

Regular Meeting – December 17, 2024
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, Illinois

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Roll Call

Marc Henshaw and Brice Wesley were not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Jessica Corzine, Jefferson Elementary Principal, introduced Mrs. Blumenstock and Mrs. Menckowski, 4th grade teachers and Mrs. Herzog, STRIVE teacher along with members of the PALS Program. Mrs. Corzine, Mrs. Herzog, and several members of the PALS program (Henry Lawler, Brantley McRoy, Chloe McRoy, Raegan Baker, Lauren Goodisky, Jackson Bartlett, Ella McCree, Danica Williford, and Phoenix Hudspeth) gave a presentation explaining the meaning of the program along with the roles and responsibilities. Mrs. Corzine and the teachers at Jefferson were inspired by the MJHS Unified Cats Program and wanted to create a program similar at Jefferson. The program provides opportunities for students to build life skills working together. The PALS program meets once a week and helps with several activities throughout the school year but some examples are Homecoming, Friendsgiving and arts and crafts.

Audience to Visitors

Public comments were given by the following people, Heath Blumenstock, Jenny Bangs, and Andrea Wallace with concerns regarding a classroom at Adams School.

Marion Education Association

Anthony Stephens, MEA President, spoke in regards to the new behavior issues happening in kindergarten classrooms across the state and how MEA and the administration are working together to address the issues.

Annual District Audit

Motion #1: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the Annual District Audit as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion #2: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the Annual District Audit as presented. Motion carried.

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the November 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.
- b. **Bills** - the November supplementary bills and the December bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Marion Eye Center to MHS Science Department - Supplies valued at \$17,617.67
 - ii. Knight Hawk to MHS - Donation to Food Pantry valued at \$4,500.00

- iii. Matt and Lauryn Brown to MHS - Medical/Laboratory Supplies to the CNA & Medical Career Classes valued at \$250.00
- iv. Maxine Hancock to Jefferson - Student Needs valued at \$250.00
- v. Jim Parker to the District - valued at \$1,000.00
- vi. Community Action Group (Jo Anna Galloway) to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 2 students valued at \$250.00
- vii. Katrina Crain to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 1 student valued at \$125.00
- viii. Alicia Stacey to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 1 student valued at \$125.00
- ix. Becky Moss to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 2 students valued at \$250.00
- x. MJHS Service Club (Karrie Jackson) to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 2 students valued at \$250.00
- xi. Kyle Schmitt to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 1 student valued at \$125.00
- xii. Julie Maze to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 1 student valued at \$125.00
- xiii. Shawna Moulton to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 1 student valued at \$125.00
- xiv. Second Baptist Church to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 25 students valued at \$3,125.00
- xv. First United Methodist Church to MJHS - Christmas Gifts for 13 students valued at \$1,625.00

Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing

No Action required.

Operational Fund Expenditure Report

No action required.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #3: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion Carried

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

Hailey Banks, Media Aide assigned to Jefferson, effective March 24, 2025.

Non-Certified

Randy Barton, 2nd Shift Custodian to Lincoln, effective December 14, 2024.

Makayla Tucker, Noon Supervisor to Jefferson, effective January 7, 2025.

Appoint Lola Smith as Board of Education Secretary, effective January 7, 2025.

Coaching

Perry Duncan, MHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Matt Brown, MHS Assistant Boys Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Lee Nguyen, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Audrey Jackson, Adams Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Motion #4: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion Carried.

REASSIGNMENTS

Abby Childers, reassigned from Longfellow Kindergarten Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher at Longfellow, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Ryley Gooch, reassigned from Adams 5th Grade Bubble Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher at Adams, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Misty Tiberend, reassigned from MJHS Cook to Head Cook at MJHS, effective December 4, 2024.

RESIGNATIONS

Emma Marler, Cook assigned to Washington, effective December 2, 2024.

Marilyn Van Natta, Noon Supervisor assigned to Lincoln, effective December 20, 2024.

RESIGNATIONS

Moriah Arnold, Elementary Instructional Assistant assigned to Lincoln, effective December 20, 2024.

Jaci Vaughn, Elementary Instructional Assistant assigned to Longfellow, effective December 20, 2024.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Shannon Wallace, Hall Monitor assigned to MHS, Medical Leave of Absence beginning November 6, 2024 with a tentative return date of April 2025.

Kaleigh Duenos, 8th Grade History Teacher assigned to MJHS, Maternity Leave of Absence beginning approximately May 4, 2025 until the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Technology Report

- Deployment schedule for Windows 11 desktop deployment
- Third party Phishing campaign deployed.
- On-going SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy) New and renewing.
- Assisting in the new design and structure of new district website
- Preparing for Technology Committee Meetings to begin in January 2025.

Maintenance Report

- Working on construction projects for summer 2025
- Continuously looking for ways to better the learning environment at each school.
- Planning projects for over winter break.
- Scheduling onsite staff training for both Maintenance and Custodial Department.
- Preparing for colder weather coming: snow removal equipment prep, winterizing freeze zones, etc.

Washington Elementary School: The east gym is scheduled to get new lighting. Maintenance and Custodial crew are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Lincoln Elementary School: New windscreen/privacy screen has been installed for the playground. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

High School: Finished up all new lighting in Wilson gym. Indoor sports, winter concerts and sings are underway. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Jr. High: Nothing new. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Jefferson Elementary School: Nothing new. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Adams: Nothing new. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Longfellow: New high bay energy efficient light fixtures being installed in the gym. Maintenance and Custodial are continually working on building preventive maintenance, work orders and general cleaning.

Custodial Teams: The custodial teams are working on their typical day to day in the buildings. They have also been working hard helping with Christmas programs, Christmas parties, sporting events and planning some deep cleaning over break.

Maintenance Team: The Maintenance team has been working on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, organizing, planning, and painting. The team has been working on updating light fixtures throughout the district to more energy efficient lighting. The team has also been getting equipment ready for any inclement weather in the near future.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Moss thanked the maintenance crew for all of their hard work during this time of year.

Assistant Superintendent Report



December
Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion Junior High School

Special Olympics Athletes and Unified PE - The MJHS Special Olympics athletes participated in a basketball skill event on November 21st.

Athletes that participated were Aiden Novoa, Max Fierro, Sawyer McKinney, Eli Rabacchi, Lukas Duncan, and Hailey Shelton.

The Unified PE students were the main volunteers at the event as well.



Academics

Marion Junior High School

MJHS Concert Choir - Congratulations to Claire And McKenna Johnson for being selected to the ILMEA 6th grade All-State Choir!



Sports

Marion Junior High School

Dance Team - Congratulations to the MJHS Dance Team for placing first in Kick and Open Pom! They also placed 2nd in Lyrical at Belleville.



Extra-Curricular

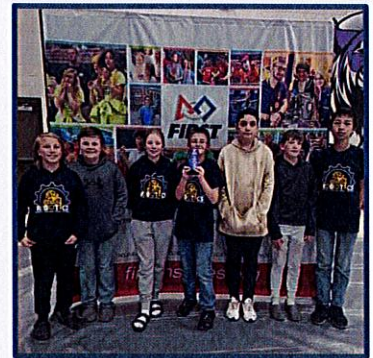
Marion Junior High School

Student Council - MJHS Student Council

Conducted a community outreach activity by Filling 48 backpacks with fleece blankets, Toothbrushes, toothpastes, soap, chapsticks, boxes Of granola bars, and wet wipes to donate to The Promise and Lighthouse Shelter.



Robotics Team - The MJHS Robotics team competed At the First Lego League regional competition in Centralia. Congratulations to the the Coral Commanders Team, who received the Innovation Project Award. The Team advanced to the Sectional competition in Waterloo, IL.



Scholar Bowl - Congrats to the MHS Scholar Bowl Team for sweeping the field in the Marion Invitational, going 5-0 with the following scores:

Marion 330 vs Galatia 060
Marion 260 vs Hamilton County 030
Marion 290 vs Chester 170
Marion 240 vs Trico 120
Marion 340 vs Du Quoin 080

In addition, Jobi McCann and Samuel Sellars made the all-tourney team and Samuel earned MVP honors.



Academics

Marion High School

Marion FFA Chapter - Congrats to the Marion FFA Chapter for getting 2nd place at the Section 24 Agronomy Contest and SAE Fair.

Also, Congratulations to the 3 freshman that placed in the top 10 individually. (Cora Rix - 3rd Place, Addy McRoy - 5th place, and Zander Tallman - 9th place)

Congratulations to Hunter Detrick who earned an A rating at the SAE Fair.



Art - MHS Art students were invited to the Williamson County Courthouse for the Annual National Adoption Day. Art students helped create memorable first family portrait Picture frames with adoptees.



Art - The National Art Honor Society student Officers presented a check for \$815.00 to Representatives from Southern Illinois Veterans Flight.



Academics

Marion High School

Art - Congratulations to MHS Art students that received awards from the Annual Teen Spirit High School Art Competition hosted at the Yieser Gallery in Paducah, KY.

Second Place:

Mason Savan (Photography)
Piercing Light
Teen Spirit 2024

Honorable Mentions:

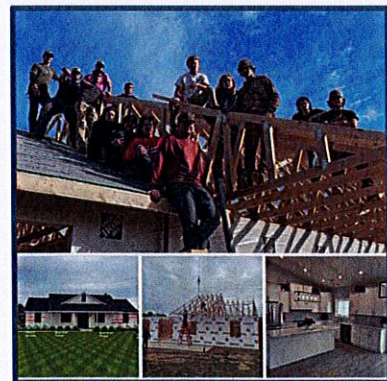
Acadia Sutton (Colored Pencil Drawing)
Agooga
Teen Spirit 2024

Allie Parks (Nail Polish Painting)
Childhood Royalty
Teen Spirit 2024

Ella Smith (Ceramic Cow)
Untitled
Teen Spirit 2024



Building Trades Program - MHS Building Trades Program completed work on this year's new home located at 12731 Harvest Lane, Marion, IL. The new home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bathrooms, a two car garage, and more.

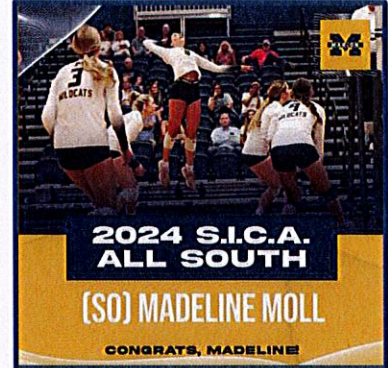
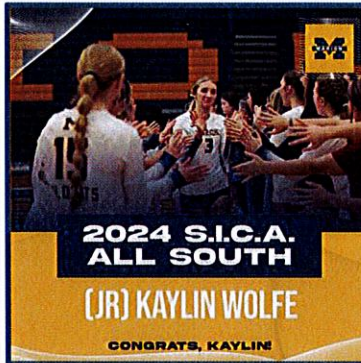
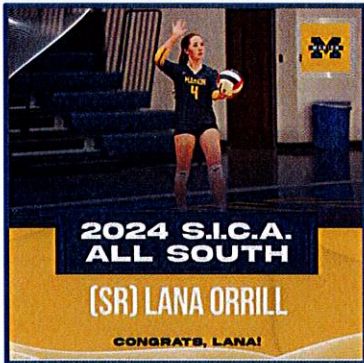


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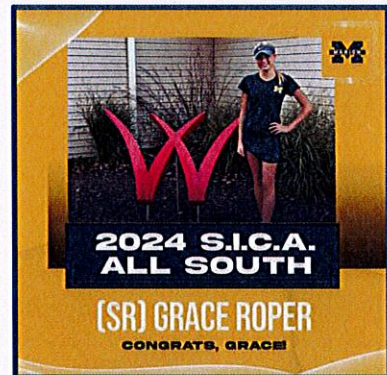
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Volleyball - Congratulations to the volleyball players that were named to the 2024 S.I.C.A All South.

Athletes: Lana Orrill, Kaylin Wolfe, and Madeline Moll



Girls Golf - Congratulations to Grace Roper for being named to the 2024 S.I.C.A All South.



Football - Congrats to the football players named to the 2024 South 7 All Conference.

1st Team: Junious Thomas, Sam Adkins, Alex Henry, Carson Hunter, and Callahan Roper

2nd Team: Hudson Wade, Ryan Calonne, and Bryan Madinger

Honorable Mention: Gavin Angone, Blake Winters, Chase Niemeyer, Aiden Pickles

2024 South 7 Football
All Conference

2024 South 7 All Conference Teams

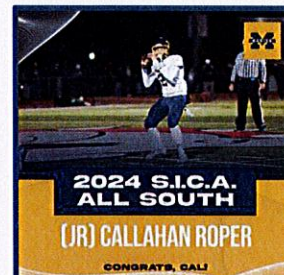
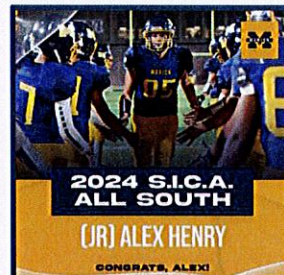
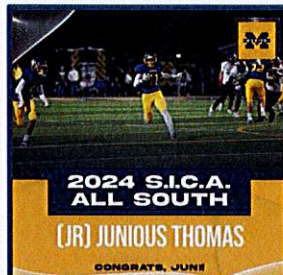
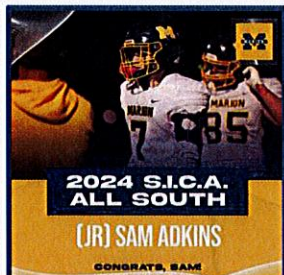
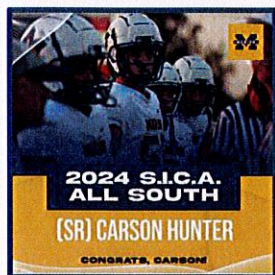
1st Team	2nd Team
Junious Thomas	Sam Adkins
Alex Henry	Carson Hunter
Callahan Roper	Hudson Wade
Ryan Calonne	Bryan Madinger
Gavin Angone	Blake Winters
Chase Niemeyer	Aiden Pickles

Sports

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Football - Congratulations to the football players that were named to the 2024 S.I.C.A All South.

Athletes: Carson Hunter, Sam Adkins, Junious Thomas, Callahan Roper, and Alex Henry

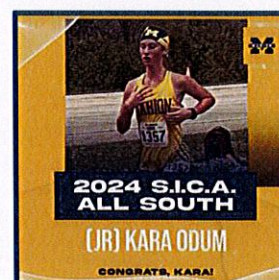


Esports - Congrats to Coach Jacob Rice and the Esports program! The Rocket League team finished 3rd overall and the Mario Kart team finished 6th overall at the 2024 IHSEA State Championships!



Bowling - Congratulations to the Wildcat Bowling team for finishing 5th out of 16 teams at the Salem Invite! Chandler Buckingham was Marion's top bowler averaging 206 on the day.

Girls Cross Country - Congratulations to Kara Odum for being named to the 2024 S.I.C.A All South.

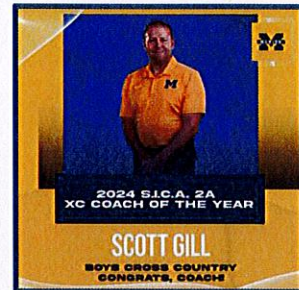
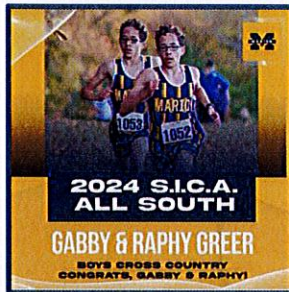
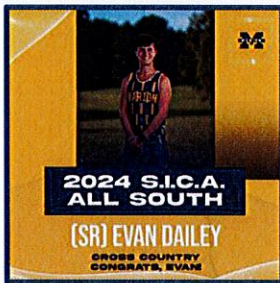


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Boys Cross Country - Congratulations to Evan Dailey, Gabby Greer, and Raphy Greer for being named to the 2024 S.I.C.A All South.

Also, Congratulations to Coach Scott Gill for being name as the 2024 S.I.C.A 2A XC Coach of the Year.

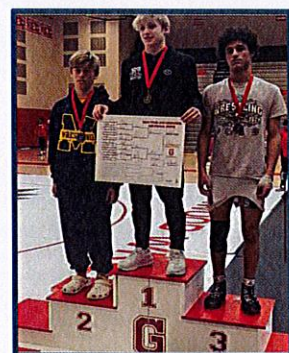
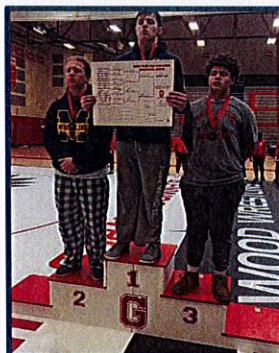


Basketball - Congratulations to Ethan Simmons and Kaden Rogowski for being named to the Crimson Classic All-Tournament Team!

Crimson Classic All-Tournament Team;
Amaree Burries- Jacksonville
Cameron Appenzeller- Glenwood
Kaden Rogowski- Marion
Ethan Simmons- Marion
Lewis Siegfried- West Hancock
Cooper Knowles- West Hancock
Congratulations, gentlemen!



Boys Wrestling - Congratulations to our boys Wildcat Wrestlers! They finished 4th overall at the Glenwood Tournament. Caden Frey was the 150 lb Champion!



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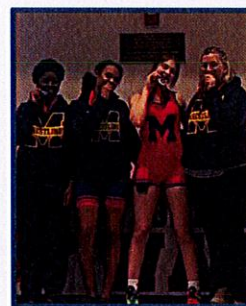
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Boys and Girls Wrestling - Congrats to the Wildcat Wrestling teams for finishing 2nd overall at the 2024 Wildcat Duals!

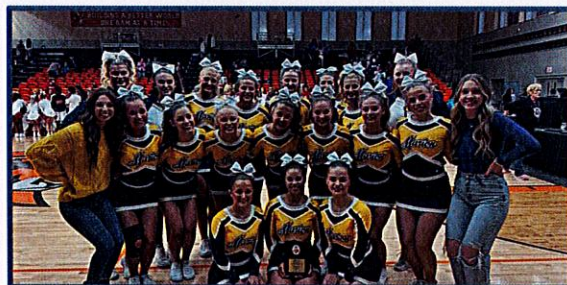


Girls Wrestling - Congratulations to our girls Wildcat Wrestlers! They finished 7th overall at the Granite City Tournament.

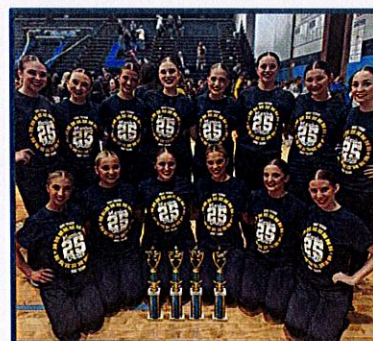
2nd Place (120 lb) - Alauni Muex
2nd Place (235 lb) - Olivia McDermitt
5th Place (130 lb) - Addison Arnold
6th Place (130 lb) - DJ Tucker



Cheer Team - Congratulations to the MHS Wildcat Cheer team who earned 2nd place at the Mt. Vernon ICCA Competition! They also qualified for ICCA State.



Dance Team - Congratulations to the MHS Dance team who placed 1st and qualified for State in all three of their routines - AA Kick, AA Jazz, and AA Open Pom at the Belleville East IDTA Regional. They also placed 1st in the 1A IHSA category!



District

Longfellow Elementary - Longfellow Elementary students made a donation of a variety of canned goods to the Salvation Army.



Legence Bank - Thank you to Legence Bank for their donation to buy a new sound system for the Marion Junior High School.



Special Principal Recognition - Congratulations to MJHS Principal, Chuck Williamson! He was selected by the Illinois Principal's Association as the Middle School Principal of the Year for the Shawnee region, which consists of 11 counties!

Special Assistant Principal Recognition - Congratulations to MHS Assistant Principal, Stephanie Oldham! She was selected by the Illinois Principal's Association as the Assistant Principal of the Year for the Shawnee region, which consists of 11 counties!

Special Assistant Superintendent Recognition - Congratulations to Marion Unit 2's Assistant Superintendent, Lindsay Watts! She was selected by the Illinois Principal's Association for the Herman Graves Award for the Shawnee region, which consists of 11 counties!



Chuck Williamson, Principal of the Year and Stephanie Oldham, Assistant Principal of the Year pictured with Doug Owens, IPA Shawnee Region State Director and Cody Cusic, IPA Shawnee Region Director.

Treasurer's Report

The district is 42% of the way through the fiscal year as of November 30, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 38.71% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 39.67%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 37.74%.

Miscellaneous and/or Discussion

Joseph Bleier, Board President, thanked everyone for their hard work this year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hoped they enjoyed their break.

Adjournment

Motion #5: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Sheri Lawler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion Number

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Garrison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lawler	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Henshaw	A	A	A	A	A
Wesley	A	A	A	A	A
Mohr	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bundren	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bleyer	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

11/21/25

DATE

JOSEPH BLEYER

PRESIDENT

[Signature]

SECRETARY