



Arlee Joint School District #8

Minutes

Board Organization

Special Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

Elementary Building Foyer

Trustees Present

Brian Johnson BigSam, Justin Curtiss, Kris Gardner, Lindsey O'Neill, Lisa Koetter, Samantha Lytle

Trustees Absent

Phaedrus Swab

Guests Present

Dennis Johnson-Bigsam, Jennifer Ryan, Laura Curtiss, Lonnie Morin, Sarah Sorenson, Stephanie Hendrickson

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 Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

C. Public Comment

II. Board Reorganization

A. Canvass Election May 5, 2026

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to accept the canvassed election.

Lisa Koetter seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Oath of New Trustees

New Trustees, Kristine Gardner and Justin Curtiss, were sworn in by Lonnie Morin.

C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Lindsey O'Neill nominated Brian Johnson BigSam as Board Chair. Kristine Gardner seconded. No other nominations were made. Board voted unanimously for Brian Johnson BigSam as Board Chair.

Lindsey O'Neil nominated Kristine Gardner as Vice Chair. Samantha Lytle seconded. No other nominations were made. Board voted unanimously for Kristine Gardner as Vice Chair.

D. Appointment of District Clerk

Samantha Lytle made a motion to hire Lonnie Morin as District Clerk.

Lindsey O'Neill seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Jennifer Ryan swore in Lonnie Morin as District Clerk for FY2027.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

The Board will be holding a training with Elizabeth Kaleva on June 8, 2026.

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey O'Neill