

**LEWIS CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER
Un-Official Minutes**

Call to Order

Board Vice President Greg Sturm called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. At roll call, the following board members responded as present: Ms. Adkins, Mr. Bach, Mrs. Sandau, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Sturm, and Mr. Wright. Members Absent: Mrs. Peterson

Administrators

Dr. Brent Hoelsing, Andrea Raes, Dr. Lisa Hartman

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve as presented: Mr. Sturm

Second: Mr. Bach

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

Commendations/Good News/Visitors

- TAG & Invention Convention
- Titan Hill Music

Comments & Suggestions: None

Consent Agenda

Ms. Adkins moved, seconded by Mr. Sturm, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Discussion: The Consent Agenda included approval of minutes – February 16th regular board meeting. Bills recommended for payment. Personnel – Administrative Recommendations: Approval to Employ – Ariana, Jevtsuenko, TH Office Clerk; Aedynn Wood, HS Building Admin Asst; Ryan Simar, MS Paraeducator; Kenzie Annin, KR Paraeducator. Resignations/Terminations/Rescinded Offers – Coleman Mullenix, HS Head Girls' Basketball Coach. Miscellaneous Contracts. Gifts/Grants. Fundraisers. Carried: 6-0

Reports

- Dr. Hoelsing presented the superintendent update including a Legislative update and a projects update.

Discussion Items

7.01 LCMS LED Lighting Package

Dr. Hoelsing presented the package from Voss Lighting through the state purchasing contract. It includes labor and materials to replace the building's non-LED lights to LED lights. The base bid package is \$323,230.00.

7.02 LCMS LED Lighting Package

Dr. Hoelsing presented the package from Voss Lighting through the state purchasing contract. It includes materials only to replace the building's non-LED lights to LED lights. The install will be done by the renovation contractors. The base bid package is \$92,107.00.

7.03 LCMS HVAC Control Integration

Dr. Hoelsing presented LCMS Optimized / IMEG integration of new mechanical into front end system. This one is for the integration and programming of all the new equipment into the front-end Niagara system that Jim is now utilizing to monitor and control all of our units at the High School.

7.04 LCMS Mechanical Equipment Purchase

Dr. Hoelsing presented the purchase of the Middle School HVAC Units directly from a supplier. By buying direct, we will have the equipment timelier and save a little money from potential contractor mark-up. This equipment would include just the heat pumps. We will have another order at the next meeting for the DOAZ units. The heat pumps are 33 weeks out right now. The total price for 65 water source heat pumps is \$295,645.00.

7.05 LCMS Parking Lot Bid Approval

Dr. Hoelsing presented the 8 bids for the Middle School parking lot. The low bidder was Meco Henne in the amount of \$1,783,573.60.

7.06 PowerSchool Renewal Agreements

Dr. Hoelsing presented the service agreements for the following PowerSchool systems; Enrollment Registration \$24,524.47, SIS Maintenance/Support \$34,382.06, and Applicant Tracking \$3,833.94.

7.07 HS Secure Addition Access Controls

Dr. Hoelsing presented the quote from Prime for video surveillance and door access for our High School addition. This will include card readers, exit buttons, intercom stations, and four new cameras in the amount of \$41,806.24.

7.08 Local Government Risk Pool – Natural Gas Agreement

Dr. Hoelsing presented the natural gas agreement through the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool. The agreement provides natural gas for the district for a total of \$235,267.00. The Iowa LGRP was established under Iowa Code Chapter 28E to provide greater budget stability for school districts by pooling risk. The program continues to deliver budget certainty and flexibility for Iowa schools, with more than 180 districts currently participating.

7.09 Budget Guarantee Resolution

Mrs. Raes presented the Budget Guarantee Resolution. With the legislature setting a low Supplement State Aid coupled with our resident enrollment decline, we are eligible for the Budget Guarantee. Budget guarantee for FY27 will be funded by State funds not property taxes.

7.10 Setting the date, time, and location of the First Public Hearing and setting the Initial Maximum Property Tax

Mrs. Raes presented the proposed first public hearing of April 6, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Education Resource Center and setting the Initial Maximum Property Tax of \$23,822,211. This is an estimated amount as it may change with legislation.

7.11 AEA Memo of Understanding

Dr. Hoelsing presented the AEA MOU for the 2026-27 school year. These are the same services we had this year, with a few less support days for EL.

7.12 Morningside College MOU

Dr. Hoelsing presented the agreement with Morningside college to allow them place students with us for shadowing and student-teaching experiences.

7.13 Employee Requests for Other Paid or Unpaid Leave (Closed Session)

Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i), closed session is appropriate to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Motion: Mr. Sturm

Second: Mr. Bach

Discussion: None

Carried via Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Sandau, aye; Mr. Sorensen, aye; Mr. Sturm, aye; Ms. Adkins, aye; and Mr. Wright, aye.

The board entered closed session at 8:03 p.m.

The board exited closed session at 8:17 p.m.

7.14 Open Enrollment Requests (Closed Session)

Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (a), closed session is appropriate to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds.

Motion: Mr. Sturm

Second: Mrs. Sandau

Discussion: None

Carried via Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sorensen, aye; Mr. Sturm, aye; Ms. Adkins, aye; Mrs. Sandau, aye; and Mr. Wright, aye.

The board entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

The board exited closed session at 8:46 p.m.

Comments & Suggestions: None

Action Items

9.01 LCHS LED Lighting Package

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the LCHS LED Lighting Package from Voss Lighting for \$323,230.

Seconded: Ms. Adkins

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.02 LCMS LED Lighting Package

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the LCMS LED Lighting Package from Voss Lighting for \$92,107.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.03 LCMS HVAC Control Integration

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the LCMS HVAC Control Integration by Optimized Systems for \$44,800.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.04 LCMS Mechanical Equipment Purchase

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the LCMS Mechanical Equipment Purchase from Gardner Associates for \$295,645.00.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.05 LCMS Parking Lot Bid Approval

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the LCMS Parking Lot bid from Macke Construction for \$1,764,224.77.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.06 PowerSchool Renewal Agreements

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the PowerSchool Renewal Agreements as presented for \$62,740.47.

Seconded: Ms. Adkins

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.07 HS Secure Addition Access Controls

Motion by Ms. Adkins to approve the quote from Prime Secured for \$41,806.24.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.08 Local Government Risk Pool – Natural Gas Agreement

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve Local Government Risk Pool Participation agreement with the Local Government Risk Pool Commission for the amount of \$235,267.00.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.09 Budget Guarantee Resolution

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve authorizing the Board of Directors of the Lewis Central Community School District to levy property tax for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 of the Code of Iowa.

Seconded: Ms. Adkins

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.10 Setting the date, time, and location of the First Public Hearing and setting the Initial Maximum Property Tax

Motion by Ms. Adkins to approve setting the first budget public hearing on April 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Resource Center and setting the initial maximum property tax at \$23,822,211.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.11 AEA Memo of Understanding

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the memo of understanding with Green Hills AEA as presented for \$322,474.00.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.12 Morningside College MOU

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the MOU with Morningside College for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.13 Employee Request for Other Paid or Unpaid Leave

Motion by Ms. Adkins to deny the unpaid leave as presented for employee A.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

9.14 Open Enrollment Request

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to deny the open enrollment request for student A as presented in closed session.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

Motion by Ms. Adkins to deny the open enrollment request for student B as presented in closed session.

Seconded: Mrs. Sandau

Discussion: None

Carried: 6-0

Information/Future Items

*Regular Board Meeting – March 16th at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

With no further business before them, at 8:57 pm. Ms. Adkins motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bach.

By voice vote, all were in favor.

Approved

Tim Wright

President, Lewis Central Board of Education

Andrea Raes

Board Secretary, Lewis Central Board of Education