

**School Board Meeting Minutes
October 25, 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, Morey, Nelson, and Weaver. Absent Lausen (arrived at 5:15 PM) and Wall. Administration present: Bisgard, Anderson, Christian, Ramos, and Read. Absent: Breifelder and Wear.

200: Adoption of the Agenda *Motion 073-10-25*

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

300: Audience Communications

1. Matt Rollinger, LM Parent: Against critical race theory and signature requirements in Policy 204.9
2. Cody Nie, LM Parent: Request for info on format of signature requirements in Policy 204.9
3. Ethan Vasser, LM Parent: Against face mask mandate
4. Gretchen Lawyer, LM Resident: Supports district's equity work
5. Scott Foens, LM Parent: Academic freedom and HF802
6. Josh Milam, LM Resident: Supports district's equity work
7. Own Soenen, LM Student: Supports a face mask mandate for the high school

400: Informational Reports, Discussions, and Presentations

401: Superintendent's Update – Exhibit 401.1

Superintendent Bisgard reported that Shelley Woods, LM Foundation Director, has resigned her position and shared words of thanks for her 11 years of service. Bisgard also shared several changes being put into place by the Human Resources Department for recruiting and retaining employees. Information was also shared on the need to reassess the Return-to-Learn Plan and the PK-6 mask mandate if/when the COVID vaccination is available for younger students.

402: Venture Academics Update – Exhibits 402.1 and 402.2a-b

Mark Hutcheson, Director of High School Teaching & Learning and Venture Academics, Elyssa McDowell, Venture Academics Strategic Partner Coordinator, Chris Thilges, Venture Academics Teacher, shared an overview and highlights of the program. Several students also spoke of their personal experiences in the Venture program and that they enjoy the hands-on learning opportunities, the ability to express themselves, and the smaller class sizes.

403: Finance/Audit Committee

JT Anderson, Chief Financial/Operating Officer, reported that during the October 21st meeting the committee discussed the spring/summer capital improvement projects, supply issues and costs, and the upcoming review of the 800 policy series.

404: Marion City Council

No report was shared.

405: Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

Board members reported that they enjoyed the October 22nd Marion Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and the opportunity to meet in-person with community members to learn about the City.

500: Unfinished Business

600: New Business

700: Consent Agenda *Motion 074-10-25*

MOTION by Lausen to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Buchholz. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

701: Personnel

Classified Staff: Assignment/Reassignment/Transfer

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Braumann, Michelle	NS: HS General Help	10/12/21	PTNS, Step 3
Keller, Chantel	HP: Student Support Associate	10/25/21	LMSEAA II, Step 1
Krecioch, Mandi	O&M: District Sub Custodian	10/18/21	SEIU C, Step 1
McCloe, Cari	NS: HS General Help	10/18/21	PTNS, Step 1
Pottebaum, Jena	EH: Media Assistant	10/21/21	LMSEAA I, Step 1
Priest, Ashlee	LG: Student Support Associate	10/26/21	LMSEAA II, Step 1
Sacquitne, Kat	From HS to EH Student Support Associate	10/14/21	Same
Schmieder, Elizabeth	From IC to WE Student Support Associate	10/21/21	Same
Simonsen, Jon	O&M: District Sub Custodian	10/13/21	SEIU C, Step 1
Stanek, Izabella	IC: Student Support Associate	10/20/21	LMSEAA II, Step 1

Classified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Bluedorn, Alissa	EH: Media Assistant	10/8/21	Personal
Bryant, Allison	EX: Student Support Associate	10/29/21	Other Employment
Fuller, Brent	O&M: Custodian	10/11/21	Personal
Hudspeth, Matthew	TR: Auto Mechanic	10/29/21	Personal
Van Auken, Jessica	HS: Student Support Associate	10/14/21	Personal

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

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Thurston, Jennifer	HS: Head JV2 Girls Basketball Coach	11/8/21	\$4,423

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Keating, Kent	HS: Choir Accompanist	8/2/21	Personal

702: Approval of October 11th Minutes – Exhibit 702.1

703: Approval of Bills – Exhibit 703.1

704: Approval of Contracts – Exhibits 704.1-8

1. Professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery Architecture & Engineering for the Bowman Woods roof improvement project
2. Professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery Architecture & Engineering for the Echo Hill and Novak roof improvement project

3. Professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery Architecture & Engineering for the Learning Resource Center roof improvement project
4. Collection services agreement with Credit Bureau Services of Iowa
5. Agreement with Wire Production Group for Supernova 2022
6. Music licensing agreement with Broadcast Music, Inc.
7. Music licensing agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
8. Non-commercial licensing agreement with Wilkins Elementary PTO
9. Interagency agreements for Special Education services with BCLUW CSD (1), Cedar Rapids CSD (69), Central City CSD (2), College CSD (3), Iowa City CSD (3), Kirkwood Community College (5), Lisbon CSD (1), Marion Independent (28), Mason City CSD (1), Mediapolis CSD (1), Muscatine CSD (1), Nevada CSD (1), North Linn CSD (1), Oelwein CSD (2), Ottumwa CSD (1), Springville CSD (1), Union CSD (1), Waterloo CSD (1), and West Delaware County CSD (2). *For student confidentiality, exhibits not provided.*

705: Financial Reports – Exhibits 705.1-2

1. School Finances and Cash Balance Reports as of September 30, 2020
2. School Finances and Cash Balance Reports as of September 30, 2021

800: Board Communications, Calendar, and Committees

801: Board Communications

Nelson requested the board members begin considering what committees/advisories they would like to serve on this year; Weaver thanked the Human Resources Department for their efforts; and Buchholz thanked the Athletic Department for their presentation at the last board meeting, their dedication to district athletics, and congratulated Girls Cross Country for making it to State.

802: Board Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
<i>November 2</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>School Board Elections</i>	
November 4	4:00 PM	SIAC Committee	LRC Boardroom
November 4	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall/Virtual
November 8	6:00 PM	Facilities Advisory Committee	Hazel Point Intermediate
Wednesday, Nov 10	5:00 PM	Board Annual/Organizational Mtgs	LRC Boardroom/YouTube
<i>November 17-18</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>IASB Annual Conference</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>
<i>November 17</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>UEN Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>
November 18	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall/Virtual
November 30	Noon	Lion Learning	LRC Boardroom
November 30	5:30 PM	Lion Learning	LRC Boardroom
Date	Time	Event	Location/Comments
December 1	4:15 PM	CTE Committee	LRC Boardroom
December 2	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall/Virtual
December 9	7:30 AM	Finance/Audit Committee	LRC Conf Room 203
December 13	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	LRC Boardroom/YouTube
December 15	11:30 AM	Policy Committee	LRC Room 5
December 16	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall/Virtual

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 (FAC)	Morey, Nelson, and Weaver

900: Adjournment *Motion 075-10-25*

MOTION by Lausen to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. Second by Morey. Voice vote, all ayes.
Motion carried.

Sondra Nelson, Board President

JT Anderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer