

**School Board Minutes
May 10, 2021**

100: Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

The Linn-Mar School Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion). Roll was taken to determine a quorum. Present: Buchholz, Isenberg, Lausen, Morey, Nelson, Wall, and Weaver. Administration present: Bisgard, Anderson, Christian, Breifelder, Ramos, and Wear.

200: Adoption of the Agenda Motion 142-05-10

MOTION by Lausen to adopt the agenda, as presented. Second by Weaver. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

300: Public Hearings

301: Public Hearing on Sanitary Sewer Easement – Refer to Exhibit 701.1

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed sanitary sewer easement on Oak Ridge grounds. No comments were received.

302: Public Hearing on FY2021 Amended Certified Budget – Refer to Exhibit 702.1

A public hearing was held on the fiscal year 2021 amended, certified budget. No comments were received.

400: Special Recognitions

401: Recognition of State Champions

Dr. Jeff Gustason, Linn-Mar High School Principal, and Associate Athletic Director Tonya Moe recognized the following State Champion individuals, teams, and their coaches:

- **Wrestling:** Tate Naaktgeboren
- **Swimming:** Aiden Carstensen
- **Esports Overwatch Team:** Jacob Yearous. Reece Howell, Richard Phan, Jack Larson, Jacob Kluetz, and Caiden Abbott
- **Varsity POMs:** Alexandra Curry, Grace DeWitt, Jaycee Frantz, Katy Hand, Emma Havlik, Camryn Heying, Lauren Lensch, Sarah Liang, Natalie Loecher, Sophia McDonald, Izzy Mentzer, Grace Nicholson, Bennett Papendick, Darby Russell, Emma Schminke, Sara Schmitt, Natalie Severson, Devyn Shock, Celia Smith, Melania Stapley, Kendall Sturtz, and Sophia Yerke

500: Audience Communications

Board Secretary/Treasurer JT Anderson read three audience communications that were submitted electronically by the noon deadline:

1. Kara Larson, LM Parent, thanking the staff and administration for their service
2. Carynn Smith, LM Parent, requesting updated COVID-19 procedures and regulations
3. Geralyn Jones, LM Parent, regarding discontinuation of face mask mandate and petition

600: Informational Reports, Discussions, and Presentations

601: Teaching & Learning Update – Exhibits 601.1 thru 601.3

Kristi Hicks, Associate Director of Student Services, and Tamara DeVries, Student Assistance Counselor, shared updates on the Suicide Prevention Taskforce, social/emotional professional development for staff, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

602: Marion City Council

Board Member Tim Isenberg reported there were no topics related to the district presented during the May 6th Marion City Council meeting.

603: Legislative Update

Superintendent Bisgard reported that it was a quiet week in Des Moines for legislation and reviewed some items regarding House File 868, the education appropriations bill.

604: ESSER Update

Superintendent Bisgard stated the district has received three rounds of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, which has covered COVID-related expenses such as additional technology needs and substitutes due to staff absences. The district will receive a fourth round with the goal of using the funds to hire additional teachers, school counselors, and support staff.

605: Facilities Planning

Superintendent Bisgard reviewed a list of what he would be presenting to the Facilities Advisory Committee during their first meeting on May 17th. The board was in agreement with the potential list of focus areas.

606: Cabinet Update – Exhibit 606.1

Superintendent Bisgard drew attention to the long list of summer capital improvement projects included in the Cabinet Update and the many honors and achievements listed. Bisgard also reiterated that the district's face mask mandate will remain in place through the end of the 2020-21 school year and clarified that it and the full Return-to-Learn Plan would be reviewed over the summer regarding the 2021-22 school year.

700: Unfinished Business

701: Approval of Sanitary Sewer Easement – Exhibit 701.1 **Motion 143-05-10**

MOTION by Lausen to approve the resolution regarding the sanitary sewer easement on Oak Ridge grounds with the City of Marion, as presented. Second by Buchholz. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

702: Approval of FY21 Amended Certified Budget – Exhibit 702.1 **Motion 144-05-10**

MOTION by Wall to approve the fiscal year 2021 amended, certified budget, as presented. Second by Weaver. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

703: Acceptance and Completion of Project – Exhibit 703.1 **Motion 145-05-10**

MOTION by Buchholz to accept the 35th Avenue road project as completed and approve final payment of \$52,927.33 to Rathje Construction. Second by Lausen. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

800: New Business

801: Establishment of Public Hearing – Exhibit 801.1 Motion 146-05-10

MOTION by Wall to approve the resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on the proposed refinance of approximately \$29,000,000.00 school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds for 5:00 PM on Monday, June 14th in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center. Second by Morey. Anderson clarified that by refinancing, the district will have a savings of between 1.5 and 2.2 million. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

802: Fieldtrip Request – Exhibit 802.1 Motion 147-05-10

MOTION by Lausen to approve the fieldtrip request for FBLA Member Shanmukh Boggarapu to attend the required FBLA Officers Training in Ankeny in June along with Advisors Barb Schult and Dana Lampe. Second by Isenberg. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

803: Approval of Part-Time Nutrition Services Agreement Motion 148-05-10

MOTION by Buchholz to approve a 2.22% total package increase for the part-time Nutrition Services staff for the 2021-22 school year. Second by Lausen. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

804: Open Enrollment Requests Motion 149-05-10

MOTION by Weaver to approve the open enrollment requests, as presented. Second by Lausen. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Approved IN

Name	Grade	Resident District	Reason
Anthony, Karris	K	College CSD	On time
Jacobson, Aiden	6 th	Central City CSD	Good cause
Jacobson, Marcus	6 th	Central City CSD	Good cause
LeGrand-Leverett, Hazel	K	Cedar Rapids CSD	On time
LeGrand-Leverett, Maely	4 th	Cedar Rapids CSD	Good cause
Mochal, Emma	6 th	Cedar Rapids CSD	Good cause
Seeman, Wesley	K	Cedar Rapids CSD	On time

