MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Jessica Blanton Lienne Medford Brian Morrison Laura Raby Corey Shick Neil Tabor Gina Turcotte Rob Venable David Wooten
Absent	Brooke Archenhold Sherrie Brookie Cathy Griffith Stephanie Estrada

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 Neil Tabor.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2026 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
    - Mr. Wooten reported that SC READY testing has been completed. All Langston Charter Middle School (LCMS) students were tested, along with one additional student at the request of the South Carolina Department of Education. Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) testing and scoring have also been completed. Winter MAP results showed that more than 75% of students scored in the high-average range; spring results were not yet available.
    - PSAT results have been received. A total of 111 LCMS students participated, with 36 students qualifying as Junior Scholars by demonstrating strong performance in either mathematics or English language arts.

  - The school offered nine clubs during the 2025-2026 school year, with more than 100 students participating.
  - Approximately 120 students participated in school sports during the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Wooten provided a summary of the athletic teams' achievements. The school's athletic banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 14.
  - Mr. Wooten reported that the incoming sixth-grade class for the 2026-2027 school year currently includes 72 boys and 72 girls. The waiting list includes 98 boys and 118 girls.
  - Eighth-grade enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year has declined somewhat due to students leaving the school. Current enrollment is approximately 60 boys and 63 girls. Positions have been offered to students on the waiting list, with two students accepting positions to date.
  - Regarding staffing for the upcoming school year, two staff members, Mrs. Rouche and Mrs. Feigenbaum, are retiring. Mrs. George will shift responsibilities and assume the responsibilities previously held by June Deas. Two science positions have been filled with new hires, one from Rudolph Gordon School and one from Fountain Inn High School. The school is continuing to seek a Spanish teacher and will soon interview additional candidates.
  - Mr. Wooten reported that Dr. Alyssa Fennell recently completed her doctoral program. Mrs. Skelton also completed her master's degree in instructional technologies.
  - Mr. Wooten reported that the recent board member election has concluded. Brian Deter, Michelle Robertson, and Kimberly Cassella will be joining the board. Sherrie Brookie will also be leaving the board after withdrawing from the ballot.
  - Mr. Wooten presented a proposal for a virtual club camp in partnership with Space Center Houston. The program would provide five or six lessons and would cost approximately $4,500. An additional funder may contribute $2,500, reducing the school's potential investment to approximately $2,000. The school could potentially recover its remaining costs through participation fees; otherwise, the school would assume the expense. The program would likely be operated by a parent and could potentially be incorporated into the school's after-school club offerings.
    - Mr. Wooten noted that board action regarding the virtual club camp would need to occur either remotely during the summer or at the August board meeting. Corey Shick suggested conducting an interest inventory to identify parents who may be interested in coordinating the program.
  - Mr. Wooten also presented information regarding i-Excel, a program that can be used for homework, remediation, and instruction. The cost is approximately $20,000 for the first year and $10,000 annually for the second and third years.
    - Spanish teachers have expressed interest in i-Excel, and English teachers have also requested access to the program because of its ability to target specific topics and instructional areas. The program would supplement an existing resource currently used by the school that primarily serves students in the lower quartile and would provide additional support for students in higher-performing quartiles.
    - Corey Shick requested that Mr. Wooten provide information about i-Excel to all board members for review prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting in August. Mr. Wooten will distribute the information during the week and resend it shortly before the August meeting.
  - Mr. Wooten also shared information regarding the school schedule for the final week of the school year.
- Langston Foundation

    - No report.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
    - No report.
- Governance
    - No report.
- David Wooten, Facilities
    - School administration is investigating a water leak at the school.
    - The Langston Foundation has received proposals for replacement of the HVAC controls for the school facility, estimated at $80,000–$100,000, as well as a proposal for planting shrubs along one side of the property, estimated at approximately $5,000.
- Neil Tabor, Treasurer
    - Mr. Tabor presented the Treasurer's report in Mrs. Estrada's absence.
    - Mr. Tabor summarized information included in the balance sheet and noted that the school remains in a strong financial position. He also reviewed the year-to-date Profit & Loss statement in comparison with the prior year.
- Chairman
    - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Investment Options
    - Stephanie Estrada is continuing to review potential investment options with personnel from the Charter Institute at Erskine.
    - The board agreed to table further discussion of investment options until the August 2026 meeting.
- Principal Evaluation Model
    - Corey Shick requested that the board institute a principal evaluation model and expressed a desire for the board to take action on the matter.
    - Mr. Shick noted that a committee, rather than the full board, would conduct the principal evaluation. The board will review principal evaluation committee assignments at the August meeting or early in the next school year.
        - Laura Raby made a motion to institute use of the Marzano Evaluation Model for the principal evaluation process.
        - The motion was seconded by Lienne Medford.
        - All were in favor, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

- Brian Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.