



## Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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### **Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting February 18, 2020**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Brandi Bradley was not present.

#### **Example of Educational Excellence**

Jefferson Elementary teachers Wendy Goodman, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Anne Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, presented an example of their Multi-Grade Learning Buddies with Music, Art & Virtual Reality Technology program to the Board. The following 5<sup>th</sup> grade students: Addi Arnold, Halle Oakley, Molly Odum, Maya Tarantino-Linsin, David Williams, Rylan Williamson and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students Lila Ackermann, Maddux Lang, Graham Marler, Lydia McCree, Jack Midence, and Walker Odum paired with Board members to give them the opportunity to use the headsets and experience what they are learning in their classrooms. The virtual reality headsets were purchased with monies received from a Unit #2 Foundation Grant.

#### **Audience to Visitors**

No public comment offered.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the January 21, 2020 regular and closed session meeting
- b. **Bills** – the January supplementary bills and the February bills for payment as presented.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented pending background check:

##### **EMPLOYMENT**

##### **Certified**

Colton Allen, Elementary Teacher assigned to Adams School, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Natalie Dunk, Art Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Joel Kirby, Band Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.



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### **Personnel Recommendations (con't)**

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

##### **Certified**

Melissa Lappin, English/Language Arts Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective January 6, 2020.

Lucas Launius, Social Studies Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Scott McKenty, Alternative Learning Classroom Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Brandi Sauerhage, Reading Interventionist assigned to Marion Junior High, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Aileen Stapleton, Social Worker assigned to Longfellow Elementary, effective March 16, 2020.

Josiah Teal, Social Studies Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Adrienne Trainor, Math Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Jenny Vise, Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

##### **Non-Certified**

Stephanie Nguyen, Secretary assigned to Jefferson Elementary, effective March 2, 2020.

##### **Coaching/Class Sponsors**

Eli Baker, Freshman Class Sponsor, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sara Baker, Freshman Class Sponsor, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Marty Cameron, Junior Class Sponsor, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Michele Tate, MHS Assistant Girls Track Coach, effective for the 2020 season.

Brittany Willis, MHS Volunteer Softball Coach, effective for the 2020 season.

MHS Volunteer Bass Boat Captains: Connor Brave, David Fox, Brandon Hill, Bryan Kessel, and Jacob Reynolds.



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### **Personnel Recommendations (con't)**

#### **REASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Amber Akes from MHS Art 1 & 2, 3D Art & Art Through the Ages to MHS Art 3 & 4, AP Art, Digital Graphics, Commercial Design & Photography

Courtney Ackermann from Jefferson & Longfellow Social Worker to Jefferson Social Worker

Kaleigh Minton from MJH 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies to MJH 8<sup>th</sup> grade History

Cody Maze from MJH 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science to MJH 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science

Bryanna Ramsey from MJH 7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Intervention & 7<sup>th</sup> grade English to MJH 7<sup>th</sup> grade English

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

David Gulley, MJHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 season.

Loren Henk, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher assigned to Adams School, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **RETIREMENT**

Tom Colboth, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective 05/03/20.

### **Introduction of New Faculty Members**

Amy Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, Joey Ohnesorge, MHS Principal, Lindsay Watts, Longfellow Principal, and Chuck Williamson, MJHS Assistant Principal introduced their new faculty members to the Board.

### **Settlement Agreement**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the settlement agreement as presented.

### **City of Marion Agreement**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the City of Marion Agreement as presented.

### **Resolution & Contingent Fee Engagement Agreement**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the Resolution & Contingent Fee Engagement Agreement as presented.

### **Technology Report**

Weekly set up for Securly accounts for parents.

Submitted all necessary E-Rate Form 470's for the 2020-2021 school year.

Arranged for delivery and installation on new ActivPanel at Lincoln. Elem. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Basler.



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### **Technology Report (con't)**

Arranged to have 43 Acer Chrome tablets repaired at no cost to the district.  
Responded to 102 Technology Requests.  
Continue to create Google accounts for new students.  
Troubleshooting and helping with new VR/AR headsets.  
Daily update - District-wide Technology Asset Inventory.  
Preparing new Sonic Wall for installation at the Jr. High.  
Continual Digital projector maintenance at all 7 buildings.  
District-wide network monitoring.  
Chromebook repair for Grades K thru 5.

