

Regular Meeting – April 16, 2024  
The Board of Education  
Community Unit School District No. 2  
Williamson County, Illinois

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

All board members present.

**Example of Educational Excellence**

Longfellow Elementary School presented a program titled “A Day in the Life of Kilroy”. Kilroy is a therapy dog that belongs to Janet Taylor, Lincoln/Longfellow Elementary Support Teacher. Mrs. Taylor and Aileen Stapleton, Longfellow Social Worker, presented an informative video of the benefits of therapy dogs in the classroom. Following the video, Mrs. Taylor introduced Kilroy to the Board and demonstrated some of his skills. After seeing and hearing about the benefits of therapy dogs in the classroom, they hope that the Board would allow additional therapy dogs be trained and be a part of Marion Unit #2.

Alyssa Weisenstein, MHS Science teacher and Recycling Program sponsor, introduced Harlan Whiteford and Zoe Graham, MHS students. The students presented a detailed proposal on establishing a Recycling Program at Marion High School. The proposal included the benefits of the program as well as ways to cover the expenses of the program. The students requested the Board consider implementing a student sustainability fee to high school students to cover the yearly cost of the program.

**Audience to Visitors**

No comments were offered.

**Marion Education Association**

No comments were offered.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion #1:** It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the March 18, 2024 special meeting and the March 19, 2024 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the March supplementary bills and the April bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
  - i. JoEllen Dobos to MJHS – \$100.00 to the Wildcat Pantry
  - ii. Cami Horn/Salvation Army to MJHS – shoes and socks valued at \$300.00
  - iii. AES Solar to the District – 100 pairs of eclipse glasses
  - iv. Banterra Bank to the District – 500 pairs of eclipse glasses
  - v. City of Marion to the District – 200 pairs of eclipse glasses
  - vi. Chamber of Commerce to the District – 100 pairs of eclipse glasses
  - vii. Austin Mallow/Mallow Financial to MJHS Cross Country – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00

## **Consent Agenda (con't)**

### **c. Donations**

- viii. Chris Blue/Jackson & Gray Insurance to MJHS Baseball – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- ix. Anthony & Padra Franks/Yellow Door Builders, Inc. to MJHS Cheerleading – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- x. Kimberly Walker to MJHS Dance – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xi. Aaron Smith/Little Nashville to MJHS Choir – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xii. Southern Illinois Rejuvenation Center to MJHS Volleyball – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xiii. Melissa & John Murrow/Egyptian Exterminating to MJHS Track & Field – custom locker magnets valued at \$200.00
- xiv. Friend of the Library to MJHS Library – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xv. Michael & Amanda Mosler/Covey PLLC to MJHS Scholar Bowl – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xvi. Melissa & Ryan Farley/Farley Engineering to MJHS Robotics – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xvii. Michael & Amanda Mosler/Covey PLLC to MJHS Scholar Bowl – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xviii. Nicole Lindsey/Wit & Wisdom to MJHS Service Club – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xix. Southern Illinois Rejuvenation Center to MJHS Jazz Choir – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xx. Kimberly Harris/Century 21 House of Realty, Inc. to MJHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes – custom locker magnets valued at \$100.00
- xxi. Readerlink to Longfellow – books for cake bingo
- xxii. Legence Bank to MJHS – new sound system valued at \$20,000.00

### **d. Participation in 2024-2025 Programs**

### **e. Memorandum of Understanding – Illinois State University**

Motion carried.

