

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Jessica Blanton
	Sherrie Brookie (remote)
	Stephanie Estrada
	Cathy Griffith (remote)
	Lienne Medford
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Neil Tabor (remote)
	Gina Turcotte
	Rob Venable
	David Wooten
Jim Atwater, Charter Institute at Erskine (remote)	
Absent	None

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm attendance, and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Lienne Medford made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2026 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Laura Raby.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal’s Report
 - The deadline for self-nomination forms for individuals seeking election to the LCMS Board of Directors or for current board members seeking re-election is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13. Ballots will be made available on April 20, and the voting period will commence soon after.
 - 133 Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings were held with 8th grade students, with strong in-person parent attendance at the meetings.
 - The meetings were facilitated by Dr. Rob Venable, Stephanie Nelson, and Celanie Martin.

- During the meetings, students presented information to their parents regarding their future plans and career interests.
- Mr. Wooten drew board members' attention to a handout in the board packet showing the high schools that 8th grade students indicated they would attend for the 2026-2027 school year as well as the SC Career Cluster Interest Areas the students identified in their presentations.
- Mr. Wooten indicated that Land's End, one of the school's uniform vendors, has proposed that LCMS use their company as the exclusive uniform provider for the school.
 - If the current arrangement is maintained, which includes an alternative uniform vendor in the Greenville area, Land's End will discontinue ACH deposits of the school's current 3% proceeds from uniform sales and instead provide compensation in the form of vouchers. If LCMS adopts Land's End as the exclusive provider, ACH deposits will continue and proceeds will increase to 6%.
 - School staff involved in deliberation about the matter are leaning towards working with Land's End exclusively, and the majority of students' parents who were polled regarding the matter find that vendor's garments to be high-quality and long-lasting.
 - During board discussion, concerns were raised about reduced competition under an exclusive agreement, balanced by the convenience of maintaining a local vendor option, particularly when families need to purchase new uniform garments as soon as possible. Clarification was provided that vouchers would be limited to Land's End products and require tracking. The board also discussed exploring additional vendors to maintain affordability, along with potential discounted purchasing opportunities and the possibility of a garment donation/resale program through the LCMS Foundation.
- As part of Mr. Wooten's continued participation in a leadership cohort facilitated by the Charter Institute at Erskine (Erskine), he recently traveled with other school administrators and Erskine personnel to several schools in Spain with excellent student performance in math.
 - Mr. Wooten noted that a key takeaway from the trip is that people matter more than resources, and he noted the continuing importance that LCMS staff and faculty are passionate about their work, aligned with the values of the school, and function effectively as a team.
 - Prior to the trip, 6th grade LCMS students wrote messages to students at the Spanish schools visited. Following the trip, several of the schools visited have expressed interest in developing a pen pal program with LCMS.
- David Wooten, Langston Foundation
 - No report.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - No report.
- Brooke Archenhold, Governance
 - Mr. Wooten will follow up on board member completion of required state training.
- David Wooten, Facilities
 - E-Rate funding has been used to upgrade the school's network infrastructure, with the majority of the work having been completed on President's Day. Additional network cabling will be installed during the school's upcoming spring break. The school is also investigating what would be necessary to upgrade to 1 Gigabit wiring.

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- The school is exploring the possibility of new HVAC controls and will meet with a vendor representative soon to gather additional information. Mr. Wooten also noted that an HVAC system issue in one of the school's buildings was recently resolved.
- Stephanie Estrada, Treasurer
 - Mrs. Estrada drew board members' attention to the school's Balance Sheet included in the meeting packet and summarized its content, noting a \$200,000 increase in cash and a similar reduction in liabilities, putting the school on track to meet or exceed the prior year's performance.
 - Corey Shick indicated his interest in seeing month-to-date and year-to-date comparisons to prior year financials.
 - Mrs. Estrada drew board members' attention to the Profit & Loss statement included in the meeting packet and summarized its content, noting that net income is over budget, with approximately \$174,000 in total income.
 - In response to a question from Mrs. Estrada, Mr. Wooten clarified that the school's approved budget for the 2026-2027 school year must be submitted to Erskine by April 30; consequently, board action on the budget will be required at the April 2026 meeting. Mrs. Estrada indicated she would contact Neil Tabor to coordinate work on the proposed budget for the next year.
- Chairman
 - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.