & Zip Code)

bbandfield@lawtoncs.org

(Contact E-mail)

Board Secretary Signature
or Designee

Check if Designee

Schools Which Are To Be MHSAA Members During 2026-27

NOTE: Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution, all high schools, junior high/middle schools, or other schools of Michigan doing a grade of work corresponding to such schools, may become members of this organization provided (a) the school building has enrollment and onsite attendance of at least 15 students, whether for grades **6 through 8 or 9, grades 7 through 8 or 9, or grades 9 or 10 through 12**; and (b) if a nonpublic school, the school qualifies for federal income tax exemption as a not-for-profit organization. To reach the 15-student minimum for middle school membership, schools may join the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level whether or not 6th-grade students participate in athletics.

- A. This Section does not require school districts to become member schools at the junior high/middle school level and does not require school districts to sponsor any interscholastic athletics for 6th-grade students.
- B. If a school district's MHSAA Membership Resolution lists a junior high/middle school as an MHSAA member school, and if the school sponsors a 6th-grade team in any sport or permits a 6th-grade student to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-grade students in any sport, then all of Regulations III and IV apply to all 6th-graders in all sports involving 6th-graders on teams sponsored by that school. If the school does not allow any 6th-graders to participate in a sport, MHSAA rules do not apply in that sport.

Name the Member High School(s)

List separately from JH/MS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Lawton High School
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

If necessary, list additional schools
for either column on a separate sheet.

Name the Member Junior High /Middle School(s)

(member 6th, 7th and 8th-grade buildings)

List separately from HS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Lawton Middle School

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): 5-8

Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment 163

Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment 83

Grade levels for membership: 6 7 8

 1. Yes No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

2. _____

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____

Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____

Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment _____

Grade levels for membership: 6 7 8

 1. Yes No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

3. _____

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____

Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____

Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment _____

Grade levels for membership: 6 7 8

 1. Yes No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026-27 MHSAA Membership Approval

Attached is the membership resolution for the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 2026-27. The adoption of the resolution: "is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournaments that high schools adhere to at least the minimum standards of Regulation I and the maximum limitations of Regulation II in ALL MHSAA Tournament sports." It is necessary for the Board of Education/Governing Body to adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle school and senior high schools.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) resolution for 2026-27 as contained in the June 15, 2026 board packet and authorizes the Board Secretary or designee to sign the membership resolution."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: School of Choice 105 and 105C

Superintendent Bandfield recommends that Lawton Community Schools continue as a 105 and 105C School of Choice for the 2026-27 school year. This allows our district to accept K-12 students under School of Choice from Van Buren, Kalamazoo and Cass County school districts. The law requires that we publish this information and accept applications until Friday, August 28, 2026. LCS does not have to accept students expelled from other districts and we cannot accept students expelled under PA 328 (Weapons Act).

Openings as follows:

K-12: Unlimited Slots Available

According to Board Policy 5113 the Board of Education shall review this decision annually based on information provided by the Superintendent concerning the availability of space in each of the district's schools and programs.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the participation as a School of Choice 105 and 105C district for the 2026-27 school year."



Lawton Community Schools

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

On August 4, 2026, voters will be asked to consider replacing an expiring, long standing operating millage



This proposal only applies to non-homestead properties. In order for the District to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance from the State, the District must levy 18 mills on non-homestead properties.

Important Facts:

- By law, school districts must return to voters to periodically approve Operating Millage proposals. **Voters have approved similar replacement / renewals for LCS in the past**, most recently in 2022
- This proposal does not impact the taxes on residential or most agricultural property
- This is a replacement for an expiring millage on **non-homestead property only**
- Under State law, Lawton Community Schools may levy no more than 18 mills for general operating purposes
- This is **not a new tax**, this will replace expiring millage
- This money is used for district operations and cannot be replaced by other sources
- This replacement will expire after the 2030 levy
- Even though **primary households are not affected**, State law requires a district-wide election to approve this millage
- Due to the Headlee Amendment rollback, Lawton Community Schools operating millage has previously been rolled back under the maximum 18 mills that can be levied on non-homestead property.
- The extra 0.50 mills on the ballot, while by law the District can levy no more than 18 mills, guards against future Headlee rollbacks
- The estimate of the revenue the district will collect if approved and 18 mills are levied is \$1,590,000. If the millage is not renewed the district would be faced with **financial challenges that would negatively impact our students**

