



BOARD SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the September 18, 2006 meeting of the Linn-Mar Board of Directors.

Work Session

Operational Services Report

Associate Superintendent Rick Ironside reviewed department progress on various projects in Operational Services.

Food Service: During the first two weeks of school 3,950 meals were served. This is a 7.5% increase from last school year. 70% of Linn-Mar students eat school lunch compared to 35% nationally.

Transportation: During the first two weeks of school, the department transported 4,000 students compared to 3,092.5 last school year. There are 12 high school routes compared to 14 last year. The number of K-8 routes remains the same at 43.

Operations & Maintenance: Exterior walls are going up at Linn Grove, grading is beginning at Echo Hill, restroom renovations are underway at Novak and bids have been received for the High School renovation. Various other summer repairs and upgrades throughout the District are nearly complete.

Sidewalk Grant

Associate Superintendent Rick Ironside presented information on collaboration with the City of Marion regarding the Federal Sidewalk Grant program for three projects: a sidewalk along 29th Avenue between 10th Street and Alburnett Road, four-way controlled intersection traffic lights at the intersection of 10th Street and 33rd Avenue and a walkway over Indian Creek bridging Armstrong Field to the High School. The city is seeking a letter of support from the Board for each project.

Enrollment Report

Superintendent Katie Mulholland gave a brief update on the enrollment numbers, including the need for additional teachers. Enrollment is at 5,653 which is an increase of 288 students. Official count day is October 2.

High School Athletic Program Report

Scott Mahmens, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, reported on the athletic program for High School students. He reviewed the athletic achievements from 2005-06 school year. Students participated in 20 sports (10 male, 10 female) plus cheerleading and poms at 66 different levels. 402 students were involved in a fall sport, 297 in a winter sport, 533 in a spring sport, and 156 in a summer sport.

Personnel Report

Executive Director of Human Resources Karla Christian gave a report on hiring for the 2006-07 school year. Christian summarized the educational backgrounds and educational experience of the new faculty.

SILO Update

Superintendent Katie Mulholland and Board President Jim Green reported on the most recent actions regarding the School Infrastructure Local Option Sales tax. The Cedar Rapids school board, the largest in Linn County and the only board that could put the issue on the ballot, approved a resolution for 10 years and will be requesting a county wide election to be held on February 13, 2007. It is expected that Johnson County will request the same vote date.

Meeting

Post Election Business

Canvass Vote for Election to the Linn-Mar Board of Directors

Board Secretary David Nicholson presented information from the Board of Supervisors regarding the canvass of the vote in the recent school board election. A total of 1,781 votes were cast: 562 for incumbent Robert Crawford, 542 for incumbent Erik Miles, 463 for Christopher M. Knudsen, 207 for Daniel S. Schinke and a scattering of 7.

Oath of Office

Board Secretary Dave Nicholson administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members Bob Crawford and Erik Miles and newly appointed board member Mark Klopfenstein to replace Steve Colton's remaining one year term.

Election of Board Officers

The Board elected Bob Crawford as School Board President and Ann Stark as Vice President.

Oath of Office for 2006-07 Board Officers

The Board Secretary administered the oath of office to newly elected officials, President Bob Crawford and Vice President Ann Stark.

2006-07 Board Meeting Dates

The Board approved the following dates for the next twelve months of Board meetings:

September 18

October 2, 16

November 6, 20

December 4, 18

January 15

February 5, 19

March 12

April 2, 16

May 7, 21

June 4, 18

July 16

August 6, 20

Board Committee Representatives

Board members signed up for various committee assignments. The final assignments will be completed at the October 2 Board meeting.

Equity Advisory Committee	Erik Miles
Linn-Mar Foundation	Bob Crawford
Health/Human Growth and Development	Mark Klopfenstein
Career and Technical Education	Jim Green
Legislative Action Network	Jim Green
Policy Review	Helen Romanowsky, Jim Green
Budget/Audit	Ann Stark
Energy	Erik Miles

Public Hearing for High School Bids

A public hearing was held for the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract for the High School renovations and addition. No comments were received.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Construction Update

Steve Emerson, the District's Owner's Representative, reported on the status of the construction projects.

Boundary Committee Recommendation

The Board approved the Boundary Committee's recommendation for the 2007 boundaries for Linn Grove, Indian Creek, Novak and Wilkins Elementary Schools; and for the 2008 boundaries for Echo Hill (Oak Ridge), Bowman Woods and Westfield Elementary Schools and Oak Ridge and Excelsior Middle Schools. A link to the boundary map can be found at www.linnmar.k12.ia.us

NEW BUSINESS

High School Renovation and Addition Bids

The Board awarded the contract for the renovation and construction of an addition to the High School to Garling Construction in the amount of \$5,661,000.00.

Policy Series 500 for First Reading

The Board approved the first reading of the following 500 series policies:

- 502.2 Expulsion
- 502.2-R Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Expulsion Procedures
- 502.3 Prohibition of Smoking, Drinking, Drugs
- 502.3- Administrative Regulations Regarding Enforcement of Prohibition of Smoking, Drinking, Drugs
- 502.4 Search and Seizure
- 502.4-R Administrative Regulations Regarding Search and Seizure
- 502.4-E Search and Seizure Checklist

Management Fund Loan from PPEL

The Board approved a loan transfer from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) fund to the Management fund in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of meeting premium payments.

Ament Construction Survey

The Board approved a proposal from Ament, Inc. for construction surveys and staking for the site work at Linn Grove Elementary School in the amount of \$11,385.00.

IASB Delegate Assembly Representative

The Board selected Bob Crawford as representative to the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 15, 2006.

Fundraising Request

The Board approved a fundraising request for product and food sales for Indian Creek PTO in the amount of \$12,000.

PERSONNEL

Classified Staff

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Barnes, Phillip	TR from Sub to Regular AM/PM Bus Driver	September 13, 2006
Brandel, Heather	WE Part-time Ed. Assistant	September 11, 2006
Jarvis, Traci	BW PT Ed. Assistant, from 5.5 to 6 hours/day	September 15, 2006
Skvor, Linda	WE PT Ed. Assistant, from 2 to 2.75 hours/day	September 11, 2006
Telecky, Kathy	WE PT Ed. Assistant, from 5.25 to 5.5 hours/day	September 11, 2006

Classified Positions

Resignation

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Wierschke, Fred	TR Bus Driver	September 13, 2006

Co-Curricular Positions

Assignment – Reassignment

Name	Assignment	Dept. Action
Lampe, Dana	HS FBLA Sponsor	2006-07 school year

BOARD CALENDAR

September		
September 18	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 25	5:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee Meeting
September 29	7:30 a.m.	Board visit – Bowman Woods
October		
October 2	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 7	9:00 a.m.-12	ABLE I Orientation, Cedar Rapids
October 9	5:00 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting
October 13	7:00 a.m.	Board visit – Excelsior
October 16	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 17	6-9:00 p.m.	IASB District 6 Meeting, Mt. Vernon
October 19	5:00 p.m.	Board Retreat – Classified
October 23	5:00 p.m.	Budget/Audit Committee Meeting
October 27	7:00 a.m.	Board visit – Oak Ridge