



BOARD SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the April 16, 2007 meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors.

(Note: Additional details on the following proceedings are available at the office of the Linn-Mar Board Secretary, Educational Services Center, Marion, Iowa)

WORK SESSION

Transportation Department: Edulog Presentation

Transportation Manager Brian Cruise introduced Brent Wilfong as the new dispatcher for the department and updated the Board on the use of the Edulog software on management of routing and other functions for transportation. Brian gave a demonstration on a few of the aspects of the program and how the program will benefit the district in the coming years.

Legislative Update

The Board received a brief update on legislative action pertaining to the Teacher Quality Bill and the Prevailing Wage Bill.

T.E. Davidson Award

Board member Lorna Richards is coordinating the application for the T.E. Davidson Award. Richards thanked the Board for their suggestions and requested input from administration.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Board President Bob Crawford led a discussion on the process of the Superintendent's evaluation. A timeline for the review process was set.

High School Visit

The Board reviewed the progress of the High School construction projects during a tour of the renovation areas. Brick laying for the Steven J. Colton Music Education Center at the High School has begun. The freshman hallway and adjoining classrooms opened in April. The new guidance office and study mall is finished. The study mall is currently occupied by administration and support staff while administrative offices are being remodeled.

MEETING

Volunteer Month Proclamation

The Board proclaimed the month of April as School Volunteer Recognition Month.

Volunteer Awards: Above and Beyond; Making A Difference

Community Relations Coordinator Karla Terry and Board President Bob Crawford presented the annual Linn-Mar Volunteer Awards to:

Lori Vander Velden, Above and Beyond
Debbie Tyson, Making A Difference

LION Awards

Board President Bob Crawford and Board Vice President Ann Stark announced the 2007 LION Awards recipients as:

Bev Headington, Wilkins Elementary Teacher – The Legend Award
Shannon Bisgard, Bowman Woods Principal – The Optimizer Award
Erik Miles, Linn-Mar Board of Education Member – The Innovator Award

Erik received special recognition from his Board colleagues.

A reception to honor this year's award recipients will be held Wednesday, April 18th, at Lowe Park from 4-6 p.m.

Foundation Report

Sara Mentzer, Linn-Mar Foundation President-Elect, gave a brief report on the activities of the Foundation. The Mane Event will be held this Saturday, April 21st from 5-11 p.m. at the Collins Road Marriott Hotel. The theme is "Game Day II: Red and Black Out".

Early Separation

Superintendent Katie Mulholland presented information on early separation for 13 openings for the Class of 2008 in preparation for Board action at the May 7th Board meeting.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Katie Mulholland presented an update report on several activities in the District.

One Year Ago Report

- Novak received the Fine Award
- District sold \$10 million in bonds
- OPN and Rozeboom Miller architectural contracts were approved
- Acquisition of the final 12 acre parcel of the Oak Ridge was approved

Boundary Change Update

Parents and students in the affected areas have been notified of the Board's decision to advance the boundary changes for the Bowman Woods attendance area from the scheduled 2008 school year to the 2007 school year, including sending current fifth graders going into sixth grade to Oak Ridge instead of Excelsior. The only requests for in-district transfer that will be approved for 2007-08 will be for exceptional situations.

Superintendent's Community Conversation

Thursday, April 26th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Policies for Review

The Board discussed the draft of the Donor Sponsorship policy and commended policy committee members for their work on the policy. The draft is comprised of policies used in other school districts and from resources from the National Association of School Boards.

Strategic Plan: Efficiency Goals Update

Superintendent Katie Mulholland reviewed the status of activity on the efficiency goals for the 2007-08 school year. The efficiency goals are being worked on by all of the departments. A final report will be presented to the Board in July or August.

Motions were made to approve:

- Approve a cooperative sponsorship for soccer with Springville.
- Award a contract for asbestos removal at Wilkins to Active Thermal Concepts for \$9,440.00 with addendum #1 for \$25.00 per pipe removal.
- Award a contract for waterproofing the foundation at Novak to Kleiman Construction Inc. for \$85,662.00

PERSONNEL

Certified Staff

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Calcara, Jade	From LG AK Teacher to LG KDG Teacher	August 14, 2007
Dechant, Jennifer	IC from Kindergarten to 2 nd Grade Teacher	August 14, 2007
Frahm, Barbara	HS 1.0 FTE Level III Special Ed. Teacher	August 14, 2007
Goos, Ashley	WE from .5 to 1.0 FTE 3 rd Grade Teacher	August 14, 2007
Heinen, Amy	HS 1.0 FTE English Teacher	August 14, 2007
Jessen, Alicia	ELEM/MS 1.0 FTE ELL Teacher	August 14, 2007
Linderbaum, Beth	BW 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher	August 14, 2007
McNeal, Becky	From IC 4 th Grade Teacher to BW 4 th Grade Teacher	August 14, 2007
Novak, Jenny	Wf from Special Ed. to 3 rd Grade Teacher	August 14, 2007
Sletteland, Heidi	From BW .5 FTE Reading	August 14, 2007