## **Personnel Recommendations**

**Motion #2:** It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented.

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

#### **Certified**

Graham Young, Automotive Technology Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Adams (JH) Summer School Teachers:** Amy Buchanan and Reid Roper

**MJHS Summer School Teachers:** Alana Adkins, Nichole Ashmore, Derek Bennett, Melissa Chance, Adam Disney, Durenda Fuchs, Mike Kraus, Cody Maze, Christie Sanders, and Jason Varner

**MHS Summer School Teachers:** Civics - Kerry Martin, Consumer Education – Kolbie Stuck, Driver Education – Eli Baker, Jason Dunning, Marty Cameron, Cody Pauls and Dean Schulmeister, Global Studies & American History/combined Online – Janna Gillespie, Health – Trebor Hill, and Physical Education – Jeff Tarlton

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

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

#### **Non-Certified**

Gracee Tanner, LPN assigned to Adams School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Coaching**

Erik Griffin, MHS Head Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mike Kraus, MHS Head Girls Golf Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Derek Williams, MJHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **REASSIGNMENT**

Michelle Kadela, Third Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary to Fifth Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **2023-2024 Tentative Amended Budget**

**Motion #3:** It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Sheri Lawler to adopt the tentative amended budget for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion carried.

## **Depository Banks**

**Motion #4:** It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve to authorize the following banks as depositories for the 2024-2025 school year (this action is taken on a yearly basis):

Peoples National Bank	Fifth Third Bank	Southern Trust
U.S. Bank	Farmers Bank	Legence Bank
Banterra Bank	Bank of Herrin	First Southern Bank
Regions Bank	First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	IL Liquid Asset Fund

Motion carried.

## **Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund**

**Motion #5:** It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to authorize the Resolution of Participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund. Motion carried.

## **Board Policy Review**

Review the following policies and vote at the May: 2:270, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:210, 2:140, 2:260, 2:265, 2:140E, 2:20E2, 4:20, 4:110, 4:190, 5:10, 5:100, 5:20, 5:35, 5:40, 5:300, 6:40, 6:230, 7:10, 7:20, and 7:180.

## **Technology Report**

Assisted with IAR, ISA, SAT and PSAT testing in all buildings.  
Updating expiring SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy).  
Finalizing mandated testing at all buildings.  
Preparing for On-Line Registration for the 24-25 SY

## **Maintenance Report**

**Washington Elementary School:** Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

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

**Lincoln Elementary School:** Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**High School:** Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**Jr. High:** We are starting on the pre-construction phase for the locker room renovation and the completion of the door replacement this summer. Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**Jefferson Elementary School:** We are starting on the pre-construction phase for the exterior door replacement. Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**Adams:** Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**Longfellow:** Planning projects to be performed over summer break, working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

**Custodial Teams:** The custodial teams are working on their typical day to day in the buildings.

**Warehouse Team:** The warehouse team continues to mow the properties and perform grounds maintenance. They also continue to assist the maintenance team where needed, as well as executing deliveries and filling in for custodial work.

**Maintenance Team:** The maintenance team has been working on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, organizing, planning, painting, mowing and maintaining the sports complex.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Moss invited the Board to the Marion Unit #2 Foundation Banquet on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

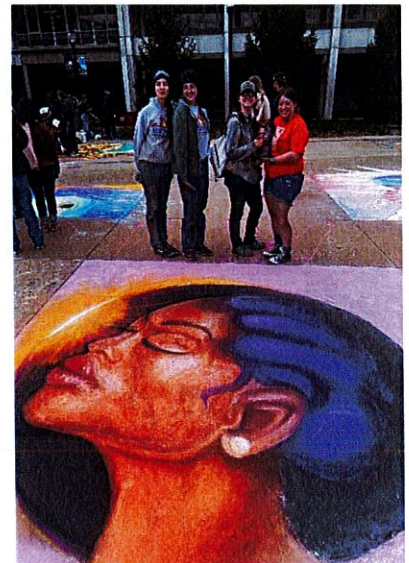
#### **Student Special Recognition**

The following students were recognized at the annual Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Dinner: Adams: Jaxon Owen & Jonathan Parks, Jefferson: Madalynn Robinson & Wyatt Tabor, Lincoln: Delaney Wilson & Luke Stanfill, Longfellow: Hannah Mitchell & Jillian Ridings, Washington: Imani Wood & Jackson True, MJH: Alekzander Tallman & Emma Skeate and MHS: Noah Motsinger & Isabella Mings.

### **Academics**

#### **Marion High School**

**Art** – SIUC Art Education Nation hosted the 2nd annual Chalk Competition. There were 16 schools competed using designed inspire by the eclipse as the theme this year. Marion had 12 teams enter the competition. The team of Elaina Williams, Lillian Seresbeno, CeCe Acosta-Lopez, Emma Davis received Teachers Choice/ Best of Show for their Sun and Moon Design and the team of Allie Parks, Abby Sproul, Acadia Sutton, and Athena Palmer received 2nd for their face profile with the eclipse in the background.





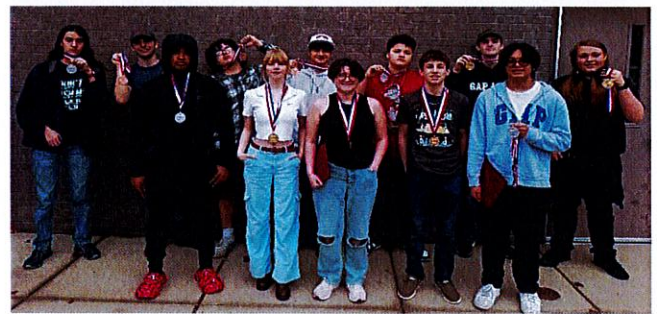
## Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

### Student Special Recognition

**Art** – Carley Williams was awarded an Art scholarship to Illinois State University for this coming summer for a week long all expenses paid stay for an Art immersive course.

**CAD** – Thirteen Marion High School CAD students attended the SIU Drafting Competition. 8th. Of the 13 students, we had 12 students place, and 8 of those will advance to the state competition at ISU in Bloomington, IL.

- Gabe Andress - 1st in Introductory CAD
- Dade Dunning - 2nd in Introductory CAD
- Hailey Muldrew - 1st in Architectural CAD 2D
- Brooke Burkhalter - 3rd in Architectural CAD 2D
- Eli Rafe - 2nd in Architectural CAD 3D
- Collin Merkel - 3rd in Architectural CAD 3D
- Rylan Williamson - 1st in Machine CAD 2D
- Cass Miller - 2nd in Machine CAD 2D
- Carter Sprague - 1st in Machine CAD 3D
- Noah Williams - 2nd in Machine CAD 3D
- Logan Wooters - 3rd in 3D CAD Modeling
- Nolan Rix - 3rd in Assembly Modeling



**Adams School** - Adams 6th-8th Grade Band earned a First superior rating at the IGSMMA State Band Contest.

**Marion Junior High** – Congratulations to the MJHS Concert Choir on receiving a Division I Superior rating and perfect score at IGSMMA-South State Organization Contest. The 6th Grade Choir received a Division I Excellent Rating, missing a Superior by 1 point.

### Sports

#### Marion High School

**Basketball** – Congratulations to Phoenix Hatchett (1<sup>st</sup> team), Kaden Rogowski (2<sup>nd</sup> team) and Ethan Simmons (honorable mention) for making the South 7 All-Conference team!

**Tennis** – Congratulations to Coach Joe Pearce and Wildcat Boys Tennis! Out of 40 teams at the Edwardsville Tourney, the Marion Wildcats are the recipients of The JD Miller Team Sportsmanship Award 2024!

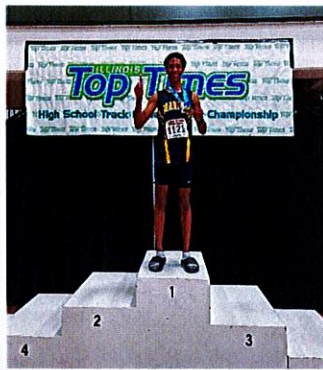
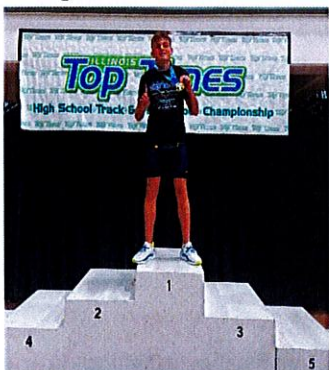




## Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

### Student Special Recognition

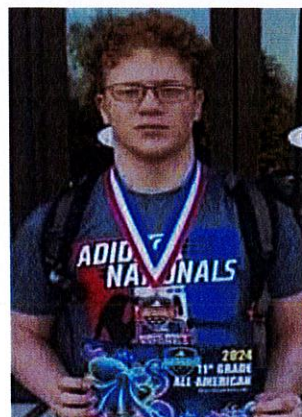
**Track** – Dylan Nalley broke the Illinois 2A 3200 meter indoor record at Illinois Top Times with a time of 8:54.01 and is the state champion. The previous record was 8:58.96 – this time is good enough to stand as the current US indoor #3! Mekye Lomax – 800 Meter Indoor State Champ, 4x800 Relay – (Lees, Nalley, Tate, Parks) - 5<sup>th</sup> place, Raphael Greer – 3200 Meter - 7<sup>th</sup> place and Jordyn Beverly – Shot - 10<sup>th</sup> place.



**Track** – Congratulations to the Lady Wildcats on winning the 2024 Marion Outdoor Invite and the 2024 Benton Don Webb Invite!



**Wrestling** – Congratulations to Bryan Madinger for finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place at the Adidas National Wrestling Tournament!



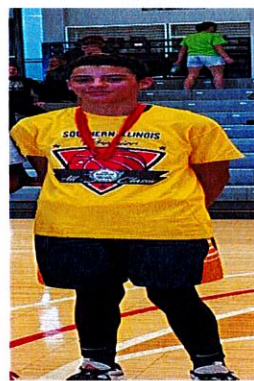
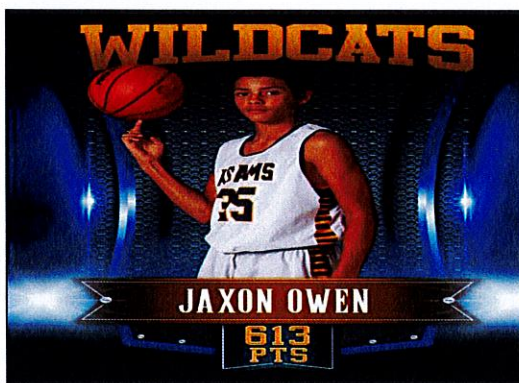


## Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

### Student Special Recognition

#### Adams

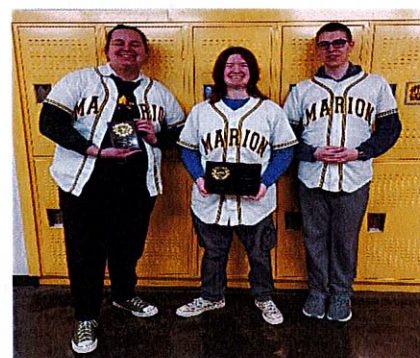
**Basketball (Boys)** – Jaxon Owen set the single season scoring record at Adams School this season by scoring 613 points! Jaxon was also selected to play in the Class S All-Star Game at Rend Lake College, where he received the “Future Star Award” for his performance in the game.



#### Clubs/Extra-Curricular

##### Marion High School

**Thinking Wildcats** – The MHS varsity team had a successful season with a record of 25-10. Over the past 3 years, the team has achieved impressive milestones such as winning the Marion Invitational, finishing 2nd in the Southern IL Academic Conference, and making it to the IHSA Regional Championship match.



#### Teacher/Coach Special Recognition

Congrats to Wildcat Baseball Head Coach Kyle Geiger on his 100th career coaching victory!



**Treasurer's Report**

The District is 75% the way through the fiscal year as of March 31, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 66.84% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 74.82%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 70.05%.

**Closed Session**

**Motion #6:** It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Shannon Mohr to enter into closed session for the purpose of Personnel, the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Motion #7:** It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.



MOTION NUMBER

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Garrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henshaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wesley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mohr	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bundren	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes

5/21/24  
DATE

  
PRESIDENT

  
SECRETARY