



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board Meeting – May 15, 2018

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mr. Cook absent

Retiree Recognition

Board President Absher recognized the following Unit #2 retirees and presented each retiree with the traditional Unit #2 School Bell. The Board appreciates their service and dedication to Unit #2 students.

Certified Staff:

- a. Lisa Cavaness – Washington 3rd Grade – 29 years
- b. Debby Dibble – MJHS Social Studies – 25 years
- c. Dempsey Elders – MHS Automotive – 24 years
- d. Cindy Gott – Jefferson 2nd Grade – 32 years
- e. Patricia Herren – Adams Reading – 30 years
- f. Kathleen Moseman – MHS Art – 26 years
- g. Donna Parks – Elementary Technology – 27 years
- h. Tamie Rix – MJHS Guidance – 29 years

Non-Certified Staff:

- a. Debbie Bearden – MJHS Cook – 29 years
- b. Jane Clarida – Washington Secretary – 23 years
- c. Jeff Wilson – Lincoln Custodian – 25 years

Example of Educational Excellence

The Annual ALOP report was presented by Kim Burns, Principal and ALOP faculty members Ryan Ashmore, Heath Blumenstock, and Dana Stearns. Chelsea Randolph, MHS senior, shared her feelings about the program. The credit recovery program enabled sixteen MHS seniors to graduate. After graduation, eleven plan to attend college in the fall and five are entering into the workforce.

Mrs. Micah Colboth and Mrs. Michelle Kadela, Adams School 5th grade teachers and their students presented “Shark Tank”. This project is based on the business themed television show in which contestants pitch ideas to investors. The following students presented their projects to the Board: Abbie Abbott, Corbin Jeffords, Jack Tate, Gavin McGee, Shaylee Midgett, David Horn, Marisa Haase, Allie Parks, Gavin Angone, and Nicki Robertson.

Sara Gordon, Jillian Mallady, Cody Maze and Melissa Moore presented “Engaging & Teaching with Poverty in Mind”. This is a four part series on engaging and teaching students living in poverty and the special challenges that arise from that situation. This group of teachers received special training and are in turn training Unit #2 faculty.



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Audience to Visitors

Kelly Holland invited Board members to the Marion Educational Association Annual Breakfast.

Karen Powell invited Board members to the Washington Outdoor Lab. The lab is part of the Marion Garden Tour.

Closed Session

The Board voted 6-0 to enter into closed session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the April 17, 2018 regular meeting and closed session meeting and the April 5 special meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the April supplementary bills and the May bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Marion Unit #2 Foundation - \$45,000.00 for Chrome Tablets
 - ii. Senator Durbin – 5 computers
- d. **2018-2019 Fundraisers** – approve fundraisers for the 2018-2019 school year.
- e. **Annual Title I Program Survey**

Depository Banks

This item was tabled for June meeting

Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Kendra Cagle, MHS Summer School teacher - Consumer Economics, 1st semester.

Teresa Grant, Reading Specialist assigned to Adams School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Cody Pauls, MHS Summer School Teacher - Driver Education, 1st semester.

Laura Sanders, MHS Summer School Teacher – English 1st semester.

Walter Skeate, MJHS Social Studies Teacher, teach an overload Alternative Learning Class for the 2018-2019 school year.

Non-certified

Hollie Utley, Secretary assigned to Washington Elementary School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.



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Personnel Recommendations (con't):

EMPLOYMENT

Coaching

Joel Allen, MJHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach (shared position/stipend), effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Zach Linsdey, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Beth Mitacek, MHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Denny Morris, MHS Volunteer Forensics Coach, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Andy Whorton, MJHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach (shared position/stipend), effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Shawn Whitecotton, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

ASSIGNMENTS/REASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR:

Amy Buchanan from MHS Science to Adams School Science.

Elizabeth Hileman from MJHS English Language Arts to MHS English Language Arts.

Ashleigh Maze, Reading Specialist assigned to Jefferson Elementary School.

Cody Maze from Adams Science/Social Studies to MJHS Science/Social Studies.

Catherine Siefert-Pearce from MJHS English Language Arts to MHS English Language Arts.

RESIGNATIONS

Reginald Bateman, MHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Garrett Elders, MHS Alternative Learning Classroom Teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Scott Gimmy, MHS Spanish Teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Alison Presley, MHS English Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.



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Personnel Recommendations (con't):

The Board voted 5-1 to approve the following personnel recommendation:

RETIREMENTS:

Lisa Stewart, Reading Specialist assigned to Longfellow Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Rosie Gribble, 5th Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

2018-2019 Non-Union/Non-Certified Raises

The Board voted 6-0 to approve a 2.5% raise for all non-union/non-certified positions and salary adjustments for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

2018-2019 Administrative Raises

The Board voted 6-0 to approve a 2% raise for all administrative positions and certified salary/stipend adjustments for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

MJHS Health/Life Safety Amendment #29

The Board voted 6-0 to approve Health/Life Safety Amendment #29 as presented.

