



MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting

Marjorie Williams Academy

Conference Room

August 18, 2026

1:30

Link: <https://meet.google.com/boi-tner-nat>

Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

For Action Items:

- Review: Conflict of Interest Policy – Austin reviewed the policy – no changes
- Sign: Conflict of Interest Statement and send it to me – Austin encouraged members to sign and send in within the week. Form sent as editable Word Doc so electronic signature can be used.
- Meeting May 18, 2027 – Austin explained the reason for last years Annual meeting to be change and proposed a possible motion to move to May 20 but explained the need to change the Incentive program process and the reason the meeting may not need to be moved. Board will revisit the program process closer to May and decide a meeting date accordingly.
- Approve: Updates to Beginning Teacher Support Plan – Austin explained language changes to the plan required by the state. Plan was submitted with changes to the regional consultant who approved the plan for compliance. – Clark motioned; Barnhart seconded; all agreed

For Information Items:

- Bookfair – Sept 18-24 – The Williams Family Foundation is sponsoring the event. Every child will receive a book valued at \$15
- School Report Card – the preliminary results have been shared internally but Austin shared that the info can't share until after the September meeting. Austin will send an email announcing the report card grade when the embargo has been lifted
- Audit – due to a family situation the audit was rescheduled for August 19, 2026
- 2 seniors – TG (Community) CM (Residential)
 - TG will be the first recipient of the Lin and Marilyn Williams Legacy Award – the first to go from K-12.
- New Crest – Austin explained the reason for the crest change and showed the new crest that is now on the letterhead and on a sweatshirt.
- Great start – Austin explained a very smooth start – credited Benfield the new data manager for her diligent work in having the complete school schedule ready on day one with all new enrollments
 - August 3-4 RWDs – Meet the teacher and Open House 1:00-4:00
 - August 5 – First for students – Kindergarten ½ day August 5th and 6th

- August 3 – Austin reported on Commissioner presentation on Opioid Grant – focused on the incredible progress made with student achievement
- Austin reviewed Board meeting dates: Third Tuesday of the month @1:30 – Hybrid – Location Marjorie Williams Academy Conference room and link will be sent
 - August 18, 2026
 - September 15, 2026
 - October 20, 2026
 - November 17, 2025
 - December – no meeting
 - January 19, 2027
 - February 16, 2027
 - March 16, 2027
 - April 13, 2027
 - May 18, 2026 – Annual - (Possible motion to move to May 20)
 - July 1, 2026 – Close Out - e-meeting
- Budget – Austin explained the new At-a-Glance form – revenue, expenses, summary budget, and financial position to date – ordered uniforms for the year in June
- Austin updated:
 - 22 new community students
 - 140 students - 81 Community 59 Residential
 - Avery Count Opioid Grant – 25K
 - Title I grant – (\$220,789)
 - Title II grant – (6,291)
 - Title IV grant – (16,921)
 - State – (1,357,000) projected to increase after best of first two months due to community
- Enrollment – 140 students - 81 Community 59 Residential
- Public Input - none
- Adjourn – Clark motioned; Oates seconded; all agreed – adjourned at 2:23

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7 - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 28 - Picture day

Oct. 7 - OWD

Oct. 8-12 - Fall Break

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11-17 - EOC Testing

Dec. 18-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

Jan. 1 - New Year Holiday

Jan. 4 - 5 - OWDs
Jan. 6 - First Day 2nd Semester
Jan. 18 - MLK Holiday
Jan. 28 - Make up Picture Day (not posted)

Feb. 15 - OWD

March 15 - OWD

March 25 - Early Dismissal (11:15)
March 26 - OWD
March 29 – April 2 - Easter/Spring Break

April 23 - Early Dismissal (11:15)
April 24 - Prom

May 10–21 - EOG/EOC Testing
May 20 - Incentive Prize Picks (1:00) Process change
May 20 - Capping and Pinning (4:00)
May 21 - Last Day/Awards Day (8:30)/Early Dismissal (11:15)
May 21 - Graduation (1:30)

Mission Statement: The mission of Marjorie Williams Academy is to offer *a stable, emotionally supportive, educational environment* for children with a goal of empowering each child *to achieve his or her real academic and social potential*.

Vision: The vision of Marjorie Williams Academy is to become a model school for academic achievement.

BELIEFS:

- Academic growth of all students is the priority of the school
- Students learn best in an environment that promotes student active engagement using a variety of strategies that accommodate diverse learning styles and intellectual levels
- Healthy, safe, orderly and caring environments promote student learning
- Parent, community, and school collaboration are vital to the success of school's mission
- Students will develop a respect and responsibility for community through active participation in service oriented opportunities
- Opportunities and exposure to experiences beyond the school will influence students towards setting positive goals for future
- On-going and meaningful professional development is crucial to teacher growth and ability to provide quality instruction.

