



# BOARD SUMMARY

*The following is a summary of the June 5, 2006 meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors.*

## **WORK SESSION**

### Update on High School Project

Steve Miller and Marc Lindvig from Rozeboom Miller Architects, and Tim Fehr from Shive Hattery gave an update on the projects at the high school, including budget/costs and project phasing. Total estimated project cost at this time is \$7,499,360.00. Areas to be addressed in the renovations and additions are:

#### NEW ADDITION

A. Music Addition - 17,781 SF

#### REMODEL/RENOVATIONS

B. Math Classroom/Office Remodel - 8,293 SF

C. Guidance/Career Center - 3,150 SF

D. Nurse's Office - 840 SF

E. Crossroad Commons/Open Space - 2,260 SF

F. Multi-Purpose Lunchroom/Commons - 3,030 SF

G. Classroom Remodel - 7,884 SF

H. Science Classrooms/Labs - 3,116 SF + 232 SF

I. Special Education - 1,145 SF

J. 9th Grade Classroom/Corridor - 6,614 SF

K. Orchestra Rehearsal - 2,331 SF

L. Teacher Office/Department Resource Center - 5,426 SF

M. Upper Commons - 1,140 SF

N. Art Classroom Remodeling - 1,565 SF

O. Graphics Lab Remodeling - 852 SF

P. Gymnasium Divider Curtain

A large portion of the cost will also be in the upgrading of the electrical and mechanical operations and bringing the existing heating systems into two main sources from the current four sources. The final set of plans and bid letting will be on or about August 1, 2006 for bids to be opened in September.

### High School Reading: Progress Report on Academic Literacy I and II

Associate Principal Jeff Gustason and Reading Specialist Kathy Denk gave a report on student progress in the Academic Literacy classes. Four years ago this project was brought before the Board for approval. Reading grades through these specially developed and designed programs and the techniques used in teaching have shown gains in grade scores.

### 2006-07 Legislative Priorities

The Board tabled discussion on possible priorities for the 2006-07 Legislative sessions.

### Bowman Woods Traffic Report

Bowman Woods Principal Shannon Bisgard and parents Bill Bogert and Karen Klinkefus gave a brief report on the traffic issues at Bowman Woods Elementary. Several representatives met last week with Gary Petersen, head of the Cedar Rapids Traffic Department, to discuss some of their concerns.

#### Problem No. 1:

The speed of cars on Boyson Road sometimes is as high as 35 to 40 mph, as some drivers are unaware they are approaching a school zone.

#### Possible Solutions:

Adding flashing light/speed limit signs one to two blocks away from the school zone, to the east and west of the school.

#### What the Traffic Safety Committee will do:

The committee will investigate other options, like "School Zone Ahead" pavement markings or more temporary signs.

The committee will also try to find out more specifics about the other Linn-Mar schools that use flashing school zone signs in Marion and then revisit this issue with the traffic engineering department.

### Problem No. 2:

The Boyson/Kent Drive intersections to the west of the school are difficult to cross with a large number of parents queuing up on Boyson to pick up their kids. In addition, some Bowman Woods students occasionally try to cross Boyson Road at the Kent Drive corner, one block west of the current crosswalk.

Possible solutions:

Posting crossing guards on both the north and south sides of the street after school, and possibly before school, to help students cross Kent Drive. An adult presence at this intersection would stop kids from trying to run across Boyson, forcing them to go back and use the crosswalk directly north of the school.

What the Traffic Safety Committee will do:

The committee will still formally request that traffic engineering conduct a traffic count and an evaluation in the fall to see if we qualify under their guidelines to have painted crosswalks or crossing guards on the north and south side of Boyson across Kent Drive. Qualified schools receive 50% funding from the city of Cedar Rapids and the remaining 50% of the salary for crossing guards comes from the school.

The committee is also looking into having parent volunteers staff these intersections for 15 to 20 minutes before and after school each day. In the fall, when our school schedule will change to 8:20 a.m. to 3:10 p.m., they have concerns that Bowman Woods students will encounter even more commuter traffic in the morning and more high school students returning home in the afternoon.

### Problem No. 3:

There is not enough parking on school grounds, forcing parents to park on side streets such as Kent Drive, which limits the vision of both drivers in the area and the children who cross the street at Kent and Boyson.

Possible Solutions:

The Committee would work with the city to make one side of Kent Drive (one block north and south of Boyson) a no parking zone during school arrival and dismissal time. This would alleviate some of the blind spots and logjam at those intersections.

What the Traffic Committee will do:

Over the summer, they will work with those neighbors who live in the 6800 and 6900 block of Kent Drive and possibly petition the city to make this change.

A possibility may also be to ask the Parks Dept. if there could be more parking at the park access area next to the school and allow the school to use some of that area.