What you will see on the ballot

Local School District
Lawton Community Schools Operating Millage Proposal
<p>This proposal will replace expiring millage and allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.</p> <p>Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lawton Community Schools, Van Buren and Kalamazoo Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.5 mills (\$18.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$1,590,000 (this millage replaces millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p>

For more information contact Lawton Community Schools Superintendent's Office 269.624.7901

Paid for by:
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101 Primary Way
Lawton, MI 49065





Lawton Community Schools

Frequently Asked Questions

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

On August 4, 2026, voters will be asked to consider replacing an expiring, long standing operating millage. This proposal only applies to NON-HOMESTEAD properties. In order for the District to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance from the State, the District must levy 18 mills on non-homestead properties.



WHAT IS NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTY?

Non-homestead property includes all taxable property within the District other than a family's primary residence, certain agricultural property, certain forestry property, and certain industrial and certain commercial personal property. A non-homestead millage refers to the rate at which non-homestead properties are taxed.

WHAT DOES MILLAGE MEAN?

A millage is a property tax. The millage rate is the rate at which property taxes are levied on property. A mill is 1/1000 of a dollar.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE IS NOT APPROVED?

If the District were unable to collect the full 18 Mills allowed under Proposal A, the District's operating revenues would decline, reducing the District's ability to fund day-to-day operations.

WHY DO DISTRICTS LEVY 18 MILLS ON NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES?

Each district in the State of Michigan uses the per pupil funding allotment to plan its annual budget. The State determines the per-pupil amounts during its annual budget process. In determining the state aid funding, the State assumes each district is collecting 18 mills from its non-homestead properties. The State then backs out the non-homestead property taxes (the full 18 mills) before sending the district its monthly payments. With the full 18 Mills, Lawton Community Schools' per pupil allowance for 2025-2026 is \$10,050. Without the full 18 mills, the District cannot collect the full amount. The operating millage renewal and restoration, if passed, allows the District to renew the full 18 mills starting in 2027 through 2030 and claim the full per-pupil allotment.

DIDN'T WE PASS A BOND IN 2019? IS THIS THE SAME THING?

This non-homestead millage renewal ballot proposal is unrelated to the District's 2019 bond proposal for the completion of building projects and technology purchases across our District.

WILL MY TAX RATES INCREASE IF THIS PROPOSAL IS PASSED?

There is no tax increase to primary homeowners. This millage proposal is only for non-homestead properties, such as commercial, business, rental properties, vacant land, and second-home property owners. The ballot measure would renew and increase the Districts operating millage to the maximum 18 mills that can be levied on non-homestead properties. The formula for determining millage rates as actual dollars is: One mill equals \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of the taxable value of a property.

HOW WILL THE NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE FUNDS BE USED?

The funds from the non-homestead millage go directly into the District's general fund, which supports day-to-day operations, like programs, curriculum materials, facilities, and employee salaries.



For more information contact
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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
RE: November 3, 2026 Election

Candidates interested in running for the Board of Education must file with the Van Buren County Clerk no later than July 21, 2026 by 4:00 pm. Applications are available at the Van Buren County Clerk's office.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

“RESOLVED, that on November 3, 2026 Lawton Community Schools will hold election for three (3) six-year term Board of Education seats. The six-year terms are currently held by Bryan Cronenwett, Walter Hitchcock, and Larissa Hunt.”



