LEWIS CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER
Official Minutes

Call to Order

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

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Sandau

Administrators

Dr. Brent Hoesing, Andrea Raes, Dr. Lisa Spencer

Approve Agenda

Motion to Approve: Mr. Sturm
Second: Ms. Adkins
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

Commendations/Good News/Visitors

- SRO Introduction
- Fall Activities Starting

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 – August 17th regular board meeting. Bills recommended for payment. Personnel – Administrative Recommendations: Resignations/Terminations/ Rescinded Offers – Whitney Cox, KR Paraeducator; Stacy Edevane, HS Paraeducator, Meadow Christensen, HS Custodian; Karl Watts, MS Custodian; Dylan Peck, HS Lrg Grp Speech Sponsor. Misc Appointments – Ryan Barker, MS Activities Sponsor; Tom Hutchinson, HS Activities Sponsor. Salary Schedule Movements as presented. Miscellaneous Contracts. Gifts/Grants. Fundraisers.

Carried: 5-0

Reports

- Dr. Spencer presented the curriculum, instruction, and assessment report including an overview of the start of the 2026-27 school year.
- Mrs. Raes presented the finance report including the July financials and SF 2218 school funding changes.

- Dr. Hoesing presented the superintendent update including a project update, enrollment projections, and the proposal of a BPA sponsored student investment account.

Discussion Items

7.01 IASB Priorities

Dr. Hoesing presented the recommended priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

7.02 Land Lease RFP

Dr. Hoesing presented the RFP for the leasing of 80 acres of farmland on the ground that was purchased for a future school building.

7.03 Educational Lane Advancement- Kelsey Walker

Dr. Hoesing presented the education lane advancement request for Kelsey Walker. Her intention form was filed on April 6, 2026, and her suitable evidence was submitted on April 6, 2026.

7.04 Educational Lane Advancement- Caroline Finnigan

Dr. Hoesing presented the education lane advancement request for Caroline Finnigan. Her intention form was filed on August 5, 2026, and her suitable evidence was submitted on August 6, 2026.

7.05 Educational Lane Advancement- Collin Fast

Dr. Hoesing presented the education lane advancement request for Collin Fast. His intention form was not filed and his suitable evidence was submitted on August 15, 2026.

7.06 Employee Requests for 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: Mr. Sorensen, aye; Mr. Sturm, aye; Ms. Adkins, aye; Mr. Bach, aye; and Mr. Wright, aye.
The board entered closed session at 7:32 p.m.
The board exited closed session at 7:38 p.m.

Comments & Suggestions

None

Action Items

9.01 IASB Priorities

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve to submit the following 2027 Legislative Priorities to IASB: Preschool, Early Literacy, Teacher Recruitment and Licensure, and School Funding.
Seconded: Mrs. Sandau
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

9.02 Land Lease RFP

No Action

9.03 Educational Lane Advancement- Kelsey Walker

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the educational lane move and salary increase of $6,000.00 for Kelsey Walker for the 2026-2027 contract year.
Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

9.04 Educational Lane Advancement- Caroline Finnigan

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to deny the educational lane move and salary increase of $6,000.00 for Caroline Finnigan for the 2026-2027 contract year.
Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

9.05 Educational Lane Advancement- Collin Fast

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to deny the educational lane move and salary increase of $4,000.00 for Collin Fast for the 2026-2027 contract year.
Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

9.06 Employee Requests for Leave

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the request for unpaid leave as presented for employee A.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the request for unpaid leave as presented for employee B.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sorensen to approve the request for unpaid leave as presented for employee C.

Seconded: Mr. Sturm
Discussion: None

Carried: 5-0

Information/Future Items

*Regular Board Meeting – September 21st at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

With no further business before them, at 7:44 pm. Mr. Sturm motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Adkins. 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