	Teacher to LG .5 FTE Reading Teacher	
Smutterbergh, Jessica	Wf 1.0 Level III Special Ed. Teacher	August 14, 2007
Urell, Tracy	Wf from 1 st Grade to Kindergarten Teacher	August 14, 2007
Vogt, Lindsay	HS 1.0 FTE English Teacher	August 14, 2007
Wennekamp, John	HS 1.0 FTE English Teacher	August 14, 2007

**Certified Staff
Resignation**

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Andersen, Krista	NE 1 st Grade Teacher (on leave)	June 4, 2007
Irvin, Laura	EX Level 1 Sp. Ed. Teacher	June 5, 2007
Kuepker, Jerry	BW 4 th Grade Teacher	June 4, 2007
Preston, Amity	WE 1 st Grade Teacher	June 4, 2007
Tielebein, Elizabeth	OR 1 st Grade Teacher	June 4, 2007

**Classified Staff
Assignment – Reassignment**

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Byers, Kellie	BW 1-on-1 Ed. Assistant	April 11, 2007
McKinnon, Kelly	From WE to LG 1-on-1 Ed. Assistant	August 17, 2007
Swanson, Cindy	From WE to LG Special Ed. Assistant	August 14, 2007

**Classified Staff
Resignation**

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Mullen, Deb	Ex Ed. Assistant	April 9, 2007
Talley, Patricia	IC Food Service	April 5, 2007
Werhane, Kim	HS Food Service	April 12, 2007

**Co-Curricular Positions
Assignment – Reassignment**

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Hajek, Justin	Asst. 7 th Boys Basketball Coach	October 15, 2007
Harms, Jon	From Asst. Varsity to Head Girls Softball Coach	May 14, 2007
Tompkins, Melissa	Asst. 7 th Girls Basketball Coach	December 13, 2007

**Open Enrollment
Approval**

Name	Assignment	Requesting	Reason
Hilmer, Danika	10 th grade	Linn-Mar High School	Good cause

**Student and Staff
Awards and Recognition**

Name	Grade	Bldg	Award
Emily Baker	8 th Grade	OR	State National History Day participant
Nicole Wakeman	8 th Grade	OR	State National History Day participant
Madhana Pandian	8 th Grade	OR	State National History Day participant
Natalia Araujo	8 th Grade	OR	State National History Day participant
Danielle Winter	8 th Grade	OR	State National History Day participant
Ashley Decker	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Brian Novak	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Shazia Dharssi	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Cameron Pershing	Sophomore	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Brian Swedberg	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Sara Gardner	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Greg Thys	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Stephanie Spitz	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Brittany Hannah	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Sam Anderson	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Beau Bunce	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Stacey Hamilton	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Aaron Scheid	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Sara Gardner	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Macaela Vahl	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Megan Vance	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Kelsey Lawrence	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Nate Witzel	Freshman	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Pat Dayton	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Jody Henton	Freshman	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Chelsea Rathje	Junior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Ashley Redd	Senior	HS	State Future Business Leaders of America participant
Caitie Kuempel	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Michael Kirpes	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Jessica Pepper	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Charles Kirpes	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Othmane Cheddadi	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Maxime Rohard	Sophomore	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Emilie DaSilva	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Ivanna Zakhour	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20

Philipp Siegel	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Austin Neverman	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Jayna Shetterly	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Dana Poellet	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Kimberly Ketchum	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Annah Baydukova	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Michael Sealy	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Nina Sheller	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Yasmin Zakhour	Freshman	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Laura Landherr	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Mary Puffer	Sophomore	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Jacqueline Ramstad	Sophomore	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Makenzie Bloom	Sophomore	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Mayarra Naddeo	Senior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Rachel Neverman	Freshman	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Jenna Miller	Junior	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20
Nate Miller	Sophomore	HS	National French Exam: Placed in Top 20

Board Calendar

April			
April 15-21		Volunteer Appreciation Week	
April 16		Regular School Day K-12	
April 16	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	ESC Board Room
April 16-17	7:00 p.m.	Fab Five – Show Choir	Paramount
April 18	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Board of Education Reception	Lowe Art Center
April 21	6:00 p.m.	Foundation MANE Event	Marriott
April 26-28		Spring Musical – <u>Beauty & the Beast</u>	HS Auditorium
April 30	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting	ESC
May			
May 6-12		Teacher Appreciation Week	
May 7	2:00 p.m.	All Staff Recognition	HS Auditorium
May 7	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	ESC Board Room
May 12	7:30 p.m.	Grand March & Prom	HS Aud. & Gym.
May 13-19		School Board Appreciation Week	
May 14	4:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee Meeting	ESC
May 17	7:30 p.m.	Spring Band Concert	HS Auditorium
May 21	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	ESC Board Room
May 21	7:30 p.m.	Spring Vocal Concert	HS Auditorium
May 24	7:00 p.m.	Senior Recognition Night	HS Auditorium
May 27	4:00 p.m.	Graduation	U.S. Cellular Center
May 28		Memorial Day - No School K-12	
May 30	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Reception for Retirees	HS Lower Commons