MEETING MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
You are hereby notified that the Board of Education of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District will conduct a Regular School Board meeting at the District Office in Letts, Iowa on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 6:00pm.
At the meeting, the tentative agenda will be as follows:

Attendance

Voting Members
Matt McCleary, President
Bryce Hoben
Scott Wilson, Vice President
Jeff Riggan
Stacie Ziegenhorn

Non-Voting Members
Tony Ryan, Superintendent

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Matt McCleary, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda.

President, Matt McCleary, stated that there are no changes or deletions to the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda, a second, any discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results.

Motion made by: Jeff Riggan
Motion seconded by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

3. Community Forum.

President, Matt McCleary, asked if anyone would like to address the board and asked if anyone was present to speak to an item not on the agenda.

4. Recognition of Planned Memorial in Honor of Teacher Tara Hoyle.

Jason Hoyle, Sara Wellington, and a couple staff were present at the meeting to donate and accept formal recognition, appreciation, and memorialization of the late former teacher, Tara Hoyle. Tara was an inspiration to our students, colleagues, and community. Her heart and soul was devoted to students with special needs and her compassion for others was a beacon of example.

Jason and those closest to Tara were present to detail out the memorial and request the Board's official blessing of the plans.

5. Presentation: Aaron Maurer from Mississippi Bend AEA Presentation on AI.

Aaron Maurer with the MBAEA presented more details on AI. There was a session during the opening of the teacher in-service that he led and we thought it would be good to have additional conversation with the school board. Tony Ryan thanked Aaron for his time.

6. Consent Agenda.

A. Minutes, Bills, & Financial Reports.

The consent agenda consists of the minutes of the July 20th regular meeting & August 3rd special meeting, the bills for approval, and the July financial reports. The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results. Scott Wilson asked for a correction to the 7/20/2026 minutes to show that he voted yes for the 504.06 (HF2591) first reading under Section D of the agenda and Matt McCleary voted No.

Motion made by: Scott Wilson
Motion seconded by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

B. Approval of Inter-Agency Contracts.

None for this meeting.

C. Approval of Inter-Fund Transfers.

None for this meeting.

D. Approval of Course(s) for High School Offerings.

An updated list of recommended course options for concurrent enrollment was presented for approval. All courses have been vetted by Teresa Putnam-Genz and are recommended for approval.

Motion made by: Scott Wilson
Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

7. Reports.

A. Administrators.

a. Superintendent, Tony Ryan

See enclosed report.

b. Elementary Principal, Aimee Wedeking

Mrs. Wedeking's Board Report is attached.

c. JH/HS Principal, David Janzen

Mr. Janzen's report is attached below.

d. Curriculum Director, Amy Lantigua

Mrs. Lantigua's report is attached below.

e. Activities Director, Ken Spielbauer

Spiel's report is attached below.

B. Board Report.

No Board Report.

8. Old Business.

A. Discussion on 5 Year Facility Plan.

The 5 Year Facility Plan is on the agenda for continued conversation. Mr. Ryan recommended the prioritizing of possible projects for summer 2027.

- Elementary School Playground
- Old Bus Barn
- Door Frames throughout the district
- Roofing Inspector - rotation - warranty excludes 3 different areas, one being the cafeteria per Scott Wilson.

a. Discussion on Upgrades for Old Bus Barn.

There was conversation about the fundraising for the new weights and upgrades to the old bus garage. This agenda item was listed for conversation on updates and progress. It was strongly recommended to have any donations and commitments placed in written form. The topic of securing bids/quotes for maintenance of the old bus barn was discussed. Bryce Hoben wanted to know if the funding is raised for the wrestling equipment, will we move forward with that purchase regardless of whether the Bus Barn is upgraded? Tony Ryan will connect with Kirk Kinsley to work on quotes for the Bus Barn.

B. Discussion of Board Committee Updates.

Mr. Ryan shared with the Board that the area outside of the District Office will be striped differently in order to gain more parking spaces.

C. Discussion and Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy Primer 2026 Legislative Updates.

This is a second and final reading of policy updates reflecting the 2026 Legislative Session. The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the policy updates from IASB Policy Primer , as presented, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results. With the exception of 504.06, Stacie Ziegenhorn motioned and Scott Wilson seconded to approve the second and final reading of the policy updates from IASB Policy Primer.

Motion made by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

Motion seconded by: Scott Wilson

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

D. Discussion and Approval of Second Reading of Policy 504.06 (HF2591 8th Grade Athletic Eligibility in HS Sports).

A policy with the updates discussed at the August 3rd Special Board meeting was presented. This was a second reading of the policy. This policy was moved to a third reading in September and will be the final reading. Individuals present to show support for 504.06 were:

- Tyler Swope shared examples of surrounding districts in regards to this policy. He would like to see this for wrestling and other sports instead of students participating with travel teams. He thinks this would give students more participation or more mat time for wrestlers.
- Adam Hargrave shared the he thought the 8th grade athletic eligibility would help with declining enrollment and lower numbers of students participating in sports.
- Henry Hoopes referenced that neighboring school districts were actively recruiting our athletes.
- Troy Pugh was concerned about the students leaving L&M to move up in a surrounding district. In his opinion, those students will most likely not come back to L&M.
- Todd Bartosch mentioned that South Tama did a great job promoting teamwork with their athletes at camp.
- Jamie Pugh mentioned that as volleyball coach she has plenty of students participating now but would like the option to move up 8th graders in the future with guidelines.

The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a *motion to approve the updates for the second reading of policy 504.06 (HF2591) and related Reference Policies*, as presented, *asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results*.

Motion made by: Scott Wilson

Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:***
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> No: Matt McCleary
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> Yes: Bryce Hoben
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> Yes: Scott Wilson
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> Yes: Jeff Riggan
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> No: Stacie Ziegenhorn

9. New Business.

A. Approval of Patron Request to Remove Restrictions.

A patron requested the School Board to review his visiting restrictions and is asking for the restrictions to be removed. Scott Wilson moved to temporarily remove restrictions on a probationary period provided that the patron notifies Mr. Ryan, Superintendent, of the day and time of the visit(s) prior to coming to campus and authorizes Mr. Ryan to approve or deny the request. This is a probationary basis and will be revisited after the first semester, or sooner, if necessary.

Motion made by: Scott Wilson

Motion seconded by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

B. Discussion on New Play Ground Bids Update.

Playground bids have been accepted. We will share updates at the board meeting, but a formal recommendation will not be ready for this meeting. Mrs. Wedeking and Mr. Ryan will review all the bids and work through the next steps prior to a recommendation for approval. The intent is to present findings at the September regular board meeting. The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to move this agenda item to the next meeting, asked for discussion, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results.

Motion made by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

10. Personnel.

A. Resignations

There are no resignations for this meeting.

B. Hires

Note: Recommendation is to approve the following hires:

- Alexandra Andrews, Elementary Paraeducator - $14/hr ($17,458 annually - 7.25 hrs day)
- Savannah McCleary, Secondary SPED Paraeducator - $14.63 / hr (roughly $17,313 annually - 6.88 hrs day).
- Brittany Nowak: JH Football Cheer Coach @ 2%

The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to accept the hires, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results.

Motion made by: Stacie Ziegenhorn

Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

C. Administrative Transfer

Note: Recommendation is to approve the following administrative involuntary transfer for the 2026-27 school year:

- Chris Lary from Elementary Special Education Teacher to JH Special Education Teacher Level 1

The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to accept the administrative transfer, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results.

Motion made by: Bryce Hoben
Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

D. Volunteers

Note: Recommendation is to approve the following volunteers:

- Noah McCleary: Football pending licensure completion

The President, Matt McCleary, recused himself, asked for a motion to accept the volunteer, asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote and then announced the results.

Motion made by: Bryce Hoben
Motion seconded by: Jeff Riggan

> ***Voting results:***
> Recuse: Matt McCleary
> Yes: Bryce Hoben
> Yes: Scott Wilson
> Yes: Jeff Riggan
> Yes: Stacie Ziegenhorn

E. Current Openings

- Dance Team Coach
- JH Football Cheer Coach
- JH Girls Wrestling Coach
- Busy Hands Childcare Coordinator
- JH/HS Special Education Teacher (Strat I, Strat II Preferred)—Signing Bonus
- Substitute Teacher
- Elementary Paraeducator
- JH/HS Paraeducator

11. Informational

Superintendent, Tony Ryan, shared a document showing how the parking lot will be striped in order to add more spaces outside the District Office.

A. Other

12. Future Agenda Items.

Stacie Ziegenhorn would like to see about students entering sporting events for free. Some schools ask businesses for donations to cover the loss of revenue. Bryce Hoben added that perhaps we could give free admission to a student with the price of admission for an adult. Ken Spielbauer and Mr. Ryan shared that the current revenues cover costs for sports officials and other expenses. A suggestion of having a sponsor similar to neighboring school district was mentioned.

13. Adjournment.

The President, Matt McCleary, asked for a motion to adjourn. Asked for a second, discussion? Asked for a vote, and then announced the results. The meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

Motion made by: Stacie Ziegenhorn
Motion seconded by: Bryce Hoben

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved