



BOARD SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the July 17, 2006 meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors.

Work Session

Legislative Priorities

The Board discussed and prioritized goals for the 2006-07 legislative session. Review of last year's legislative priorities aided in defining the current recommendations. Suggested priorities are to:

1. Support setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and provides support to make a substantial impact on student achievement. Therefore, the allowable growth rate for FY 2006-2007 should be set no lower than 4%.
2. Support legislation that provides state funding for serving special education students at a level that reflects actual costs.
3. Support continuation or renewal of the statewide financial commitment to teacher professional development, including:
 - Excellence in Education program, Phases I and II
 - Funding for mandated professional development days and teacher leadership for training, presentation, and collaborative planning that aligns with district goals and school improvement plans
 - Innovative use and technical expertise with technology and technology applications in the classroom and for professional productivity including data analysis and student achievement
4. Support maintaining the State's funding commitment to class size reduction grant and other student achievement based categorical grants.
5. Support real on-time funding for districts with increasing enrollment in the current year.

SILO (School Infrastructure Local Option) Update

Superintendent Katie Mulholland presented the SILO Timeline for a December 12 election, the code requirements for the SILO expenditures, and the resolution for the revenue purpose.

Property tax relief is included in the revenue purpose statement in addition to infrastructure. Legal advice will be secured on what the revenue purpose statement should look like for Linn-Mar. All of the recommendations will be in line with the needs that have been identified over the last 20 months.

Balanced Leadership Research and Student Achievement

Superintendent Katie Mulholland reviewed the focus for leadership development for the 2006-07 school year. Most of the principals and assistant principals attended the Balanced Leadership workshops sponsored by GWAEA this past year. In addition to learning about the 21 research based responsibilities, they learned about change and magnitude of change (first and second order) and how to work with staff to be effective.

Goals

Superintendent Katie Mulholland reported on efficiency goals established for the 2006-07 school year. Goals include: energy conservation, streamlining the application process, addressing grounds and upkeep proactively, bus routing efficiencies, budget processing, before and after day care, and special education administration. Mulholland also talked about the two main District goals: a master plan for facilities and a master plan for teaching and learning.

Meeting

Public Hearing for Asphalt Bids

No public or written comments were received.

Public Hearing for Novak Plumbing Fixture Bids

No public or written comments were received.

Construction Update

Steve Emerson, of Aspect, Inc., gave the Board an update of construction projects. Linn Grove's site work is on schedule. Administration approved a change order due to high ground water. High School renovations were discussed. A pre-bid meeting was held for Echo Hill and Linn Grove. A change was made on the geothermal design for Echo Hill because of geological conditions.

August Calendar

The Board heard a report on staff development and the meeting calendar for August 2006.

2006-07 Compensation Update

Executive Director of Human Resources Karla Christian reviewed the final settlement packages and contract lengths with all bargaining groups and the compensation for non-bargaining groups for the 2006-07 school year.

Boundary Committee Update

Superintendent Katie Mulholland reviewed the progress to date of the Boundary Committee. She commented on the excellent support from the Linn County GIS Department.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Approve	Lacey, Ashton	KDG	To Westfield	From MISD
Approve	Kinney, Johnathan	KDG	To Bowman Woods	From MISD
Approve	Karthik, Samyukta	KDG	To Westfield	From CR
Approve: good cause	Eimers, Allison	10 th grade	To High School	From MISD
Approve: good cause	Roszkowski, Alex	2 nd grade	To Westfield	From CR
Approve: good cause	Roszkowski, Katarina	5 th grade	To Westfield	From CR

Deny: past deadline	Barnes, Joshua	2 nd grade	To Linn-Mar	From MISD
Deny: past deadline	Stiltner, Brittany	7 th grade	To Linn-Mar	From MISD

PERSONNEL

Certified Staff

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Albright, Kourtney	COMPASS 1.0 FTE English Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 3
Bailey, Kelly	OR .5 FTE Art Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Bancks, Debbie	From WE 1.0 FTE Title 1 Math to BW Reading Teacher	August 16, 2006	Voluntary transfer; Qualified
Booth, Kimberly	OR 1.0 FTE Special Ed. Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 3
Calcara, Jade	WE 1.0 FTE Alt. Kindergarten Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Garchik, Sam	COMPASS .5 FTE Social Studies Teacher	August 16, 2006	MA, Step 2
Leland, Abby	From NE/WE 1.0 FTE TAG to BW 3 rd Grade Teacher	August 16, 2006	Voluntary transfer; Qualified
Moeller, Denise	Ex 1.0 FTE Special Ed. Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1
Ophoff, Kim	From Wf .5 Reading to OR 1.0 FTE 4 th Grade Teacher	August 16, 2006	Voluntary transfer; Qualified
Thomsen, Kari	BW 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher	August 16, 2006	BA, Step 1

Classified Staff

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Barnes, Phil	TR Summer Bus Cleaning	June 19, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Becker, Tammy	HS Special Ed. Assistant	August 16, 2006	II-4, \$9.89/hour
Davis, Sharon	Print Dept. Summer Help	June 15, 2006	\$9.00/hour
Garchik, Sam	COMPASS .5 FTE Student Supervisor	August 21, 2006	
Hopkins, Ken	O&M Summer Paint Crew Leader	June 5, 2006	\$14.15/hour
Huckfelt, Tammy	BW Ed. Assistant, from 2 to 3 hours/day	August 16, 2006	Additional ed. asst. allocation

Langer, Laura	WE from part-time Ed. Assistant to full-time 1-on-1 Ed. Assistant	August 18, 2006	II-2, \$9.41/hour
Pfau, Sue	HS Special Ed. Assistant	August 16, 2006	II-1, \$9.19/hour
Ternes, Kim	From NE Ed. Assistant to HS Guidance Secretary	August 4, 2006	Voluntary Transfer; Qualified; IV, Step

Co-Curricular Positions

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Salary Placement
Achenbach, Dan	Asst. 7 th Boys Track Coach	August 21, 2006	Schedule H, Category E
Blake, Bob	Asst. Boys Tennis Coach	August 21, 2006	Schedule H, Category F
Blake, Bob	Head 7/8 th Girls Tennis Coach	Spring, 2007	Schedule H, Category E
Golimowski, Kyle	Head 7/8 th Girls Soccer Coach	August 21, 2006	Schedule H, Category D

Co-Curricular Positions

Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action	Reason
Morosky, Frank	Asst. Girls Swim Coach	June 20, 2006	Personal
West, Paul	7/8 th Girls Soccer Coach	June 30, 2006	Personal

Communications

Erik Miles informed the Board about the Fiscal Management Conference in Ames on Wednesday, July 26, 2006.

Board Calendar

President Jim Green wanted to inform the Board he will be participating in the August 4 Special Meeting via phone.

August		
August 7	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee
August 28	5:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee
August 16	7:30 a.m.	All Staff Opening Session – First day for teachers
August 21		First Day of School
August 21	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September		
September 4		Labor Day – no school
September 5	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 11	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee
September 12		School Board Election
September 18	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 25	5:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee
September 28	5:00 p.m.	Superintendent's Retreat, ESC Board Room
September 29	7:30 a.m.	Board visit, Bowman Woods

Motions were made to:

- Approve a resolution to establish the election process of 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. for the Sept. 12, 2006 election of two Director at Large positions
- Approve Policies 502.1 Student Conduct and 502.1-R1 Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Conduct Procedures for the second reading.
- Approve the bid from Pate Asphalt for \$43,303
- Approve the bid for Novak plumbing fixture project to B. G. Brecke, Inc. for \$125,669
- Approve the designation of Farmers State Bank, ISJIT and Hills Bank & Trust as Depository Banks for the district
- Approve legal counsel for the district of Pickens, Barnes & Abernathy; Simmons, Perrine, Albright and Ellwood; Belin Lamson McCormick Zumbach Flynn and Ahlers & Cooney, PC.
- Approve David Nicholson as Board Secretary and Treasurer
- Approve Karla Christian as district rep for MIIP with David Nicholson as alternate
- Approve the two year contract agreement with the Secretarial and Ed. Assist. Assoc. at a 6.19% increase

- Approve Policies series 500, 800 and 1001 for first reading

Student Personnel

500 Objective for Equal Education Opportunities for Students

Student Attendance

501.1 Compulsory Attendance
501.2 Entrance-Admissions
501.3 Attendance Center Assignment
501.4 Student Attendance Records
501.5 Resident Students
501.6 Nonresident Students
501.7 Foreign Exchange Students
501.8 Pregnant Students – delete
501.9 Student Transfers In
501.10 Student Transfers Out or Withdrawals
501.11 Student Absences-Excused
501.12 Truancy-Unexcused Absences
501.13 Student Release During School Hours
501.14 Students of Legal Age
501.15 Homeless Children and Youth
501.15-R Administrative Regulations Regarding Homeless Children and Youth

Student Activities

503.9 Dual Season Eligibility
503.10 Student Travel

Other

5XX Wellness Policy
803.3 Public Purpose and Use of Public Funds
803.7 Payroll Periods
1001.4 Distribution of Materials
1001.4-R Administrative Regulations Regarding Distribution of Materials
1001.7 Live Broadcast or Videotaping