May 22, 2026

Mr. Benjamin Bandfield
Superintendent
Lawton Community Schools
101 Primary Way
Lawton, MI 49065

Re: Pre-Bond Services for Future Bond Program

Dear Superintendent Bandfield:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education members to discuss the district's needs for a process to facilitate a Bond Steering Committee to help you define the needs of the Elementary School building for a future Bond Program. I am thrilled that the district has decided to proceed with the process to shape the future of Lawton Community Schools. We are very excited to partner with you!

Our team has extensive experience with facilities planning and programming for school districts across Michigan. We believe that a combination of physical infrastructure evaluation, space adequacy review, cost analysis, community information gathering, and conceptual planning is required to complete this project.

PRE-BOND PROCESS

Facility Assessment (Discovery Phase) - Completed

Triangle Associates has already provided the Facility Condition Assessment document, including accurate information regarding the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School buildings' needs and the associated construction cost estimates.

Elementary School Program Assessment (Discovery Phase) - Completed

Triangle Associates and TMP Architecture collaborated to complement the Facilities Condition Assessment with a Program Assessment, an evaluation process to identify how the building is responding to and supporting the curriculum being taught in that facility.

Exploration Phase

After the Facilities Condition and Program Assessments have been completed and other foundational information is gathered, TMP will embark on an exploration process to facilitate a Bond Steering Committee through exercises and discussions to gain consensus around the scope of work to address the needs of the Elementary School building. This group is often comprised of staff members, parents, business and community leaders, and even students – or whomever else the district would like to include in this process.

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Before exploring concepts, TMP will engage the district and key staff members in conversations to help guide our thinking. Using these directives and previously identified elementary school building and site needs, our architectural team will develop overall conceptual ideas. These conceptual plans will be illustrated with proposed upgrades, additions, and/or new construction necessary to address the identified needs.

TMP will organize and facilitate a series of meetings with the Bond Steering Committee to explore possibilities for enhancing district facilities in the future. This collaborative process will result in a unified direction regarding the scope of the future bond program.

The result of the Exploration Phase is a published report which will summarize what has been discussed at all these meetings.

Future Steps

Many districts often exercise the opportunity to collect even broader community feedback on the direction of a bond program by conducting a professional market survey. This survey (facilitated by a third-party firm, such as Epic-MRA) can offer validation of scope, feelings on financial tolerance, insight on campaign messaging, and finally, in partnership and alignment with the district, recommend next steps toward pursuing a bond, what the priorities need to be, and where the funds should be allocated.

TMP can also assist in the completion of a Bond Application to the Department of Treasury, ensuring that filing with the State will reflect the program discussed throughout the Discovery and Exploration processes.

Once successful at the polls, TMP will continue our partnership with the district, providing full implementation services, including planning, design, documentation, and field representation, in the following phases:

- *Programming*
- *Schematic Design*
- *Design Development*
- *Construction Documentation*
- *Bidding & Permitting*
- *Construction Contract Administration*
- *Post-Construction*
- *Client Satisfaction Program*

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Professional Fees

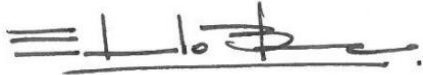
To develop the **Exploration Phase** as described above, TMP would like to propose an **Hourly Base Fee Not-To-Exceed \$9,000**.

We greatly value our relationship with Lawton Community Schools, and we certainly look forward to an exciting process with you.

If you accept this proposal, please sign a copy and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC.



Eduardo Blanc, Intl. Assoc. AIA
Managing Partner

EB/MT

Proposal accepted by:

Name	Title	Date
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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
RE: TMP Proposal – Elementary School

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the acceptance of the proposal by TMP for the exploration phase of the Elementary School, for an hourly base fee not to exceed \$9,000.”



Committee Report Form

Committee: Finance

Date of Meeting: 6.1.26

Committee Members attending: Carroll, Cronenwett, Riggs

Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Watson

Type of committee report:

	Reporting/updating
	Recommending board action

Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:

The committee met on Monday June 1 to discuss the following

- Review the following Budgets
25-26 LLL & 26-27 LLL
25-26 Student Activities & 26-27 Student Activities
25-26 Food Service & 26-27 Food Service
25-26 General Fund & 26-27 General Fund
- The Committee will meet on June 8 to explore a Long Range Budget, Discuss Admin Salaries, and other potential positions to consider for the 26-27 Budget

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:



Committee Report Form

Committee: Finance

Date of Meeting: 6.8.26

Committee Members attending: Carroll, Cronenwett, Riggs

Administrator(s) attending: Bandfield, Watson

Type of committee report:

	Reporting/updating
	Recommending board action

Brief background of committee issues/area reporting:

The committee met on Monday June 8 to discuss the following

- Review a Long Range Financial Forecast
- 25-26 Amended Budget
- 26-27 Projected Budget
- Administrative Wages

On June 15 there will be budget presentations on Amended and Projected Budgets for the General Fund, Food Service, Lawton Little Learners, & Student Activities.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

The Finance Committee Recommends approval of the resolutions for Amended and Projected Budgets for the General Fund, Food Service, Lawton Little Learners, & Student Activities.

Lawton Community Schools
2025/2026 Amended & 2026/2027 Projected Budget
General Fund Budget Summary

updated 6/9/2026

Account Description

General Fund 11

Revenues:

Local Sources
 Local - Athletic Sources
 State Sources
 Federal Sources
 ISD Sources
 Misc.-Incoming Transfers

General Fund Revenues

Expenditures:

Instruction

Basic Programs
 Added Needs

Total Instruction:

Support Services

Pupil Support
 Instructional Support
 General Administration
 School Administration
 Business Services
 Operations/Maintenance
 Transportation
 Central Services
 Athletics
 Other Support
 Community Services
 Debt Service

Total Support Services:

Community Services

Lawton Little Learners
 Other

Total Transfer Out:

Other Financing Uses

QZAB
 Lawton Little Learners

Total Transfer Out:

Total General Fund Expenditures

Excess/(Deficiency) Revenues/Expenditures:

Prior Year-End Fund Balance:

Projected Current Year-End Fund Balance:

Less Nonspendable Fund Balance:

Less Restricted Fund Balance:

Less Committed (AFB) Fund Balance:

Unassigned Fund Balance:

