

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MAY 6, 2024**

100: CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors 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: Lowe Lancaster, Morey, Thomas, Walker, Wall, and Buchholz. Absent: Foss. Administration present: Kortemeyer, Galbraith, Wear, Read, Christian, Frick, and Nelson. Absent: Ramos.

200: ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Motion 180-05-06

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

300: SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Exhibit 300.1

President Buchholz read a proclamation in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10) and thanked the teachers for their service.

400: AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS

1. James Thatcher, Resident, Board Actions
2. Vanessa Renaud, Parent, Teacher Appreciation

500: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/UPDATES/DISCUSSIONS

501: Board Visit

The board reported they enjoyed their April 25th visit to Bowman Woods Elementary and highlighted the staff report, the excitement of the students, and the report on the Wit & Wisdom curriculum.

502: School Improvement Advisory Council

Lowe Lancaster, Morey, and Wall reported that during the April 25th SIAC meeting the group compared last year's assessment data with this year's winter assessment data and discussed ways to use the data to promote continued improvement.

503: Superintendent's Update – Exhibit 503.1

Superintendent Kortemeyer shared several district honors, provided information on the safety grant award and HF2586 regarding school security (and shared that the district is pleased with the SRO agreement with the City of Marion and the response time of local emergency personnel and the district does not intend to arm staff as is allowed per the new legislation), gave an overview of the remodeling of the current LRC, highlighted the open enrollment requests being approved, congratulated Jay Lehman for being named Bowman Woods Principal, thanked Tina March for her years of service to the

district, shared an update on the current construction projects, and highlighted several upcoming events.

600: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

601: Approval of Resolution Directing Sale of Bonds – Exhibit 601.1

Matt Gillaspie, Managing Director with Piper Sandler, reviewed the bids received regrading the sale of bonds and recommended Jefferies LLC of New York as the lowest, responsive bid.

MOTION by Walker to approve the resolution directing the sale of \$16,365,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use tax revenue bonds, series 2024, to Jefferies LLC of New York for \$16,740,880.80. Second by Thomas. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. ***Motion 181-05-06***

602: Award of Bid – Exhibit 602.1 – *Motion 182-05-06*

MOTION by Morey to award the bid for the LM High School extension renovation project to Unzeitig Construction for a base bid of \$1,085,000.00. Second by Lowe Lancaster. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

700: NEW BUSINESS

701: Set Public Hearing – *Motion 183-05-06*

MOTION by Wall to set a public hearing at 5:00 PM on May 20th in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center regarding the amended certified budget for fiscal year 2024. Second by Walker. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

702: Set Public Hearing – *Motion 184-05-06*

MOTION by Thomas to set a public hearing at 5:00 PM on May 20th in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center regarding the amended 2024-25 school year calendar. Second by Lowe Lancaster. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

703: FY25 Transportation Department Agreement – *Motion 185-05-06*

MOTION by Walker to approve a 3.00% total package increase for the Transportation Department staff for fiscal year 2024-25. Second by Wall. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

704: Approval of Fundraising Requests – Exhibit 704.1 – *Motion 186-05-06*

MOTION by Wall to approve the fundraising requests as presented in Exhibit 704.1. Second by Thomas. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

705: Open Enrollment Requests – *Motion 187-05-06*

MOTION by Lowe Lancaster to approve the open enrollment requests as presented. Second by Thomas. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Approved IN

Student Name	Grade	Resident District	School Year
Aparnathi, Jiyaangiri	4	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Arnold, Penny	K	Alburnett	2024-25
Ashlock, Grayson	9	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Bealer, Lennon	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Bowman, Camreigh	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Buess, Zaylen	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Carpenter, Serenit	1	Marion Independent	2024-25
Conway, Charlie	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
D'Arcy, Gwendolyn	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Dawson, Selene	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
DeVary, Aspen	1	Marion Independent	2024-25
Duehr, Preston	6	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Duggan, Presley	9	Springville	2024-25
Dumolien, Piper	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Eiben-Prokop, Brexton	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Fitch, Olive	3	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Fitch, Penelope	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Flynn, Maeve	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Gales, Antonio	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Garman, Ezekiel	JrK	Alburnett	2024-25
Garthwaite, Delilah	2	Marion Independent	2024-25
Garthwaite, Savannah	3	Marion Independent	2024-25
Gorai, Lohori	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Hardy, Akelius	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Helmke, Elliotte	JrK	Center Point-Urbana	2024-25
Hicks, Ameera	11	Central City	2024-25
Hopkins, Harrison	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Horning, Evelyynn	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Houchin, Aubree	9	Center Point-Urbana	2024-25
Hoyt, Heidi	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Ingram-Wallace, Kairi	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Jackson, Maleah	10	College Community	2024-25
Jain, Avik	4	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Keppler, Lenyx	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Koch, Carter	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Koppen, Benaigh	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Lawson, Davorah	K	Clear Creek Amana	2024-25
Ludwig, Brayden	K	Anamosa	2024-25
Luense, Juliana	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Macho, Maxwell	9	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
McDonald, Lauren	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Mixdorf, Annallie	K	Anamosa	2024-25
Muthineni, Mourvy	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Oberbroeckling, Brielle	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Pandya, Jiyaan	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Peters, Arlo	1	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Ries, Blane	6	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Ruprecht, Vivian	K	Alburnett	2024-25

Student Name	Grade	Resident District	School Year
Sasek, Ariya	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Schmidt, Kadya	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Schultz, Charlotte	9	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Scott, Kenver	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Shah, Divit	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Siegert, Bennett	K	Anamosa	2024-25
Skogman, Vincent	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Sondermann, Eleanor	K	Springville	2024-25
Starkey, Harper	K	Anamosa	2024-25
Talha, Razeen	8	Cedar Rapids	2024-25
Taylor, Amelia	9	Center Point-Urbana	2024-25
Thiemann, Nora	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Timble, Anastasia	K	Marion Independent	2024-25
Ware, Roman	K	Cedar Rapids	2024-25

Denied IN

Student Name	Grade	Resident District	School Year	Reason
Ruth, Natalee	10	Cedar Rapids	2024-25	Insufficient space
Taylor, Terrell	6	Cedar Rapids	2024-25	Insufficient space
Weber, Natalie	9	Springville	2024-25	Insufficient space

800: CONSENT AGENDA – *Motion 188-05-06*

MOTION by Walker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Wall. Congratulations and thanks were shared with the retirees. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

801: Personnel

Certified Staff: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Brandt, Mykaela	WE: Student Support Services Teacher	8/13/24	BA, Step 1
Lehman, Jay	From LMHS Associate Athletic Director to BW Principal	7/1/24	\$103,195/year
Vargason, Kylee	EH: School Counselor	8/13/24	MA, Step 7
Weis, Vera	LMHS: Science Teacher	8/13/24	MA, Step 1
Young, Jacob	OR: From Student Assistance Specialist to School Counselor	8/1/24	MA, Step 6

Certified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Blake, Abbie	IC: Student Support Services Teacher	5/31/24	Other employment
Brown, Amanda	BP: Student Support Services Teacher	5/31/24	Other employment/ relocation
Randall, Ashley	WE: 3 rd Gr Teacher	5/31/24	Relocation
Takes, Emily	BW: 3 rd Gr Teacher	5/31/24	Other employment/ relocation
Thurston, Jennifer	LMHS: School Counselor	6/3/24	Relocation
Woods, Kimberly	OR: School Counselor	5/31/24	Relocation

Classified Staff: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Altmaier, Shirryl	NS: LMHS General Help from 7 to 7.5 hrs/day	5/1/24	Same
Behera, Sasmita	NS: LMHS General Help	4/22/24	PTNS, Step 1
Gilbert, Ron	TR: From Regular Sub to Bus Driver	4/8/24	Same
Peterson, Dana	NS: LMHS General Help from 5.5 to 7 hrs/day	5/1/24	SEIU A, Step 2

Classified Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Forbes, Doug	TR: Equipment Prep Technician	5/30/24	Retirement
Gamerdinger, Judy	NS: LMHS General Help/Cashier	5/30/24	Retirement
Gengler, Piyakit	WF: General Ed Assistant	4/19/24	Other employment
Marotz, Zach	NE: Lead Cook	4/25/24	Personal
Stalin, Rosary Jasmin	WF: Student Support Associate	4/29/24	Other employment

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Salary Placement
Lynch, Greg	LMHS: Orchestra Tech Assistant	4/29/24	\$420
Sentman, Thad	LMHS: Musical Orchestra Director	4/27/24	\$1,927

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept Action	Reason
Cannon, Dalton	OR: Assistant 8 th Gr Football Coach	4/22/24	Personal
Katz, Phil	EX: Assistant 7 th Gr Football Coach	4/10/24	Personal
Thurston, Jennifer	LMHS: Head JV2 Girls Basketball Coach	4/24/24	Relocation

802: Approval of April 22nd Board Minutes – Exhibit 802.1**803: Approval of Bills/Warrants – Exhibit 803.1****804: Approval of Contracts/Agreements – Exhibits 804.1-10**

1. Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP audit services agreement
2. Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa program agreement
3. Grand Canyon University student field experience agreement
4. Access Systems agreement
5. Big Heart Meditation & Mindfulness independent contractor agreement
6. Braxton Carr independent contractor agreement
7. Tom Mackey independent contractor agreement
8. Alexis Robson independent contractor agreement
9. Peak Construction change order #10
10. Peak Construction change order #11
11. Interagency agreement for special education instructional services with Cedar Rapids CSD (1) and College CSD (1). *For student confidentiality, exhibits are not provided.*

805: Overnight Trip Request – Exhibit 805.1

FBLA to attend national leadership conference in Orlando, Florida (June 28-July 3)

900: BOARD CALENDAR & COMMUNICATIONS

Buchholz congratulated girls track for winning their recent MVC meet.

901: Board Calendar & Communications

Date	Time	Event	Location
<i>May 6</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Senior Recognition Night</i>	<i>LMHS Auditorium</i>
<i>May 8</i>	<i>5:15 PM</i>	<i>LIONS/Volunteer Awards</i>	<i>Boardroom</i>
May 9	9:00 AM	Board Visit	Novak Elementary
May 9	5:30 PM	Marion City Council (<i>Buchholz</i>)	City Hall
May 13	5:00 PM	Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee (DEI)	Boardroom
May 16	8:30 AM	Finance/Audit Committee (F/AC)	LRC Room 5
May 20	5:00 PM	Board Meeting & Closed Session	Boardroom
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>100-Hour Volunteer Luncheon</i>	<i>Hills Bank, Marion</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>	<i>Compass Graduation Celebration</i>	<i>LRC Gym</i>
May 23	5:30 PM	Marion City Council (<i>Thomas</i>)	City Hall
May 26	1:00 PM	LMHS Commencement	Alliant Energy Powerhouse
<i>May 30</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>Last Day of School with 2-Hour Early Dismissal</i>	<i>Districtwide</i>
Date	Time	Event	Location
June 6	5:30 PM	Marion City Council (<i>Wall</i>)	City Hall
June 10	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	TBD
<i>June 19</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>District Closed – Juneteenth Holiday</i>	<i>Districtwide</i>
June 20	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall
Date	Time	Event	Location
<i>July 4</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>District Closed – 4th of July Holiday</i>	<i>Districtwide</i>
July 8	5:00 PM	Board Meeting	TBD
<i>July 11</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>LIONS Open Golf Outing</i>	<i>Hunters Ridge</i>
July 18	5:30 PM	Marion City Council	City Hall

902: Board Committees/Advisories

Required Board Committees/Advisories

Committee/Advisory	Board Representatives
Finance/Audit Committee (F/AC)	Buchholz, Foss, Morey
Policy Committee	Buchholz, Walker, Wall
Career & Technical Education Advisory (CTE)	Foss, Thomas
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)	Lowé Lancaster, Morey, Wall

Additional District Committees/Advisories

Committee/Advisory	Board Representatives
Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee (DEI)	Lowé Lancaster, Thomas
Venture Academics Advisory (VAA)	Morey, Walker
LMHS School Counselors Advisory	Lowé Lancaster
MEDCO Community Promise Advisory	Wall
Linn County Conference Board	Buchholz
Legislative Liaisons	Morey, Walker

1000: ADJOURNMENT – Motion 189-05-06

MOTION by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM. Second by Wall. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Barry Buchholz, Board President

Jonathan Galbraith, Board Secretary/Treasurer