

FINANCIAL DATA

EAV	\$ 68,909,897
Bonds Outstanding	\$ 750,000
Total Budget Revenue	\$ 7,868,992
TAX RATE —	
Education	2.6500
Operations & Maintenance.....	0.7500
Transportation.....	0.2000
Working Cash.....	0.0500
I.M.R.F.....	0.0152
Tort Immunity.....	0.7465
Social Security	0.1676
Special Education.....	0.0400
Other (Lease	0.0500
TOTAL	4.7193

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Lewistown CUSD 97 Board of Education is comprised of citizens dedicated to providing the best education possible for every student it serves. Board members establish sound written policies and expect the superintendent to function as the chief executive officer in implementing those policies.

Name.....	*Years
Dale Shaeffer, President.....	8
Doug Hampton, Vice President	5
Elaine Stone, Secretary.....	4
Scott Cripe	8
Jeff Miller	26
Mark Smith.....	6
Jayson Herrick.....	4

**Years served on the Lewistown CUSD 97 Board of Education.*

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

Candidates will be evaluated on their professional merits and successful experience that demonstrates a good match for the district, with emphasis on the following, specified by the Board of Education. The Superintendent of our district should be an educational leader who:

- acts with integrity, fairness and in an ethical manner.
- advocates, nurtures and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.
- collaborates with faculty and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.
- promotes the success of every student by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared by all stakeholders.
- ensures the management of the organization, operation and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.
- has proven abilities in human relations and communications.
- has the ability to maximize financial and human resources in support of educational programs in the district.
- has experience in planning both long and short range district goals with the Board of Education.
- has a willingness to innovate and encourage others to innovate, while remaining accountable to the Board of Education.

Previous successful teaching and administrative experience is required.

In district residence once employed is strongly preferred.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

IASB has an online application process and does not accept mailed, emailed, hand delivered or faxed application packets.

Please begin your application process at: <https://www.applitrack.com/IASB/onlineapp>

Applicants will need to establish a user name and password. Applicants will be asked to give consent to a limited background inquiry. Completed responses to statements identified in this announcement will be required.

All applicants must apply online by Noon (CT) September 7, 2021 and upload the following documents to receive consideration:

1. A **formal letter of application** indicating your desire to be a candidate for this position.
2. A **formal resume** that includes a summary of achievements in all education positions, educational vision, and goals, personal leadership philosophy and reasons for your interest in this position.
3. At least **three recent letters of reference dated within the last three years.**
4. **Copies of transcripts** from each college/university attended. **(Please redact/remove your social security number and birthdate before uploading any of these items).**
5. **Proof of qualification and licensure to be a superintendent in the state of Illinois** (copy of the administrative licensure with all related endorsements*) or other evidence showing qualification to be a superintendent in another state. **(Please redact/remove your birthdate before you upload this document).**

*Information on certification and licensure can be obtained by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education, Department of Educator Effectiveness, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777 or by visiting the ISBE website at www.isbe.net.

Announcement of Vacancy Superintendent of Schools Lewistown CUSD 97



MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire and prepare our students to become productive citizens in the global community of the 21st century.

June 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY

The Board of Education of Lewistown CUSD 97, Lewistown, Illinois is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools. The Board wishes to select a superintendent who will begin work on July 1, 2022.

It is anticipated that the total compensation package will be based on successful experience and education. It is expected that the initial contract will be for a multi-year period, as authorized by Illinois statutes.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT AND THE AREA

LOCATION – Located in Fulton County, 45 miles due south of Peoria and 32 miles east of Macomb. The population of the City of Lewistown in 2021 is 2,316. Lewistown Schools serve students from the communities of St. David, Bryant, Little America, Liverpool, Lewistown, and South Fulton/Enion/Anderson Lake area.

TYPE — Pre K-12; 606 Students.

OFFICE — 15501 E. Avenue L, Lewistown, IL 61542.

STAFF — 2 Principals, Dean of Students (7-12), 56 Teachers, 50 Support Personnel.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL — Superintendent, Full-time payroll clerk/SIS, Full-time bookkeeper.