Account Description	Actual 2024/2025 Audited	Original 2025/2026 June 2025	Amended 2025/2026 May 2026	Amended 2025/2026 June 2026	Variance From 25/26 Original	Projected 2026/2027 June 2026	Variance From 25/26 Amended
Local Sources	\$ 1,693,585	\$ 1,613,602	\$ 1,691,336	\$ 1,710,899	\$ 97,297	\$ 1,696,137	\$ (14,762)
Local - Athletic Sources	51,813	41,779	46,742	46,742	4,963	46,742	0
State Sources	12,588,423	12,389,729	12,982,885	12,967,924	578,195	13,152,490	184,566
Federal Sources	290,493	184,796	209,947	209,947	25,151	209,947	0
ISD Sources	406,132	444,533	474,533	474,533	30,000	429,019	(45,514)
Misc.-Incoming Transfers	65,114	60,000	65,000	65,000	5,000	65,000	-
<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	15,095,560	14,734,439	15,470,443	15,475,045	740,606	15,599,336	124,291
<u>Expenditures:</u>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
Basic Programs	7,505,862	7,962,127	8,080,324	8,089,506	127,379	8,327,666	238,160
Added Needs	1,266,705	1,209,067	1,301,991	1,317,111	108,044	1,352,485	35,374
<u>Total Instruction:</u>	8,772,567	9,171,194	9,382,315	9,406,617	235,423	9,680,151	273,534
<u>Support Services</u>							
Pupil Support	578,836	570,534	583,045	583,092	12,558	568,947	(14,145)
Instructional Support	111,109	100,488	89,901	89,901	(10,587)	217,284	127,383
General Administration	439,184	460,615	488,308	488,350	27,735	481,163	(7,187)
School Administration	1,143,927	1,171,604	1,187,851	1,187,985	16,381	1,201,244	13,259
Business Services	337,473	331,842	297,626	297,656	(34,186)	294,962	(2,694)
Operations/Maintenance	1,627,305	1,541,226	1,643,832	1,692,259	151,033	1,826,557	134,298
Transportation	422,979	448,950	522,845	522,883	73,933	510,970	(11,913)
Central Services	443,172	516,856	533,965	533,975	17,119	476,145	(57,830)
Athletics	313,221	289,148	339,455	325,724	36,576	349,699	23,975
Other Support	1,421	-	-	-	0	-	0
Community Services			1,000	1,000		2,283	1,283
Debt Service	3,721		3,722	3,722		3,722	0
<u>Total Support Services:</u>	5,422,348	5,431,263	5,691,550	5,726,546	295,283	5,932,976	206,430
<u>Community Services</u>							
Lawton Little Learners		51,000	-	-	(51,000)	-	-
Other		3,283	-	-	(3,283)	3,283	3,283
<u>Total Transfer Out:</u>	-	54,283	-	-	23,321	3,283	3,283
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>							
QZAB	174,333	178,637	174,333	174,333	(4,304)	174,333	-
Lawton Little Learners	72,700		26,604	26,604	26,604		(26,604)
<u>Total Transfer Out:</u>	247,033	178,637	200,937	200,937	22,300	174,333	(26,604)
<u>Total General Fund Expenditures</u>	14,441,948	14,835,378	15,274,801	15,334,100	498,722	15,790,743	456,643
<u>Excess/(Deficiency) Revenues/Expenditures:</u>	653,612	(100,939)	195,642	140,945	241,884	(191,407)	(332,352)
<u>Prior Year-End Fund Balance:</u>	5,656,720	5,854,517	6,310,322	6,310,332	455,815	6,451,277	140,945
<u>Projected Current Year-End Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 6,310,332	\$ 5,753,578	\$ 6,505,974	\$ 6,451,277	697,699	\$ 6,259,870	(191,407)
<u>Less Nonspendable Fund Balance:</u>							
<u>Less Restricted Fund Balance:</u>							
<u>Less Committed (AFB) Fund Balance:</u>	(665,000)	(732,000)	(732,000)	(732,000)		(903,000)	
<u>Unassigned Fund Balance:</u>	5,645,332	5,021,578	5,773,974	5,719,277		5,356,870	
	39.09%	33.85%	37.80%	37.30%		33.92%	

The Board of Education will levy 18.000 mills of ad valorem property tax on non-homestead property for the purpose of general operations.

**Shared Time
2026-2027 Estimates**

Revenue:

Estimated # of Students	55
Estimated Foundation Allowance	<u>\$10,300</u>
Total Revenue	\$556,500

Expenditures:

Wages and Benefits	\$25,000
Tuition at 60% of Foundation	<u>\$339,900</u>
Total Expenditures	\$364,900

Net Revenue over Expenditures **\$191,600**

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
Originally Adopted: June 16, 2025
Amended: June 1, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves an amended General Fund budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 to reflect updated known revenues and expenditures from the originally approved 2025-2026 General Fund of June 16, 2025:

Revenues of:	\$15,475,045
Expenditures of:	<u>\$15,334,100</u>
Expenditures Exceeding Revenues of:	\$ 140,945
and Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 6,451,277

to include:

Non-Spendable:	\$0
Restricted:	\$0
Committed:	\$732,000 for Capital Expenditures
Assigned:	\$0
Unassigned:	\$5,719,277

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET PROJECTION
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves a projected General Fund budget for fiscal year 2026-2027:

Revenues of:	\$15,599,336
Expenditures of:	<u>\$15,790,743</u>
Expenditures Exceeding Revenues of:	\$ (191,407)
and Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 6,259,870

to include:

Non-Spendable:	\$0
Restricted:	\$0
Committed:	\$903,000 Facilities, Technology, Transportation and Curriculum capital expenditures
Assigned:	\$0
Unassigned:	\$5,356,870

