

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2023
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, Illinois

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

John Barwick and Brice Wesley were not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Jessica Corzine, Jefferson Elementary Principal, along with Jamie Ragan, Shawna Mohler and Sonja Cully, Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative staff members, shared with the Board information about the Pre-K program. They shared the screening process, different components of the program, family education opportunities as well as the benefits of the program. The Board appreciated the presentation and enjoyed videos of Pre-K students telling them why they loved Pre-K.

Audience to Visitors

No comments offered.

Marion Education Association

No comments offered.

Consent Agenda

Motion #1: It was moved by John Barwick and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the January 17, 2023 regular meeting and closed session meeting.
 - b. **Bills** – the January supplementary bills and the February bills for payment as presented.
 - c. **Donations**
 - i. Maxine Hancock – \$1,000.00 for Wildcat Way Fund
 - ii. Lynn & Allen Shotts – \$10,000.00 to the Longfellow Strive Program
 - iii. Pepsi Mid-America to MJHS – Pepsi products/cups
 - iv. Marion Fire Department – Escort & parade of MJHS Girls' State Basketball Team
 - v. Legence Bank – Pregame dinner for MJHS Girls' State Basketball Team
- Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Steve Cook to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Mallory Wilson, Principal assigned to Longfellow Elementary School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Non-Certified

Krista Chmiel, Junior High Choir Assistant (Stage manager/Choreographer), effective immediately.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

William Yates, Custodian assigned to Marion High School, effective February 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion #3: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Steve Cook to approve the following coaching recommendations:

Sara Baker, Adams Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Adam Gill, MHS Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Reid Roper, Adams Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately.

Walter Skeate, MJHS Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Eric Smith, MHS Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Alecia Stacey, MJHS Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Heather Webb, MJHS Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective immediately.

Bass Boat Captains: Dewayne Fowler, Connor Brave, Steve Brave, Bryan Bruner, Dax Christopher, Shannon Wallace, Brent Cain, Adam Robinson, Greg Miller, Steve Gabby, Kevin Williams, Aaron Henry, John Baker and Thomas Miller. Motion carried.

Motion #4: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Steve Cook to approve the following personnel recommendations:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

JoAnna Galloway, 6th Grade Computer Fundamentals Teacher assigned to MJHS, a medical leave of absence beginning approximately March 27, 2023 through May 3, 2023 using accumulated sick leave.

Alyssa Lopez, Nurse assigned to MHS, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 11, 2023 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year using accumulated sick leave.

Emilie Turner, English Teacher assigned to MHS, an unpaid FMLA for 12 weeks beginning on January 21, 2023 and ending on May 12, 2023 as well as an unpaid leave of absence from May 15, 2023 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

Motion #5: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Steve Cook to approve the following coaching recommendations:

RESIGNATIONS

Kyle Hartwell, Food Service Director, effective March 17, 2023.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

RESIGNATIONS

Rachel Spolarich, Adams School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective immediately. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATION/FACULTY/STAFF

Mallory Wilson, Longfellow Elementary School Principal

Aaron Dixon, Facilities Director

Bids and Proposals

Motion #6: It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Steve Cook to award the following bids:

Award the bid for Marion ADA Renovations – Phase 6 to Samron Midwest Contracting in the amount of \$178,178.00.

Award the bid for MJHS Exterior Improvements to Bruce Unterbrink Construction in the amount of \$698,313.00.

Award the bid for Marion District Parking Lot Repairs to Samron Midwest Contracting in the amount of \$367,367.00 Base Bid and \$27,000.00 Alternate No. 1 for total bid of \$394,367.00. Motion carried.

2023-2024 School Calendar

Motion #7: It was moved by Steve Cook and seconded by Cindy Gibbons to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Building Trades Lot/ Building Trades Home

Motion #8: It was moved by Steve Cook and seconded by Marc Henshaw to approve the lot purchase contract for future building trades home as presented and authorize Superintendent and CFO to represent Unit #2 at the closing and to approve the building trades home sales contract as presented and authorize Superintendent and CFO to represent Unit #2 at the closing. Motion carried.

Technology Report

Infinite Campus – Data Clean up/Parent Portal- On-going.

Preparation for the 23-24 SY in Infinite Campus/Scheduling.

Weekly Processing parent accounts – Securly.

Received Promethean shipment - 72 boards.

Weekly processing of District Homeless Report.

Preliminary planning for IAR testing.

Daily network monitoring both wired and WiFi, to ensure reliability - District-wide.

Weekly monitoring Lightning Detection System – MHS.

Daily/Weekly creation of student email addresses for new in-coming students.

Asset Inventory.

Responded to 89 Tech Requests.

Chromebook repair/replace for all elementary schools.

Advanced preparation for IAR testing grades 3 through 8.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Summer Construction Projects:

Jr High exterior brick work and tuck pointing

Lincoln and Jefferson Parking lots

MHS exterior concrete work (court yard area)

Exterior stair painting at Adams and MHS

911 exterior signage for all exterior doors are in place

Custodians, warehouse and maintenance crews all worked together to remove ice and snow on all our sidewalks, entryways and parking lots.

Custodial

Custodians are busy with day to day operations as well as trying to keep all our facilities sanitized.

Warehouse

Warehouse crew helps with delivering paper, kitchen and custodial supplies.

Delivered Promethean Boards to each school.

Help with custodial duties as needed and help with set up and tear down of events as needed.

Maintenance

Maintenance crew assembled Promethean Boards.

Work order requests, preventive maintenance items.

Help with set up and tear down of events as needed.

Sports Complex

Complex crew is getting baseball/softball fields and equipment ready.