900: Consent Agenda Motion 150-05-10

MOTION by Wall to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Second by Buchholz. Congratulations were shared with Jacqueline Brown on her retirement and service to the district. Nelson recognized several of the new hires for the Aquatic Center as former students. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

901: Personnel

Certified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Brown, Jacqueline	WF: 3 rd Gr Teacher	6/11/21	Retirement

Classified Staff: Assignment/Reassignment/Transfer

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Carny, Jenna	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Carstensen, Maura	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Craw, Parker	AC: From .5 to 1.0 Aquatic Assistance Manager	6/1/21	Same-recall from furlough
Egan, Tiffany	NS: EX General Help Cashier from 4.25 to 5.25 hours/day	5/3/21	Same
Elliott, Maddox	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Hoekstra, Eric	TR: From Shop Helper to Mechanic	5/10/21	SEIU E, \$20.81/hour
Hofer, Avari	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Jackson, Laura	NS: NE Baker	5/5/21	PTNS Step 2
Kmetz, Adam	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Nordine, Anna	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Oli, Sanya	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Pospisil, Jessica	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Raghwani, Mehal	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Ramos, Vince	O&M: From District Sub Custodian to Athletic Grounds/Facilities Coordinator	5/17/21	SEIU D, Step 2
Richard, Elizabeth	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Sieren, Own	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Thomasson, Evan	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Ton, Annalise	AC: Aquatic Instructor	5/24/21	\$11.00/hour
Weldon, Jaime	EX: Student Support Associate	5/10/21	LMSEAA II, Step 8
Woodcock, Jenna	EX: From Student Support Associate to General Ed Asst	5/10/21	LMSEAA I, Step 7

Classified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Beil, Nicole	EX: General Ed Assistant	4/23/21	Personal
Bolger, Mike	HS: Student Support Associate	5/7/21	Other Employment
Dreyer, Kelly	EH: Media Assistant	6/11/21	Personal
Helmrichs, Meri	HS: Student Support Associate	6/11/21	Personal
Luth, Tabitha	NS: NE General Help	5/5/21	Other Employment
McCurren, Jean	NS: BP Baker/General Help	4/8/21	Personal
Taylor Marin, Shawn	NS: EX General Help/Cashier	5/3/21	Personal
Williams, Doug	O&M: HVAC Technician	5/14/21	Other Employment

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Assignment/Reassignment/Transfer

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Jenatscheck, Matt	HS: Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	4/22/21	\$3,279

902: Approval of April 26th Minutes – Exhibit 902.1

903: Approval of Bills – Exhibit 903.1

904: Approval of Contracts – Exhibits 904.1-13

1. Change order with Rathje Construction regarding the 35th Avenue paving project
2. Change order with Tricon for the Wilkins Elementary renovation project
3. Agreement with PlayOn! Sports for use of NFHS Network School Broadcast Program
4. PBIS Rewards service proposal for Excelsior Middle School
5. Bond counsel and disclosure counsel engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, PC
6. Financial services agreement with Piper Sandler & Company
7. Amendment to agreement to Serve as Dissemination Agent for Secondary Market Disclosure with Piper Sandler & Company
8. Agreement with School Administrators of Iowa for the Administrator Mentoring and Induction Program
9. Independent contractor agreement with Ryan Hoagland
10. Independent contractor agreement with Sherry Stone
11. Independent contractor agreement with Vanessa Terrell
12. Independent contractor agreement with Michelle Colton
13. Agreement with Grant Wood AEA for VAST Center Science Program for 2021-22

1000: Board Communications, Calendar, and Committees

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1002: Board Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
May 10	7:00 PM	Senior & SODA/TRY Recognitions	High School Auditorium
May 12	11:30 AM	Policy Committee	Virtual
May 14	10:00 AM	Success Center Graduation	Parade Celebration
May 17	6:00 PM	Facility Advisory Committee	Hazel Point Cafeteria
May 19	4:00 PM	School Improvement Advisory (SIAC)	LRC Conference Room 6
May 20	7:30 AM	Finance/Audit Committee	LRC Conference Room 203
May 20	5:30 PM	Marion City Council (Nelson)	Virtual
May 24	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
May 27	4:00 PM	COMPASS Celebration Picnic	Thomas Park
May 27	5:30 PM	Competition Speech Recognitions	HS Little Theatre
May 30	1:00 PM	LM High School Graduation	Alliant Energy Powerhouse
Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
June 2	5-7 PM	BP Ribbon Cutting & Open House	Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 PM
June 2	5-7 PM	HP Ribbon Cutting & Open House	Ribbon Cutting at 6:00 PM
June 3	5:30 PM	Marion City Council (Wall)	Virtual
June 10	7:30 AM	Finance/Audit Committee	LRC Conference Room 203
June 14	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
June 17	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	Virtual
June 21	10:00 AM	LM Foundation Lion Open	Hunters Ridge Golf Course

1003: Committees and Advisories

Committee	2020-21 Representatives
Finance/Audit Committee	Buchholz, Isenberg, and Morey
Policy/Governance Committee	Lausen, Wall, and Weaver
Career & Technical Education Advisory (CTE)	Buchholz, Morey, and Nelson
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)	Buchholz, Isenberg, and Wall
Facilities Advisory Committee	Morey, Nelson, and Weaver
Community Promise	Nelson
Linn County Conference Board	Buchholz

1100: Adjournment Motion 151-05-10

MOTION by Wall to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. Second by Buchholz. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Sondra Nelson, School Board President

JT Anderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer