

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 11, 2026
5:00 PM @ ELC BOARDROOM
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100: CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors will be called to order at 5:00 PM in the boardroom of the Educational Leadership Center (3556 Winslow Rd, Marion). Roll will be taken to determine a quorum.

_____ Buchholz _____ Foss _____ Langston _____ Mansoor _____ Morey _____ Thomas _____ Lowe Lancaster

200: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

300: PUBLIC HEARING – Refer to Exhibit 801.1 *(SPG #1-Community Engagement)*

A public hearing will be held on the amended certified budget for fiscal year 2026.

400: DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT MOMENT

500: AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS *(SPG #1-Community Engagement)*

Those who signed up to speak will be called to the microphone in order of sign up. The board will receive and acknowledge comments but will not engage in a dialog with the speaker because of the set agenda. Remarks are limited to three minutes per speaker and should be shared in a respectful manner.

600: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

601: Facilities Assessment Report *(SPG #5-Resource Management / BG #3.c-District Culture)*

OPN Architects will report on the recent facilities assessments.

602: Venture Academics Advisory Report *(SPG #2-Learning Excellence / BG #2.b-Student Learning)*

A report will be given on the April 30th Venture Academics Advisory meeting.

603: Finance/Audit Committee Report (SPG #5-Resource Management / BG #3.c-District Culture)

A report will be given on the May 7th Finance/Audit Committee meeting.

604: Legislative Report (BG #1.c-Visionary Team & 3.d-District Culture)

Directors Morey and Thomas will report on the legislative session.

605: Superintendent’s Report – Exhibit 605.1 (SPG #1-Community Engagement)

Superintendent Kortemeyer will report on various items from around the district.

700: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

701: Second Reading of Policy Recommendations – Exhibit 701.1

MOTION to approve the second reading of the policy recommendations as presented in Exhibit 701.1.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

702: Review of Bids – Exhibit 702.1 (SPG #5-Resource Management / BG #3.c-District Culture)

Jon Galbraith, Chief Financial/Operating Officer, and Garrett Pochop, with Piper Sandler, will review the bids received regarding the sale of approximately \$29,545,000 General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026.

703: Approval of Resolution – Roll Call Vote – Exhibit 703.1

Jon Galbraith, Chief Financial/Operating Officer, will review the resolution directing the sale of the General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes.

MOTION to approve the resolution directing the sale of \$_____ General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026, to _____ for \$_____.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No
_____ Buchholz _____ Foss _____ Langston _____ Mansoor _____ Morey _____ Thomas _____ Lowe Lancaster

800: NEW BUSINESS

801: Approval of Amended FY26 Certified Budget – Exhibit 801.1

MOTION to approve the amended certified budget for fiscal year 2026 as presented in Exhibit 801.1. (SPG #5-Resource Management / BG #3.c-District Culture)

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

802: Approval of Magma Math Subscription – Exhibit 802.1

Nathan Wear, Associate Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, will share information on the Magma Math program.

MOTION to approve the Magma Math subscription agreement for grades 9-12, at \$11,200.00/year for three years, as presented in Exhibit 802.1.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

803: Approval of Open Enrollment Requests (SPG #2-Learning Excellence & 3-Learner Experience)

MOTION to approve the open enrollment requests as presented.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

| Approved IN | Student Name | Grade | Resident District | School Year |
|-------------|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Kirksey, Ky'aire | K | Cedar Rapids | 2026-27 |

| Approved OUT | Student Name | Grade | Requested District | Reason | School Year |
|--------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Seastrom, Easton | 10 | Springville | Good cause | 2026-27 |

| Denied OUT | Student Name | Grade | Requested District | Reason | School Year |
|------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Hanson, Chloe | 6 | MID Home School | Late, no good cause | 2026-27 |

804: Approval of Student Fees for 2026-27 – Exhibit 804.1

MOTION to approve the student fee schedule for the 2026-27 school year as presented in Exhibit 804.1.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

805: Approval of FY27 LMSA Agreement (SPG #4-People & Culture / BG #3.a-District Culture)

MOTION to approve a 3.03% total package increase for the Linn-Mar Service Association for fiscal year 2026-27.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

806: Approval of FY27 Transportation Department Agreement

MOTION to approve a 3.00% total package increase for the Transportation Department staff for fiscal year 2026-27. (SPG #4-People & Culture / BG #3.a-District Culture)

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

807: Approval of FY27 PTNS Agreement (SPG #4-People & Culture / BG #3.a-District Culture)

MOTION to approve a 5.53% total package increase for the Part-Time Nutrition Services staff for fiscal year 2026-27.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

900: CONSENT AGENDA (SPG #4-People/Culture & #5-Resource Mngmt / BG #3.a, c, d-District Culture)

MOTION to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Action Motion: _____ Second: _____ Carried: Yes / No

901: Personnel

Certified Staff: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Salary Placement |
|----------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Behmer, Joe | EX: From Student Dean/Athletics Activities Director to Associate Principal | 7/1/2026 | \$92,000/year |
| Dirks, Jessica | EX: Teacher Leader Instructional Coach | 8/12/26 | MA+45, Step 27 |
| Hayes, Beth | ESY Facilitator | 6/1/2026 | \$5,000 |
| Ptacek, Lucas | ELC: Director of High School Teaching & Learning | 7/1/26 | \$130,000/year |
| Vint, Audrey | OR: 8 th Gr Science Teacher | 8/12/26 | BA, Step 3 |

Certified Staff: Resignations

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Reason |
|---------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| Bolinder, Kiley | OR: 7 th Gr Reading Teacher | 6/5/26 | Relocation |
| Church, Kathryn | District: Home School Teacher | 6/4/26 | Retirement |
| Fontenot, Elizabeth | HP: Vocal Music Teacher | 6/5/26 | Personal |

Classified Staff: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Salary Placement |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Cook, Robin | NS: OR General Help | 4/29/26 | PTNS, Step 1 |
| Himmel, Emily | OR: Student Support Associate | 4/27/26 | LMSEAA A, Step 1 |
| James, Hayleigh | LG: Student Support Associate | 8/18/26 | LMSEAA A, Step 1 |
| King, Kelly | NS: EX General Help/Cashier | 4/29/26 | PTNS, Step 1+.25 |
| Rowland, Timothy | LMHS: Student Support Associate | 5/4/26 | LMSEAA A, Step 1 |

Classified Staff: Resignations

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Reason |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Ancheta, Anthony | O&M: LMHS Custodian | 5/6/26 | Other employment |
| Buelow, Greg | LG: Student Support Associate | 5/8/26 | Other employment |
| Cassill, Jennifer | NS: EX General Help/Cashier | 6/4/26 | Personal |
| Johnson, Senica | LG: Student Support Associate | 5/22/26 | Other employment |
| Kainz, Laura | LMHS: Student Support Associate | 6/5/26 | Other employment |
| Kruger, Tiffany | LMHS: Student Support Associate | 4/23/26 | Personal |
| Martin, Joseph | O&M: EX Custodian | 5/7/26 | Other employment |
| Minehart, Amanda | LMHS: Student Support Associate | 4/17/26 | Personal |
| Seale, Ashley | LMHS: Student Support Associate | 4/22/26 | Personal |
| Thompson, Karla | HP: Student Support Associate | 6/5/26 | Personal |

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

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Salary Placement |
|-----------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Burke, Shawn | LMHS: Spring Musical Director (.5) | 4/23/26 | \$2,349 |
| Jorgensen, Jack | LMHS: Assistant Musical Director (.3) | 4/14/26 | \$625 |
| Read, Henry | LMHS: Assistant Sophomore Baseball Coach | 5/4/26 | \$3,523 |

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff Non-Schedule H: Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Salary Placement |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Earnest, Valerie | WE: Accompanist | 4/28/26 | \$215 |

Co/Extra-Curricular Staff: Resignations

| Name | Assignment | Dept Action | Reason |
|-----------------|---|-------------|----------|
| Blakely, Karla | LMHS: Student Council Sponsor | 6/4/26 | Personal |
| Bolinder, Kiley | OR: Assistant 7 th Gr Girls Basketball Coach | 5/4/26 | Personal |
| Bradley, Rylie | LMHS: Head JV Poms Coach | 4/21/26 | Personal |
| Geers, Mike | EX: Head 7 th Gr Wrestling Coach | 5/5/26 | Personal |

902: Approval of April 27th Board Minutes – Exhibit 902.1**903: Approval of May 6th Special Session Minutes – Exhibit 903.1****904: Approval of Bills/Warrants – Exhibit 904.1****905: Approval of Contracts/Agreements – Exhibits 905.1-4**

1. PowerSchool: License and subscription renewal (\$60,463.65)
2. MJ Care: LEA Medicaid Billing & Business Associate agreement
3. Lonni Lane Marketing/Candace Fleming: Stories Alive program agreement and independent contractor agreement for presenter (\$12,000)
4. Wendy Morton: Independent contractor agreement for summer band lessons substitute (\$27.33/hour)
5. Interagency contracts for Special Education instructional services with Empowering Excellence Charter School (2). *For student confidentiality, exhibits are not provided.*

906: Overnight Trip Request – Exhibit 906.1

FBLA to attend Nat'l Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas (June 28-July 3)

1000: BOARD CALENDAR & COMMUNICATIONS**1001: Board Calendar & Communications**

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|--------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| May 13 | 5:15 PM | LIONS & Volunteer Awards | ELC Boardroom |
| May 21 | 5:30 PM | Marion City Council (Thomas) | City Hall |
| May 24 | 1:00 PM | LMHS Commencement Ceremony | Alliant Energy Powerhouse |
| May 25 | -- | No School (Memorial Day Holiday) | -- |

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---------------|---------|--|---------------|
| June 4 | -- | <i>Last Day of School (2-Hour Early Dismissal)</i> | -- |
| June 4 | 5:30 PM | Marion City Council | City Hall |
| <i>June 5</i> | -- | <i>Teacher Workday</i> | -- |
| June 8 | 5:00 PM | LMCSD Board of Directors Meeting | ELC Boardroom |
| June 18 | 5:30 PM | Marion City Council | City Hall |

1002: Board Committees/Advisories

Required Board Committees/Advisories

| Committee/Advisory | Board Representatives |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Finance/Audit Committee (F/AC) | Buchholz, Mansoor, Morey |
| Policy Committee | Langston, Lowe Lancaster, Thomas |
| Career & Technical Education Advisory (CTE) | Foss, Langston, Mansoor |
| School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) | Foss, Langston, Mansoor |

Additional District Committees/Advisories

| Committee/Advisory | Board Representatives |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Facilities Advisory Committee | Foss, Lowe Lancaster, Thomas |
| Venture Academics Advisory (VAA) | Langston, Mansoor, Morey |
| LMHS School Counselors Advisory | Lowe Lancaster, Mansoor |
| MEDCO Community Promise Advisory | Buchholz, Mansoor |
| Linn County Conference Board | Langston |
| Cedar Rapids Examining Board | Buchholz |
| Legislative Liaisons | Morey, Thomas |

1100: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at _____ PM.

Action **Motion:** _____ **Second:** _____

Carried: Yes / No