### **Maintenance Report**

Maintenance has been working on preventive maintenance items and heating, along with District work orders.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

#### **Student Special Recognition**

#### **Academics**

##### **Marion High School**

**Art** – Two Art students participated in the Youth Art Month Poster design contest for the State of Illinois Art Education Awareness Month in March. Kennadee Gabby won the high school division. Her poster design was 1 of 126 entries. Her work will be featured on the IAEA state flag as well as printed in the *Mosaic* publication for IAEA. She will also be honored at the IHSAA Awards Ceremony.

#### **Sports**

##### **Marion High School**

**Basketball** – Jackson Connor has passed James Orr (1,626 points) to become the Wildcats 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time leading scorer. Jackson Connor (MVP) and Rayzhaun Bardo made the 2020 West Frankfort Mid-Winter All-Tournament Team.

**Dance** – advanced out of the Effingham Sectionals and competed at the IHSA State tournament. The team competed at the IDTA State Finals and won the AA Kick Championship! This is the 15<sup>th</sup> state title for the program and 9<sup>th</sup> in a row! The team also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pom/Dance and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Grand Champion. Junior Varsity was also named State Champions in JV Kick -14<sup>th</sup> state title for the JV program. The team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pom/Dance and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Grand Champion. Marion was the only town in the entire state to bring home the Grand Champion title in three divisions--junior high, junior varsity, and varsity.

**Winter Guard** – The team competed at the IDTA State Finals and won the AA Tall Flag State Championship! The team also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lyrical Flag.



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### Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

#### Sports

##### Marion High School

**Wrestling** – Wildcat Wrestling had a record breaking season. 2<sup>nd</sup> year Wrestling Head Coach Darren Lindsay has done a great job since taking over the program. The team went 32-5 overall and shattered the previous MHS record for team wins in a season of 26. They also won the South 7 Championship for the first time since 2012. The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Mattoon Regional. Individual wrestlers Gaige Owens (126lbs/45-4) and River Flute (182/44-4) both placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mascoutah Sectional which means they've qualified for the IHSA State Finals. Gaige Owens also now owns both the season record for wins (45) and the career record for wins (155). It should also be noted that Freshman Kanye Gunn (285/37-15), Junior Nate Dampier (138/35-7) and Senior Gage Kent (106/32-14) also had outstanding seasons!

##### Marion Junior High

**Dance** – The team competed at the IDTA State Finals and won the Junior High Kick Championship! The team also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in pom/dance and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lyrical. The team was also awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place Grand Champion.

##### Adams School

**Basketball** – Gavin McGee (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Amarian Owen (8<sup>th</sup> grade) made the Southern Illinois All-Star Basketball Class M team.

#### Clubs/Extracurricular

##### Marion High School

**Computer Club** – Members competed in the first organized competition through the Illinois High School Esports Association.

**Robotics** – Tesla Championship Tournament results: Robotical Chronicals won the Alliance Round Award. Team members are Jonathan Aviles, Ian Edmister, Ben Marlo, Noah Motsinger, Eli Springvloed and Carter Westray. The Robo Rebels won the Gracious Professionalism Award. Team members are: Sanjana Alur, Grace Jordan, Sarah Kuh, Makenna Martin, Katie Pennell, Jailynn Pratis, Jessie Tylka and Charley Woodsum.

##### Staff Special Recognition

MHS Tennis Coach, Carrie Watson, was recognized by the Illinois High School Coaches Association for her dedication and commitment to Illinois high school tennis and was awarded the Class 1A Girls Regional Coach of the Year.

##### Former Student Special Recognition

Former MHS student and current University of Tennessee student, Darryl Sullivan, has the all-time SEC indoor record and the #4 mark in NCAA Track & Field history. Men's High Jump – 2.33m (7'7.75").



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### **Treasurer's Report**

The District is 58.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of January 31, 2020. The Education Fund expenditures are at 58.17% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 54.44%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 59.90%

### **Adjournment**

The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.