CURRICULUM —

High School: College prep courses, Dual credit classes through Spoon River College, Full-time Ag program and active FFA program, Full-time Art class, Full-time Industrial arts and building trades, Half-time home economics, Full-time music- includes band and chorus

Elementary School: Full-time general music and band instructor, 2- full-time PE instructors, Established RTI program for reading, math – grades K-6, Reading interventionists for K-3, 4-6, District funded at-risk Pre-K program

SPECIAL PROGRAMS — Full-time Special Education Coordinator and Psychologist, Full-time Social Worker.

SPECIAL SERVICES — West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative provides itinerant special needs specialists.

FACILITIES — Lewistown Central/ Elementary -grades Pre-K through 6 (354 students). Lewistown Jr/Sr High School – grades 7-12 (252 students).

TRANSPORTATION — Bus mechanic/ transportation director with part-time transportation secretary and 8 Bus routes with drivers and 4 substitute drivers.

FOOD SERVICES — Food Service Director for the district. Both schools qualify for CEP (Community Eligibility Provision), providing free breakfast and lunch meals for all students. District provides and charges a fee for breakfast and lunch for the local Head Start (housed in the Central bldg.) and for the local Alternative School (housed at McNally School – formerly the elementary bldg.) The school houses a back-pack program for non-perishable foods for at risk families for weekends

DISTRICT WEBSITE: <http://www.lewistown97.com>

MEMBER OF — Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois High School Association, Illinois Elementary School Association, West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative, Administrative Roundtable ROE #26, Prairieland Athletic Conference – HS, Big 5 Athletic Conference – Junior High.

MEDICAL — Graham Medical Group, OSF Health Care Systems of Peoria, Unity Point of Peoria, and Mason District Hospital in Havana. There is one dental clinic and one nurse practitioner solo practice in the community.

CULTURAL — Lewistown is the county seat of Fulton County. Lewistown was the inspiration for the “Spoon River Anthology” by former resident, Edgar Lee Masters. Dickson Mounds, a branch of the Illinois State Museum, is located in rural Lewistown.

RECREATION — Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area. Lewistown Park District sponsors events for all ages and maintains five (5) city parks. Boating, fishing, and hunting activities throughout the county and along the Illinois River.

PLACES OF WORSHIP — Lewistown Church of the Nazarene, Lewistown First Baptist Church, Lewistown United Methodist Church, Lewistown First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown Illinois Street Christian Church, Lewistown St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Lewistown St. James Episcopal Church, Waterford Union Church, Isabel Township Church. Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church; Maples Mills United Methodist Church; Bryant Christian Church

RETAIL — Two (2) Casey’s General Stores, Pratt’s Corner Hardware, Pratt Furniture, Dollar General, County Market Grocery Store, Three (3) banks, Five (5) restaurants, Three (3) insurance agencies, Big Horse Winery and Native Trails Winery, Orchard Hill Apple Orchard, Black Maple Coffee, Big Horse Inn and suites.

FRATERNAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS — Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and auxiliary organizations, VFW.

COLLEGES — Spoon River College, Canton, IL, Western IL University, Macomb, IL, Bradley University, Peoria, IL , Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL .

INDUSTRY — Farming, Caterpillar Inc, Peoria IL , Cook Medical Manufacturing and Production, Canton, IL , Graham Health Systems, Nutrien Ag and Fulton FS.

A PROJECTED TIMELINE

Application Deadline:
September 7, 2021 by Noon (CT)

Candidates Presented to Board:
September 2021

Board Interviews Candidates:
October 2021

New Superintendent Appointed:
By the end of November 2021

New Superintendent Begins:
July 1, 2022

Applicants will be required to provide responses to the following online application statements:

1. Describe your experience in curriculum development and instructional implementation.
2. Describe your experience in school finance and budgeting.
3. Describe your experience in developing and monitoring goals for school improvement.
4. Describe your experience in building and sustaining productive relationships with stakeholders (board, staff, students, parents and community members).
5. Describe your experiences in working with a diverse population (socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, etc.).
6. Having read the ideal candidate section of the announcement of vacancy, why do you feel you are a match for this district?
7. Are you aware of the residency preference for this position?

Lewistown CUSD 97 is an equal opportunity employer and the Illinois Association of School Boards is an equal opportunity employment search agency.

This Professional Superintendent Search is being conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards, Thomas F. Leahy, Director, Executive Searches, 217/528-9688, ext. 1153.

