



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting May 19, 2020

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

All members present

Retiree Recognition – Retirement recognition was different than previous years due to the meeting not being open to the public but each retiree was able to give the Board members and audience members viewing online their farewell comments during a video presentation. The traditional Unit #2 retirement bell will be given to each retiree at a later date. Again, a very special thanks to all our retirees for your service to Unit #2. You will be missed!

Certified

- a. Marba Bertling – Elementary teacher – 18 years Marion/35 total
- b. Kathy Dallas – MJHS Science – 26 years
- c. Danny Edwards – MJHS Social Studies/History – 30 years Marion/34 total
- d. Mike Manfredo – MJHS Alternative Learning – 31 years Marion/34 total
- e. Janice Marlo – MJHS Math – 22 ½ years Marion
- f. Kerry Martin – MHS History/Civics – 18 years Marion/33 total
- g. Lesa Patton – WA Social Worker – 25 years Marion
- h. Vebbie Troutman – MJHS Reading Interventionist – 18 years Marion/24 total
- i. Beth Wilson – MHS Art – 26 Marion/33 total

Non-certified

- a. Pat Brown – 16 Marion/37 ½ total
- b. Tom Colboth – 10 years Marion

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered

Closed Session

Closed session needed

Consent Agenda

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** – the minutes from the April 21, 2020 public hearing and regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the April supplementary bills and the May bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. No donations this month to report
- d. **2020-2021 Fundraisers** – approve fundraisers for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
- e. **EIU Student Teaching & Clinical Experiences Affiliation Agreement**



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Board Policy Adoption

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the following board policies: 2:125, 2:160, 4:180-AP3, 5:60, 5:150, 5:280, 6:280, 7:70, 7:90, 7:130 7:325, 8:10, 8:30, 8:110, and 8:80 as presented.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the following personnel items as presented pending background checks:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

MHS Summer School On-line Credit Recovery Teacher: Janna Gillespie.

Michelle Kissing, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Emily Culbreth, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, pending certification.

Coaching

Casey Rose, MHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

RESIGNATIONS:

Blake Hampleman, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Paige Liddell, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

MHS Graduation

At the April board meeting, board members discussed holding a traditional graduation ceremony in late June. Mr. Barwick stated this date was not possible due to the current circumstances and issued a general direction for the administration to seek a date later in the summer possibly in July.

MHS Graduation Policy

The Board voted 7-0 to reduce required graduation credits for the Class of 2020 from 27 credits to 25 credits.

Technology Report

Continue to set up for Securly accounts for parents.

Prepared new Academic Sessions for the 2020-2021 School Year for all buildings.

Assisted with Senior Chromebook pickup at MHS.

Worked with Admin Team for Remote Learning.

Continue to trade out broken Chromebooks for MJHS & MHS students.

Arranging shipment for new MJHS Chromebooks.

Monthly ISBE mandated attendance reports for all Pre-K thru 12th Grade.



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Technology Report (con't)

Continuous monitoring of the outside wireless access point at 7 buildings.
On-going District-wide network monitoring.
Preparing for the return of 1055 MJHS Chromebooks. End of lease.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Lincoln School roof project is expected to begin the first week of June. Requested proposals for summer work requests on flooring, basketball goals and rims, parking lot sealing as well as HVAC /Humidity controls.

Custodial

Custodians have been working with each of the building principals to keep our facilities disinfected and secure.

Custodians have started the process of summer deep cleaning routine.

Maintenance

Maintenance crew has been working on preventive maintenance items, work orders, checking HVAC equipment, roof leaks, lock issues as well as plumbing problems.

Sports Complex and grounds crew are busy trying to keep our grounds and sports fields manicured.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 83.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of April 30, 2020. The Education Fund expenditures are at 83.38% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 76.25%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 84.03%.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Oates thanked everyone for the phenomenal job the entire Unit #2 faculty and staff has done by pulling together to complete this school year. He also expressed his appreciation to parents and students for their patience and understanding.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Sanders took the opportunity to expand upon Dr. Oates comments by thanking the community for their support of our students. She also praised the Senior class for rising up to the circumstances of this school year. As a final farewell to the retirees, she expressed her gratitude to all the retirees for the amazing impact and positive difference their careers have made on the students.

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Art – ALC Art Awards: 1st place in 2D media: Madi Hood, 1st place in Painting Kassidee Gabby, 1st place in Sculpture: Mikaela Seresbeno, 2nd place in Ceramics: Robin Thomas, 2nd place in Photography: Carrie Graham, 3rd place in Ceramics: Lia Hunter, and 3rd place in Photography: Hannah Foster. The Art Institute of Chicago \$5000 Art Scholarship winners were: Sydney Williams (Junior) and Dara Follis (Sophomore).



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

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Art – The scholarship covers cost of travel to Chicago, room and board, art supplies, and a two-week college course with college credit from the Art Institute. Illinois Art Education Association held a state-wide poster/flag contest for Youth Art Month. The winner of the high school level was Kennadee Gabby. An Awards ceremony was hosted in Chicago during Spring Break.

CNA Program – The following students completed the CNA Program: Cassidy Absher, Sameera Bin-Walee, Hannah Foster, Katie Gilpin, Madison Goodley, Sofia Hughes, Makayla Hunt, Juliahna Jimenez, Lauren Lane, Shanie May, Abbi Mayfield, Makenzie Miller, Mari Ray, Connor Rice, Samantha Robertson, and Daishen Williams-Wolaver.

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Boys) – The following Wildcat basketball players were named to the 2020 All-Williamson County Basketball Team: Rayzhaun Bardo, Jackson Connor (Player of the Year), Frankie Horner, and Brett Lewis. Jackson Connor finished in the top 10 for Mr. Basketball of Illinois.

Basketball (Girls) – The following Wildcat basketball players were named to the 2020 All-Williamson County Basketball Team: Jerzy Bittle, Gracie Connor, and Jordan Turner.

Wrestling – The following Wildcat wrestlers were named to the 2020 All-Williamson County Wrestling Team: Nate Dampier, River Flute, Kanye Gunn, Gage Owens (Wrestler of the Year), Clayton Tanner, and Aden White. Wildcat wrestlers making the Southern Illinois Coaches Association All-South Team were: Nate Dampier – Sophomore (35-7), River Flute – Senior (45-6), Kanye Gunn – Freshman (37-15), Gage Kent – Senior (32-14), Gage Owens – Senior (48-7), Aden White – Sophomore (32-13), and Eli Wirtes – Freshman (11-24).

Teacher/Coach Special Recognition

Jamie Clark-Verbeck was the recipient of the SIU-Carbondale 2020 Women of Distinction Award. She was recognized for her outstanding teaching, contributions and dedication to the university.

John Fletcher, Marion CUSD #2 Foundation & Foundation Liaison, received the Shawnee Region Illinois Principal's Association Reaching Out & Building Bridges Award.



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Teacher/Coach Special Recognition

Gus Gillespie, MHS Boys' Basketball Coach, was selected as the Marion Star's Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year after the Wildcats posted a 22-12 record overall and won the 3A Regional Championship for the second time in three years.

Darren Lindsey, MHS Wrestling Head Coach, was selected as the Marion Star's Wrestling Coach of the Year after the Wildcats posted a 33-5 record overall and claimed the South 7 Championship.

Adjournment

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.