2018-2019 District Lunch Prices

The Board voted 6-0 to approve a .25 cent increase of school lunch prices for the 2018-2019 school year.

Note: Federal regulations require the District to periodically increase lunch prices to stay within a mandated price range.

Illinois Laborers' & Contractors' Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund Memorandum of Understanding

The Board voted 5-0-1 to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Illinois Laborers' & Contractors' Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund and Marion CUSD #2 as presented.

Board Policy Review

Board members review policies this month and will vote at the June Board meeting.

Technology Report

Finalized Hapara software for Chromebooks.

Illinois Science On-Line Assessment completed for Grades 5 & 8 and High School Biology 1.

New security camera installation is complete at Adams, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Longfellow.

Making additional preparations to replace an additional 1800 chromebooks.

Completed on-line Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019 school year.

Preliminary planning for new up to date school boundary maps.



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Technology Report (con't)

Preparing to order 325 new Acer Chrome tablets for Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms.

Preliminary preparations for all end of the year state-mandated reports.

Final preparations for Info-Snap on-line registration for elementary, jr. high and high school.

Responded to 65 Classroom Tech requests.

Final preparation being made for infrastructure upgrade at Jefferson and Longfellow this summer.

Continued testing of new network routing. Planning to re-engineer elementary school routing.

Advanced planning for summer work and chromebook deployment.

Preparing a new server for the Switch Management Software program and the high school.

Advanced preparations for the remove/replace 110 Ruckus Wireless Access Points.

Maintenance Report

Jr. High Roof

There is a pre-construction meeting planned with the Contractors and Architects to review details of project.

Custodial

Custodial crews at each of our buildings continue day to day operations, help where they are needed by setting up and tear down events along with cleaning and sanitizing all our facilities.

Mowing crew is doing their best to keep up with our grounds.

Maintenance

Continue work orders, preventive maintenance items, roof leaks and air conditioning issues along with any emergencies that may come up. We also help with set up and tear down of events.

Sports Complex crew is busy with Baseball and Softball events along with maintaining all the fields and help with any maintenance items they can.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion High School

Art – Pope County High School Art Show Awards:

Brandon Thomas – 1st place in photography

Alexis Melcher – 2nd in ceramics and best overall ceramic

Courtney Shadowens – 1st in 2D art and honorable mention photography

Mika Seresbeno – honorable mention in drawing

Anna Creviston – honorable mention in painting

Kaitlin Neikes – 3rd in computer art and honorable mention in computer art

Larissa Johnson – 2nd in computer art, 2nd in photography and honorable mention in photography

Dennis Johnson – 1st in computer art

Matt Wolf – honorable mention in mixed media

Alex Wagner – honorable mention in mixed media

Jordon Bloodworth – 3rd place in photography



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

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English – Honors English 2 students submitted work to the Letters about Literature Contest which is a Library of Congress National Reading and Writing Promotion Program. The results are as follows:

Semi-finalist – Makayla Hunt

Honorable Mention – Alisa Chen, Diazha Berry, McKenzie Winchester, Chris Atlee, Charles Jones, Amanda Cantrell, Gloria Wofford, and Kathryn Wood.

Spanish – The following students will be receiving recognition on the diplomas and transcripts through the Illinois State Board of Education for their achievements in the Spanish language:

Commendation Towards Biliteracy – Rheagan Clutts, Sarah Cobb, Madison Cunningham, Morgan Dodd, David Fletcher, Marissa Holmes, Jacob Janz, Emily Jude, Cory Melvin, Emily Meneese, Kendyl Saxhaug, Frank Smith, Josh Szidik, Abbie Thompson, Steven Thompson, Alex Tonazzi, and Cassandra Woods.

Seal of Biliteracy – Avery Baldwin, Maria Chairez, Bwalya Mwansa and Michael Tondini.

Clubs/Extracurricular

Marion High School

Student Council – MHS Student Council has been recognized as a 2018 National Council of Excellence.

Special Recognition

Illinois Principals Association – The following students were recognized by the IPA:

Adams: Lexie Bundren, Emily Parks

Jefferson: Levi Marks, Aubree Thompson

Longfellow: Maddyn Kraus, Jenann Woods

Lincoln: Parker Bradshaw, McKenna Walters

Washington: Austin King, Marissa Ravellete

MJHS: Chase Altug, Jessica Clarida

MHS: David Fletcher, Quincy Gordon

Staff Special Recognition

Gus Gillispie was named the District 21 Coach of the Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Lindsay Watts was the recipient of the Illinois Principal's Association Shawnee Region Assistant Principal of the Year.



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Treasurer's Report

The District is 83.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of April 30, 2018. The Education Fund expenditures are at 80.21% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 81.83%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 82.26%.

Adjournment

The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.