



Arlee Joint School District #8

Minutes

Arlee Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

Elementary Common Space

Trustees Present

Brian Johnson BigSam, Justin Curtiss (remote), Kris Gardner (remote), Lindsey O'Neill, Samantha Lytle

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Anne Tanner, Dori Knoll, Jake Bosley, Kelsi O'Brien, Kendal Baldwin, Lonnie Morin, Mike Rogers, Monte Howerton, Trisha Topp

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 Tuesday Jul 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

C. Public Comment

D. Approve Minutes from June 9, 2026

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from Arlee Board of Trustees on 06-09-26.

Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.

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

E. Approve Minutes June 11, 2026

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from Arlee Board of Trustees on 06-11-26.

Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Trafara quote for Freshman Chromebooks: \$16,785

Samantha Lytle made a motion to to approve the chromebooks purchase.

Kris Gardner seconded the motion.

This item was moved from the consent agenda to New Business to discuss Trustee O'Neill's questions regarding new purchase of chromebooks every year. Superintendent explained the replacement schedule.

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

B. Substitute Bus Driver: Kelsi O'Brien

C. Route Bus Driver FY2027: Penny Brown

D. Request to enter Arlee District for Bus Route: Frenchtown

E. TR-4 Individual Contract for FY2027

F. Student Intern: Nico Liu with Damon Cordier

G. Funds Transfer from General to Compensated Absences: Cover liabilities for FY2027

H. MHSA Dues and Fees for FY2027

I. Vote on Consent Agenda

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to approve items B through I of the consent agenda.
Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.
Requested to pull A to main agenda.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. New Business

A. Out of District Attendance Agreements - incoming

Samantha Lytle made a motion to accept the incoming out of district attendance agreements.
Lindsey O'Neill seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Out of District Attendance Agreements - Outgoing

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to acknowledge the outgoing student attendance agreements.
Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Appoint JAB Representative: Kendal Baldwin

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to appoint JAB representative for FY2027, Kendal Baldwin.
Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Collective Bargaining Agreement FY2027

Samantha Lytle made a motion to accept the CBA for 2027, as presented on the agenda.
Lindsey O'Neill seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Classified Matrices increase for FY2027: 1%

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to approve fiscal year 2027 classified increase of 1%.
Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Elementary Principal Stipends - MT Reads Grant

Kris Gardner made a motion to approve stipends for elementary principal as listed on the agenda.
Justin Curtiss seconded the motion.
Discussion before the motion - Principal Tanner explained each stipend. Trustee O'Neill would like to see stipends approved before the event occurs.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Lindsey O'Neill	No
Samantha Lytle	Aye
Justin Curtiss	Aye
Brian Johnson BigSam	Aye
Kris Gardner	Aye

G. Budget update - Interlocal Funds transfer

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to not do the interlocal transfer this year.

Samantha Lytle seconded the motion.

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

IV. Board Reports

A. Administration Reports

B. Arlee Federation of Teachers Report

Grant Alberty reported that he will be president for FY2027. He also reported that Arlee High School was listed by the state commission as one of 24 successful High Schools across the state to score one standard deviation above the median in math and English.

V. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Meeting - August 11, 2026 (Annual Budget Meeting)

B. Adjourn Meeting

Lindsey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn.

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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey O'Neill