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Student Activities Fund

<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>Audited Actual</u> <u>2024-25</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2025-26</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>2025-26</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2026-27</u>
Local Sources	\$ 194,040	\$ 225,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Total Revenue	\$ 194,040	\$ 225,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Student Activities	\$ 194,977	\$ 225,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 194,977	\$ 225,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Excess (Deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures:	\$ (937)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$ 133,886	\$ 117,214	\$ 132,949	\$ 132,949
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 132,949	\$ 117,214	\$ 132,949	\$ 132,949

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
Originally Adopted: June 16, 2025

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves an amended Student Activities budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 to reflect known revenues and expenditures from the originally approved 2025-2026 Student Activities Fund of June 16, 2025:

Revenues of:	\$190,000
Expenditures of:	<u>\$190,000</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ 0
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$132,949

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND BUDGET PROJECTION
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves a projected Student Activities Fund budget for fiscal year 2026-2027:

Revenues of:	\$190,000
Expenditures of:	<u>\$190,000</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ 0
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$132,949

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

FOOD SERVICE

Prepared by Kyler Watson - 6/3/2026

ACCOUNT TITLE	AUDITED	PROJECTED	AMENDED	Variance from 2025-26	PROJECTED	Variance from 2025-26
	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2025-2026	BUDGET 2025-2026		BUDGET 2026-2027	
Interest	\$ 6,278	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500	\$ (3,500)	\$ 3,500	\$ -
Breakfast/Lunch Sales	\$ 13,621	\$ 10,703	\$ 27,000	\$ 16,297	\$ 27,000	\$ -
Catering	\$ 24,413	\$ 21,500	\$ 10,000	\$ (11,500)	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Credit Card Fee Revenue	\$ 201	\$ 160	\$ 250	\$ 90	\$ 250	\$ -
Food Refunds/Rebates	\$ 4,545	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,500	\$ (200)	\$ 4,500	\$ -
State Aid	\$ 242,028	\$ 195,121	\$ 153,000	\$ (42,121)	\$ 153,000	\$ -
Federal Aid	\$ 865,883	\$ 921,996	\$ 748,800	\$ (173,196)	\$ 748,800	\$ -
Supply Chain Assistance Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Non-cash Commodities	\$ 68,324	\$ 58,241	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,759	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,750	\$ (24,250)	\$ 5,750	\$ -
TOTAL HOT LUNCH REVENUES	\$ 1,225,293	\$ 1,249,421	\$ 1,012,800	\$ (236,621)	\$ 1,012,800	\$ -
TOTAL SALARY OF OPERATION	\$ 292,729	\$ 331,906	\$ 325,544	\$ (6,362)	\$ 296,575	\$ (28,969)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 121,397	\$ 133,936	\$ 125,068	\$ (8,869)	\$ 109,745	\$ (15,322)
TOTAL PURCH/CONT. SERVICES	\$ 4,234	\$ 4,168	\$ 8,823	\$ 4,655	\$ 4,168	\$ (4,655)
TOTAL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,534	\$ 8,000	\$ 31,447	\$ 23,447	\$ 8,000	\$ (23,447)
TOTAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$ 518,986	\$ 545,700	\$ 469,818	\$ (75,882)	\$ 485,054	\$ 15,236
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 186,272	\$ 81,556	\$ 168,156	\$ 86,600	\$ -	\$ (168,156)
TOTAL OTHER EXP./TRANS.	\$ 73,986	\$ 64,161	\$ 67,174	\$ 3,013	\$ 65,920	\$ (1,254)
TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS	\$ 65,114	\$ 76,000	\$ 65,000	\$ (11,000)	\$ 65,000	\$ -
TOTAL HOT LUNCH EXPENSES	\$ 1,269,252	\$ 1,245,427	\$ 1,261,030	\$ 15,602	\$ 1,034,462	\$ (226,567)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures:	\$ (43,959)	\$ 3,994	\$ (248,230)		\$ (21,662)	
Beginning Fund Balance 7/1:	\$ 572,655	\$ 449,556	\$ 529,146		\$ 280,916	
Ending Fund Balance 6/30:	\$ 529,143	\$ 453,550	\$ 280,916		\$ 259,254	

