APPROVED

Arlee Joint School District #8

Minutes

Arlee Board of Trustees

Superintendent Interviews

Date and Time
Thursday May 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location
Elementary Foyer

Trustees Present
Brian Johnson BigSam, Lindsey O'Neill, Lisa Koetter, Samantha Lytle

Trustees Absent
Phaedrus Swab

Guests Present
Deanne Smith, Dennis Johnson BigSam, Dori Knoll, Laura Curtiss, Lonnie Morin, Sarah Sorenson

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Johnson BigSam called a meeting of the board of trustees of Arlee Joint School District #8 to order on Thursday May 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

C. Public Comment on non-agenda items

II. New Business

A. Superintendent Interviews

All applicants were interviewed.

B. Public Comment

C. Closed Session to review background checks

Chair Johnson BigSam declared that the individuals' rights to privacy outweighs the public's right to know and closed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to review applicant background checks with Elizabeth Kaleva.

Board was called back into open session by Chair Johnson BigSam at 8:43 p.m.

D. Potential action on offering contract for new Superintendent

Samantha Lytle made a motion to negotiate a contract with Kevin Meredith.
Lindsey O'Neill seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey O'Neill
Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn.
Lisa Koetter seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.