

Laclede County R-1 Schools  
Board of Education Meeting #1  
September 14, 2026 - 6:00 pm  
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Robbie Letterman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Jarid Jensen, Courtney Gunter, Sara Richardson, Brett Thompson, and Ricky Savage.

Courtney Gunter made a motion to adjourn to closed session. Jarid Jensen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion carrying 6-0. The time of adjournment was 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly Shelton  
Board Secretary

Laclede County R-1 Schools  
Board of Education Meeting #2  
September 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm  
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Robbie Letterman called the meeting to order with all members present. Members include Jarid Jensen, Brett Thompson, Courtney Gunter, Sara Richardson, Ricky Savage and Mathew Corle.

Pledge of Allegiance: All united in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Courtney Gunter made a motion to approve the agenda. Mathew Corle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda: Sara Richardson made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Jarid Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Items approved include payment of 2026-2027 bills, and the August 2026 Board meeting minutes, the 2026-2027 finance reports, the hiring of Paula Welton (bus para) and Jessica Eacret (PAT liaison).

New Business:

A. Policy AC Update: Brett Thompson made a motion to approve the Policy AC contact updates as presented. Mathew Corle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

B. Laclede County Sheriff's Office MOU: Brett Thompson made a motion to approve the Laclede County Sheriff's Office MOU as presented. Courtney Gunter seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

C. Local Compliance Plan: Student Services Director, Marlena Barker, presented the Local Compliance Plan for approval. Robbie Letterman made a motion to approve the Local

Compliance Plan as presented to the Board. Courtney Gunter seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Policy BDA Update: No changes were made to the policy.

Old Business:

A. Bond Project Update: Project Manager Rob Newsom updated the Board on the status of the current bond projects.

- a. Change Order #13: Jarid Jensen made a motion to approve the change order request #13 for work related to PR 06 - toilet partitions. Total cost for the modification is \$940.35 Sara Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- b. Pay App #6: Courtney Gunter made a motion to approve Pay App #6 in the amount of \$252,992.28 for work completed to date and for stored materials as listed in the pay application. Sara Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

B. CSIP Update: Superintendent Matt Searson reviewed Climate and Culture (Strategy #4), and how the district fosters and develops high quality faculty and staff. Sonya Barker provided an overview of the faculty mentor/buddy program.

Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal Shelly Dill, HS Principal Tracy Cottengim, and Student Services Director Marlena Barker, along with Superintendent Dr. Matt Searson updated the Board on current information regarding the district.

Courtney Gunter made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting. Jarid Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The time of adjournment was 7:55 pm.

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