Members of the Board commended the committee on their hard work to help investigate and find alternatives to some of the current problems and find better solutions to deal with the increased traffic conditions at Bowman Woods.

The Board adjourned the work session at 6:30p.m.

## **MEETING**

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

#### **Before and After School Daycare Report**

Director of Student Services Julie Jensen gave a report on enrollment at the district's before and after school daycare providers. Julie reported the district has had a successful year with quarterly communication meetings held with the directors of the programs and quarterly parent surveys completed. Four daycare centers provided care for the following : 172 children were enrolled in the before school program; 363 children were enrolled in the after school program, some of those part-timers; holiday enrollment was between 161 and 187; and summer enrollment, although tentative at this time, has most registrations completed for a total of 262 enrollees.

#### **Health Services Report on Pandemic Flu Management for Schools**

Director of Student Services Julie Jensen gave a report on published recommendations for schools to assist with pandemic flu management. Julie reported she has been in contact with Vicki Smith of the Linn County Health Department. Linn-Mar's Health Services staff will be planning with the Linn County Health Department in the upcoming school year in addressing preparations for any pandemic influenza.

Four components of pandemic flu preparation are:

- ensure appropriate planning and coordination
- address means to ensure student learning
- prepare for infection control
- develop communication plan

The federal and state governments have published recommended guidelines for schools to assist with updating emergency response and crisis management plans for pandemic influenza guidelines.

Dr. David Basel, physician serving on Linn-Mar's Health and Human Development Advisory Committee, reports that there have been no reported cases of the transmission of the avian bird flu to humans in the United States.

**2006-07 Hiring Report**

Executive Director of Human Resources Karla Christian gave a progress update on staff hiring for the 2006-07 school year. Karla presented the new additions:

Elementary: +2.0 FTE - 1st Grade Oak Ridge and 1st Grade at Indian Creek.

Middle School: Excelsior - Additional FTE +.5 French

Excelsior - Reduced FTE - 1.0 6th Grade

Oak Ridge - Additional FTE +1.5 FTE (.5 Music; .5 Art; and .5 P.E.)

High School: Additional FTE

+4.5 FTE (1.0 Spanish; .5 Ind. Tech.; .5 P.E./Health; 1.0 Guidance; .5 P.E. and 1.0 Science)

District: Additional FTE

+3.0 FTE (1.0 Level I HS; 1.0 ELL; .5 Adapt. P.E.; and .5 Nurse (elem.))

Total FTE to date: +10.5 FTE

It was noted that Rick Ironside had estimated the additional needs of 10.5 FTE for the coming year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Policy 502.6, Academic Eligibility, for Second Reading**

The Board approved Policy 502.6, Athletic Eligibility, for the Second Reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**50<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School Name Recommendation**

Laurie Patel, a parent volunteer at Oak Ridge, served on the Naming Committee to select names for the two new elementary school buildings. Laurie presented one name for each of the buildings for approval of the Board after giving the background information on how the name was chosen. The committee utilized the Marion Library to get historical information to aid them in their decisions. The Board approved the Naming Committee's selection of Linn Grove Elementary as the 50th street location site building name.

**Oak Ridge Site Elementary School Name Recommendation**

The Board approved the Naming Committee's selection of Echo Hill Elementary as the Oak Ridge site building name.

**Cooperative Sponsorship: Boys Swimming**

The Board approved a cooperative sponsorship for boys swimming between Linn-Mar Community School District and Marion Independent, Anamosa and Mt. Vernon School Districts for the 2006-07 school year.

**Cooperative Sharing Agreement: Girls Swimming & Diving**

The Board approved a cooperative sharing agreement for girls swimming and diving between Linn-Mar Community School District and Marion Independent, Anamosa and Mt. Vernon School Districts for the 2006-07 school year.

**Workplace Learning Connection Agreement**

The Board approved an agreement with The Workplace Learning Connection to fund the services provided in the amount of \$11,177.00 for middle and high school students.

**Athletic Training Services Agreement**

The Board approved the agreement with St. Luke's to provide athletic training services for athletes at the rate of \$15.75 per hour for the 2006-07 school year.

**2006-07 28-E Agreement with Springville**

The Board approved a 28-E agreement with Springville for the purpose of sharing high school general education classes.

**Open Enrollment**

The Board approved and denied the following open enrollment requests as designated.

Approve	James, Lauren	KDG	From Cedar Rapids	To Linn-Mar
Approve	Garman, Alyssa	KDG	From Springville	To Linn-Mar
Deny: past deadline	Gross, Kathryn	9 <sup>th</sup> grade	From Linn-Mar	To Cedar Rapids

### School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) Tax Resolution

The Board approved a resolution in support of an election for the School Infrastructure Local Option Tax. The resolution will be presented to the Cedar Rapids School Board in June for action the last Monday of June. December 12 will be the date to set for election.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The following information is contained in the consent agenda:

- Personnel
- Bills
- Contracts

### PERSONNEL

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Achenbach, Dan	OR 1.0 FTE PE/Health Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 3
Ask, Emily	Ex 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Bly, Amy	OR/Ex 1.0 FTE French Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Glew, Erica	OR 1.0 FTE 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 4
Klein, Lisa	Elementary 1.0 FTE ELL Teacher	August 16, 2006	MA, Step 17
Koch, Jeffrey	HS 1.0 FTE Industrial Tech Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 3
Koenen, Karla	From OR 1.0 FTE Special Ed. Teacher to IC 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	August 16, 2006	Voluntary Transfer; Qualified
Oberbroeckling, Tina	Ex 1.0 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math/ High School Prep Teacher	August 16, 2006	MA, Step 11
Off, Kelly	OR 1.0 FTE 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Subject Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 4
Peyton, Brad	OR 1.0 FTE 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Ray, Amanda	OR 1.0 FTE PE/Health Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Rupert, Christin	Ex 1.0 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 5
Stark, P. Quentin	From OR .5 Computer Teacher to 1.0 FTE 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher	August 16, 2006	Reassignment; Qualified

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Reason
Stamp, Tim	HS .5 FTE Industrial Tech Teacher	June 6, 2006	Personal; going to half-time at OR
Thiede, Deanne	OR .5 FTE Reading Teacher	June 6, 2006	Other employment
Watermillier, Annette	HS Math Teacher	June 6, 2006	Relocation

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Crawford, Matt	O&M Summer Grounds Worker	May 8, 2006 to August 18, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Dietiker, Barbara	BW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian	May 30, 2006	B1, Step 0-2
House, Eileen	BW Health Assistant	August 16, 2006	II/III, Step 10
Kircher, Christine	OR from Media Assistant to Building Secretary	August 3, 2006	Qualified; IV, Step 7
McAfee, Celia	HS from Special Ed. Assistant to Guidance Secretary	August 4, 2006	Reassignment; Qualified; IV, Step 9
Moore, Kathryn	O&M Summer Grounds Worker	June 5, 2006 to August 11, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Olinger, Delva	O&M Summer Grounds Worker	June 5, 2006 to August 11, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Paulson, Jessica	O&M Summer Grounds Worker	May 22, 2006 to August 18, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Pistulka, Jill	Wf 1-on-1 Ed. Assistant	August 18, 2006	III, Step 3
Swanson, Cindy	WE from 1-on-1 Ed. Assistant to Special Ed. Program Assistant	August 16, 2006	Reassignment; Qualified
Thiele, Kathy	OR from Special Ed. Assistant to Media Assistant	August 16, 2006	Reassignment; Qualified

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Reason
Bell II, Terra	HS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian	May 16, 2006	Personal
Draves, Tammy	Ex Special Ed. Assistant	June 2, 2006	Personal
Stapley, John	FS Part-time Driver	June 2, 2006	Retirement

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Bannon, Ben	Graduated 8 <sup>th</sup> Baseball Coach (full assignment)	May 15, 2006	Schedule H, Category D
Campagna, Charlotte	Head 7 <sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball Coach	August 16, 2006	Schedule H, Category E
Hoffman, Kyle	Head 7-8 <sup>th</sup> Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach	August 16, 2006	Schedule H, Category E
Hynek, Curt	Asst. 7 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Coach	January, 2007	Schedule H, Category E

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Reason
Langhurst, Sarah	Head Boys Swim Coach	May 22, 2006	Personal

### **(Walk-In) Personnel Items**

June 5, 2006

Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Reason
Ackman, Lesa	BW Kindergarten Teacher	June 6, 2006	Relocating
Houser, Jill	WE Kindergarten Teacher	June 6, 2006	Relocating

### **Approval of Bills**

Special Revenue, General, and Nutrition Fund Bills

**Approval of Contracts**

The administration recommends the Board approve the following contract as presented:

1. Cooperative Teaching Agreement between Linn-Mar Community School District and the University of Iowa for the 2006-07 school year.

**Items removed from the consent agenda for separate action:**

None

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

The board approved the consent agenda as presented with the addition of the two walk- in personnel items.

**Board Calendar**

<b>June</b>			
June 2		Last Day of School	
June 5		Staff Development Day	
June 5	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	Upper Commons
June 12	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee	ESC
June 15	11:45 a.m.	Foundation Meeting	Upper Commons
June 19	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	Upper Commons
June 26	7:00 p.m.	Construction Advisory Council	Upper Commons
July 10	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee	ESC
July 10	5:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee	Upper Commons
July 17	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	Upper Commons
July 24	7:00 p.m.	Construction Advisory Council	Upper Commons

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.