

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Bryce Hoben, Matt McCleary and Jeff Riggan. Also present were Supt. Mike Van Sickle, Amy Lantigua, Ken Spielbauer and Aimee Wedeking.

Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Riggan moved and Hoben seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 Certified Budget

President Wilson announced that it was the time and place designated for the hearing on the FY26 Certified Budget. There were no citizens present for the hearing. President Wilson closed the hearing and called for a motion. McCleary moved and Riggan seconded, to adopt the proposed budget as published with a tax rate of \$11.64673 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The roll was called and the motion passed 4-0.

Hearing on the Proposed 2025-26 School Calendar and Approval of Same

President Wilson announced that it was the time and the place for the hearing on the 2025-26 school calendar. The school year will begin for students on August 25th. It allows for a winter break December 24th through Jan 5th and a break April 2nd through April 7th. The last day of school for students is set for May 21st. President Wilson asked for comments from the public. Mr. Van Sickle reviewed the calendar. President Wilson hearing no further comments, declared the hearing closed and asked for a motion to approve the FY26 School Calendar. Hoben moved and McCleary seconded to approve the FY26 School Calendar. The roll was called and the motion passed 4-0.

Community Forum

No one was present for community forum.

Consent Agenda

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the March 17, 2025 regular meeting, the March 25, 2025 public hearing & Special meeting, the bills for approval and the March financial reports. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Reports were reviewed by Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking, Director of Student Success & Curriculum Amy Lantigua and the Activities Director Ken Spielbauer. Supt. Mike Van Sickle reviewed the report for JH/HS Principal John Kerr.

Approval of Wrestling Flooring Mats & Wall Pads

Riggan moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the purchase and prepayment of two wrestling mats and wall pads at a total cost not to exceed \$42,186.50. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Elementary Flooring Project

McCleary moved and Hoben seconded the motion to approve the Elementary epoxy flooring project from HTF Solutions at a total cost of \$27,662.50. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of GoGuardian

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve the GoGuardian renewal at a total cost of \$10,679.90. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Upper Iowa University Clinical Placement Agreement

McCleary moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve the clinical placement agreement with Upper Iowa University for student teaching as outlined in the attached agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

MCC Agreement for College Credit Courses for HS Students

McCleary moved and Hoben seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of agreement for college credit courses to eligible high school students with Eastern Iowa Community Colleges as outlined in the attached College Connections Memorandum. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of High School Band & Choir Trip Out-of-State

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve for the High School Band and Choir to travel to New Orleans, LA from Wednesday, April 8, 2026 to Monday, April 13, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Board Vacancy Special Meeting

Riggan moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the special board meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 29th at 5pm and accept Carol Whittaker's resignation. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of High School Handbook Revisions

Riggan moved and Hoben seconded the motion to approve the revisions to two sections of the high school handbook reflecting change in state legislation about Senior Year Plus. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of HVAC Building Automation

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve the purchase the HVAC Building Automation Design Migration project from Siemens at a total cost of \$121,184.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Welding 1, 2 & 3 Courses

McCleary moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve the Welding 1, 2, & 3 Courses. Motion carried 4-0.

101 % Budget Guarantee

Director Riggan moved to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. McCleary seconded and it passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Approval of Concrete Work

Hoben moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve concrete work from Columbus Concrete Construction at a total cost of \$10,490.00 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel

Resignations: Riggan moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following resignations: Ken Spielbauer: Varsity Girls Basketball Coach and Ron Wagner: JH Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Hires: Riggan moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following hires: Ashley Mikel: 3rd Grade classroom for 2025-26 school year pending licensure & employee reference form, Mary Anne Alberhasky: JH Softball pending background check & employee reference form, Dallas Vasquez: JH Assistant Baseball pending background check & employee reference form and Jessica Brown: HS Level I or II Special Education Teacher for 2025-26 school year pending background check & employee reference form.. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary