

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, Wear, Ramos, and Breitfelder.

200: Adoption of the Agenda *Motion 119-03-08*

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

300: Audience Communications

JT Anderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer, read one electronically-submitted audience communication from Becky Garms [LM Parent] regarding the Family Choice learning model.

400: Informational Reports, Discussions, and Presentations

401: Student Assessment Update – Exhibit 401.1

Nathan Wear, Associate Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, shared an update on the 2021 student achievement data that included background information on the challenges incurred this year due to the derecho and COVID. Additional highlights included the plan moving forward to assist students with learning the standards missed over the last year due to school closings and comparisons of 2019-20 and 2020-21 student assessment scores for K-8th grades

402: Board Visit

Board members shared they enjoyed seeing the students and staff engaged in learning during their March 4th visit to the Compass Alternative Center. They were also impressed by the versatility of the program to offer varied learning options to keep the students engaged in such a unique year of learning.

403: Finance/Audit Committee

Isenberg and Morey reported that during the March 4th Finance/Audit Committee meeting the fiscal year 2022 certified budget was reviewed, along with future financial projections.

404: Linn County Conference Board

Buchholz reported that a public hearing on the County's budget was held during the March 4th Linn County Conference Board meeting.

405: Marion City Council

Buchholz reported that no items pertaining to the district were presented during the March 4th Marion City Council meeting.

406: Legislative Update

Morey shared a handout with the board that covered various bills under consideration that either moved forward or died due to the Friday, March 5th funnel date deadline and that even though the voucher bill is considered dead it could reappear as an amendment. Bisgard shared information on the PreK and ELL funding bills.

407: Cabinet Update – Exhibit 407.1

Superintendent Bisgard shared an update on the formation of the Facilities Advisory Committee. Bisgard also reported that staff and student COVID numbers are down and that the elementary staff will receive their second vaccinations this week. Additionally, Bisgard shared that the LM High School graduation ceremony will take place in-person at the Alliant Energy Powerhouse Center on Sunday, May 30th at 1:00 PM, with social distancing precautions in place.

500: Unfinished Business

501: Award of Bid – Exhibit 501.1 **Motion 120-03-08**

MOTION by Morey to award the bid for the Indian Creek Elementary HVAC project to Universal Climate Control as the lowest, responsive bidder for a base bid of \$123,800. Second by Lausen. Anderson clarified that the bid came in under the original, proposed budget. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

502: Establishment of Public Hearing – Exhibit 502.1 **Motion 121-03-08**

MOTION by Lausen to approve setting a public hearing for 5:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2021, for approval of the certified budget for fiscal year 2022. Second by Buchholz. Anderson clarified that notice would be posted in the paper regarding the hearing and that the proposed tax rate decreased by 14¢. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

600: New Business

601: Revision of 2020-21 School Year Calendar – Exhibit 601.1 **Motion 122-03-08**

MOTION by Wall to approve a revision to the 2020-21 school calendar, as presented. Second by Lausen. Morey shared concerns about the end of year being so late into June and requested an end date during the first week of June be considered. Bisgard clarified that the changes proposed were moving the students' last day from June 10th to June 9th and the teachers' last day from June 16th to June 11th. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

602: Open Enrollment Requests – Exhibit 602.1 **Motion 123-03-08**

MOTION by Lausen to approve the open enrollment requests, as presented. Second by Buchholz. It was clarified that the list of open enrollments was included as a separate exhibit due to it being so long since the March 1st application deadline had just passed. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

700: Consent Agenda **Motion 124-03-08**

MOTION by Buchholz to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Second by Lausen. Nelson and Weaver congratulated Lori Brown on her retirement and service to the district. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

701: Personnel

Certified Staff: Assignment/Reassignment/Transfer

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Brown, Lori	IC: 3 rd Grade Teacher	6/16/21	Retirement

Classified Staff: Assignment/Reassignment/Transfer

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Bideaux, Mike	From Sub Custodian to EH Part-Time Custodian	3/1/21	SEIU C, Step 1
Hofstetter, Scott	TR: From Regular Sub Bus Driver to Bus Driver	2/2/21	Step 1
Horsey, Guy	LRC: Computer Technician	3/1/21	\$23.00/hour
Kainz, Laura	OR: Student Support Associate	3/8/21	LMSEAA II, Step 6
Meis, James	TR: From Regular Sub Bus Driver to Bus Driver	2/2/21	Step 1
Nolte, Catherine	NS: HP Cashier/General Help	3/8/21	PTNS, Step 1 +.25
Ortiz, Sonia	NS: From HP Cashier/General help to EH General Help	3/1/21	PTNS, Step 7
Pedersen, Brad	TR: From Sub Bus Driver to Bus Driver	2/9/21	Step 1
Taylor, Daveeta	TR: From Regular Sub Bus Driver to Bus Driver	2/9/21	Step 1
Teff, Kendra	From EH General Help to BW Student Support Assoc	3/1/21	LMSEAA II, Step 10
Vezina, Tim	TR: From Regular Sub Bus Driver to Bus Driver	2/9/21	Step 1
Winn, Sydney	WF: Student Support Associate	3/8/21	LMSEAA II, Step 6

Classified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Earles, Alex	BP: School Counselors Secretary	3/12/21	Other Employment
Hannen, Jobiena	BP: Paraprofessional	2/19/21	Other Employment
Johnson, Jamie	O&M: Grounds Supervisor	3/12/21	Other Employment

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

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Bohnenkamp, Susan	OR: Assistant Girls Tennis Coach	2/26/21	\$2,914
Evans, Tristan	HS: From Asst 9 th Gr to Asst 10 th Gr Football Coach	8/2/21	Same
Kasha, Kimu	HS: Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	3/3/21	\$3,279
Lorenz, Brooke	HS: Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach	2/26/21	\$4,372
Maher, Amanda	HS: Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach	3/12/21	\$4,372
Martens, Ben	HS: From Head 10 th Gr to Asst Varsity Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372
Martens, Nick	HS: Head 9 th Gr Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372
Martinson, John	HS: Assistant 10 th Gr Football Coach	8/2/21	\$3,279
May, Andrew	HS: From Asst 10 th to Head 10 th Gr Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372
Reasland, Ray	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372
Shiple, Mike	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372
Walsh, Rodger	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	8/2/21	\$4,372

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Crawley, Anthony	HS: Head 9 th Gr Football Coach	2/26/21	Not returning for 2021-22 season
Edwards-Thomas, Cedric	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	2/26/21	Not returning for 2021-22 season
Lane, Todd	EX: Head 7 th Gr Football Coach	3/2/21	Personal
Miles, Ed	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	2/26/21	Not returning for 2021-22 season
Mulherin, Mick	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	2/26/21	Not returning for 2021-22 season
Senters, Travis	HS: Assistant Varsity Football Coach	2/26/21	Not returning for 2021-22 season

702: Approval of February 22nd Minutes – Exhibit 702.1

703: Approval of Bills – Exhibit 703.1

704: Approval of Contracts – Exhibits 704.1-13

1. Change order #16 with Larson Construction regarding the Boulder Peak Intermediate project
2. Agreement with Dryspace for the Aquatic Center roof repair project
3. Agreement with Dryspace for the Oak Ridge Middle School roof repair project
4. Agreement with Edmentum for the Study Island Social Studies Library Program
5. Agreement with Marzano Resources for High Reliability Schools at Wilkins Elementary
6. Memorandum of understanding with Kirkwood Workplace Learning Connection
7. Agreement with Coe College for 2021-22 student teaching program
8. Agreement with Mt Mercy University for 2021-22 student teaching program
9. Agreement with University of Northern Iowa for 2021-22 student teaching program
10. Independent contractor agreement with Braxton Carr
11. Independent contractor agreement with Flow Media for Hi-Style Show Choir video production
12. Independent contractor agreement with Dylan Parker for Hi-Style Show Choir audio production
13. Independent contractor agreement with Alexis Robson for Hi-Style Show Choir choreography
14. Interagency agreements for Special Education services with Cedar Rapids CSD (7), Marion Independent (2), and Mason City CSD (1). *For student confidentiality, exhibits not provided.*

800: Board Communications, Calendar, and Committees

801: Board Communications

Buchholz asked if those interested in attending board meetings in-person could do so again. It was clarified in-person audience attendance was always allowed, with the face mask and social distancing requirements in place, but that seating was limited due to the social distancing requirement. At this time virtual audience attendance is still being requested as much as possible. Isenberg congratulated Doug Streicher for being named Wrestling Coach of the Year and the team for a great year!

802: Board Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
March 15-19	--	Spring Break	--
March 18	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	Virtual
Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
April 5	7:30 AM	Compass Pancake Breakfast	LRC
April 8	5:00 PM	Marion City Council	Virtual
April 12	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
April 20	12:00 PM	Lion Learning	Virtual
April 20	5:30 PM	Lion Learning	Virtual
April 21	11:30 AM	Policy Committee	Virtual
April 22	7:30 AM	Finance/Audit Committee	LRC Conference Room 203
April 22	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	Virtual
April 26	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
May 4	5:00 PM	LIONS/Volunteer Awards	Arrangements pending
May 6	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	Virtual
May 10	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
May 10	7:00 PM	Senior Recognition Night	Arrangements Pending
May 14	1:00 PM	Success Center Graduation	Arrangements Pending
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	Virtual
May 24	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Boardroom/YouTube
May 30	1:00 PM	High School Graduation	US Cellular Center

803: 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
Iowa BIG Advisory Board	Lausen
Community Promise	Nelson
Linn County Conference Board	Buchholz

900: Adjournment *Motion 125-03-08*

MOTION by Lausen to adjourn the board meeting at 6:15 PM. Second by Morey. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Sondra Nelson, Board President

JT Anderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer