

November 19, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday
November 19, 2025
6:00 p.m. FY 25 Regular Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Greg Ruff, B.O.E. President Ruff called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper.

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Freitag, Lawless

Recording Secretary: Bob Ketcham, Superintendent

Audience Members: Dr. Sandra Malahy, Courtney Klobuchar, Missy Einhaus

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION.

3.1 Mrs. Klobucher, office staff and tournament committee for helping to plan and execute the girl's basketball tournament.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Approve the November 19, 2025 Agenda

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Popplewell to approve November 19 agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve minutes from the October Regular Board Meeting

5.2 Approve the Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

5.5 Approve \$68,745.33 for October Disbursements.

5.6 Approve October 2025 Payroll.

5.7 Approve CD Interest

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Popplewell and seconded by Chambers to approve the consent agenda except the October Minutes.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 33% through the school year. Revenues are 83.14 % and Expenditures are 42.64 %.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
10	Education	78.63 %	39.46 %
20	Operation & Maintenance	96.53 %	43.42 %
30	Debt	99.91 %	0.00 %
40	Transportation	64.15 %	18.92 %
50	Social Security & IMRF	94.22 %	34.00 %
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	100.15 %	0.00%
80	Tort	101.09 %	42.59 %
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	98.19 %	0.00%
Total		83.14 %	42.64 %

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Chambers to approve the financial report.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

No Discussion

6.2 Fund Transfers - No Fund Transfers

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Klobucher commented that the River of Destiny church reached out to notify the school that they are donating turkeys to the school.

7.2 Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Ruff updated the board on athletics. Mrs. Klobucher provided an update on the finances from the girls tournament held at TGS.

7.3 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.4 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.5 Committee Reports

Nothing this month

7.6 Business Manager Report

Dr. Malahy updated the board on the roof company as well as the fire extinguisher report. An update was also given about various plumbing issues.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Transportation - Mr. Ketcham discussed with the board that the renewal with Johannes would be for a one year extension of the current contract at a 4.25% increase. Based on the information Dr. Malahy presented at the October meeting he recommends renewing with Johannes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Gym Floor Logo - Mr. Ruff updated the board on this matter.

10. OTHER DISCUSSION

10.1 FY 25 Tentative Tax Levy - Mr. Ketcham reported information to the board regarding the tentative FY 25 Tax Levy.

10.2 Board Policy Update #120 - Mr. Ketcham reported that the updates were mainly language in nature with new language highlighted in green and old language highlighted in red. He also mentioned that policy 6:60 required an answer and recommended answering "Yes".

10.3 Summative Designation - Mrs. Chambers led a discussion on the school's current summative designation. Mrs. Klobucher shared data regarding schools from LaSalle county all being rated "commendable". She also provided information specific to LGS and highlighted relevant information regarding test scores and growth data.

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Transportation Renewal

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Popplewell and seconded by Cooper to approve a One-Year Extension of an Existing Transportation Agreement Between Lostant CUSD 425 and Johannes Bus Service Inc.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

11.2 Board Policy Update #120

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Mertel and seconded by Chambers to approve board policy update #120.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Popplewell, Chambers, Mertel, Cooper. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

13. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

13.1 No action items as a result of executive session

14. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

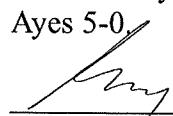
CD that is coming due this month. Renew it.

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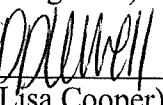
15. ADJOURN

A motion by Popplewell and seconded by Cooper to adjourn at ____ pm.

Ayes 5-0

BOE President (Greg Ruff)

BOE Secretary (Lisa Cooper)

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