GASB 54 Required Fund Balance Designations:

Non-Spendable

Restricted

Committed \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000

Assigned

Unassigned \$ 479,143 \$ 41,403,550 \$ 280,916 \$ 259,254

FOOD SERVICE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
Originally Adopted: June 16, 2025

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves an amended Food Service budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 to reflect known revenues and expenditures from the originally approved 2025-2026 Food Service Fund of June 16, 2025:

Revenues of:	\$1,012,800
Expenditures of:	<u>\$1,261,030</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ (248,230)
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 280,916

to include:

Non-Spendable:	\$0
Restricted:	\$0
Committed:	\$0
Assigned:	\$0
Unassigned:	\$280,916

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

FOOD SERVICE FUND BUDGET PROJECTION
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves a projected Food Service Fund budget for fiscal year 2026-2027:

Revenues of:	\$1,012,800
Expenditures of:	<u>\$1,034,462</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ (21,662)
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 259,254

to include:

Non-Spendable:	\$0
Restricted:	\$0
Committed:	\$0
Assigned:	\$0
Unassigned:	\$259,254

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

Lawton Little Learners
2025/2026 Amended & 2026/2027 Projected Budget
Community Service Fund Summary

updated 5/27/2026

Account Description	Amended 2024/2025	Actual 2024/2025	Projected 2025/2026	Amended 2025/2026	Projected 2026/2027
Community Service Fund 23					
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Tuition & Fees	\$ 114,300	\$ 117,924	\$ 145,953	\$ 143,884	\$ 143,884
32N Grant				53,617	\$ 107,885
Transfer in from General Fund	76,629	72,700	51,000	26,604	-
<u>Fund Revenues</u>	190,929	190,624	196,953	224,105	251,769
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
<u>Instruction</u>					
Staffing	\$ 164,402	\$ 162,080	\$ 192,453	\$ 216,000	\$ 242,269
<u>Total Instruction:</u>	164,402	162,080	192,453	216,000	242,269
<u>Support Services</u>					
Workshops/Training	235	667	500	3,470	3,500
Instructional Supplies	1,292	2,876	4,000	4,635	6,000
<u>Total Support Services:</u>	1,527	3,543	4,500	8,105	9,500
<u>Initial Purchase of Supplies</u>	25,000	25,000	-	-	-
<u>Total Fund Expenditures</u>	190,929	190,623	196,953	224,105	251,769
<u>Excess/(Deficiency) Revenues/Expenditures:</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Prior Year-End Fund Balance:</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Projected Current Year-End Fund Balance:</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

LAWTON LITTLE LEARNERS FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
Originally Adopted: June 16, 2025

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves an amended Lawton Little Learners budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 to reflect known revenues and expenditures from the originally approved 2025-2026 Lawton Little Learners Fund of June 16, 2025:

Revenues of:	\$224,105
Expenditures of:	<u>\$224,105</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ 0
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 0

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

LAWTON LITTLE LEARNERS FUND BUDGET PROJECTION
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Presented June 15, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves a projected Lawton Little Learners Fund budget for fiscal year 2026-2027:

Revenues of:	\$251,769
Expenditures of:	<u>\$251,769</u>
Excess Expenditures of:	\$ 0
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 0

Roll Call Vote

Ayes:

Nays:

This appropriation resolution is to take effect on: _____
(DATE)

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Closed Session

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS:

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

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Open Session

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

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

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Evaluation Resolution

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS:

"RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the evaluation of Superintendent Bandfield for the 2025-2026 school year as presented."

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Administrative Salary Schedule Resolution

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

“RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the Non-Union Administrative Salary Schedule as presented.”

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ben Bandfield
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Administrative Wage Increase

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

“Resolved, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approve wage increase for the members of the administrative group by a total of \$54,586.81 for the 2026-27 school year.”