Help with work orders, set up and tear down of events.

Installing new backstop nets on the sports complex baseball and softball fields.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Oates shared he is looking forward to upcoming spring sports and activities as the successful winter season is coming to a close.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss informed the Board that Summer School planning is underway. Lincoln Elementary will be a location for elementary grade levels, Adams School will serve as a site for elementary and junior high students and MHS will serve as the site for junior high and high school students.

Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion High School

Accounting – MHS accounting students competed at the 25th Annual SIU Accounting Challenge. The students took a multiple choice test and then completed a creative problem-solving challenge. Marion student winners included the following: Individual Scholarship Winners: Nate Hendry, 1st Place - Accounting 2, Tyler Maloney, 2nd Place - Accounting 2, Jacob Hall, 3rd Place - Accounting 2, Caverly Oates, 3rd Place - Accounting 2, 1st Place Accounting 2 Team: Nate Hendry, Haylee Lambert, and Tommy Wiseman.



Academic

Marion High School

Art – MHS artwork is on display in the lobby of the Marion Cultural Civic Center for a month long engagement. During the month of January sophomore Abby Sproul displayed her quilting talent and during the month of February senior Claire Wallace is displaying her photography. Artwork can be viewed during business hours.



NAHS Art students created large paintings of famous African American artist who moved the art world forward through their sacrifices and adversities throughout their careers. Artwork will stay on display in the lobby area of the MHS auditorium the month of February.



Art – Regional Scholastic Awards Ceremony results: MHS received 1 Gold Key American Visionary Winner, 25 Gold Key Winners, 28 Silver Key Winners and 67 Honorable Mentions.



First Row: Carly Pinkston, Abby Koerber, Anna O'Brien, Boa Bethel, Kaylyne Carr, Lily Seresbeno, Claire Wallace, Abigail Gribble, Haley Deaton. Second Row: Colby Tennant, Alana Bryant, Dan Brame, Alexandria Parks, Arabella Williams, Paislee Freeborn, Georgia Hale, Cecilia Acosta Lopez, Elaina Williams, Kayla Hallerin, Emma Pyatt, Raini King, Shayleigh Wallis, Ben Harrawood, Brilyn Colclasure. Third Row: Sophia Swinford. Bailey Schafer, John Tanner, Sofia Wallis, Kilian Raijmakers, Briley Dailey, Bonnie Kearns, Kanye Gunn, Elijah Bearden, Landon Miller. Not pictured: Landen Nelson, Kyliegh Newton, Christopher Norris, Andrew Scholes, Isabella Harris, Bennie Kincheloe, Lindsey Davidson, Copper McCameron, Abbigail Sproul, Kiauna Mc Millen, Janessa Santos, Tatyanna Wyatt, Carter Sprague, Hannah Mc Nichols, Kaydin Brown, Audry Smith, Micheal Surburg, Gabe Biermann, Emma Hood, Addison Keck, Collin Merkel, Noah Reed, Jaylyn Ward

Academic

Marion High School

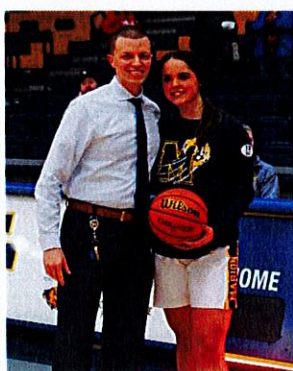
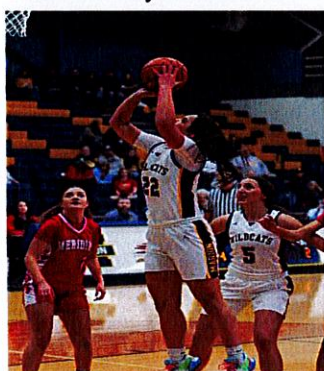
Art – MHS Art students competed against other high school art students from around Illinois on February 9th in a Virtual 3D challenge. The challenge was 90 minutes to design and create a 3-foot-tall 3D wedding/birthday cake for Lady Gaga inspired by monsters. MHS Team #1 finished in 1st place! Team members were Lillian Seresbeno, Elaina Williams and Briley Dailey.



Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Girls) – Congratulations to Marion High School's new all-time leading girls' basketball scorer Jerzy Bittle!

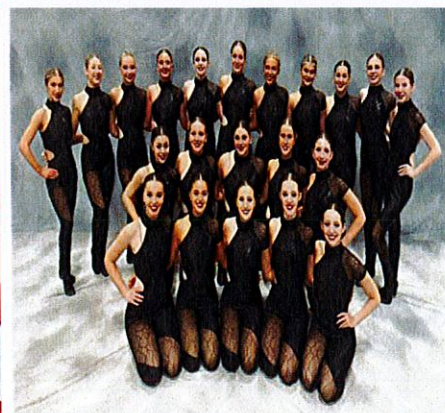


Bowling

Camden Bruner and Chandler Buckingham advanced to the IHSA Boys Bowling Sectional Tournament.



Dance – MHS Dance team won the IHSA Sectional Championship. This is the first time in school history! The team competed at the IHSA State finals and finished in 4th place – highest IHSA finish in school history!



Marion High School

Sports

Dance – MHS Dance Team competed in the IDTA State Competition. They were name State Champions for the 18th time in AA Kick and they are State Champions in AA Open Pom for the first time in school history! Their kick routine also received the AA High Point Award and were 2nd place AA overall Grand Champion. In addition, two of our soloists made the top 36 in the state and McKennah placed 9th overall. The most important moment of the day was when EVERY girl on the team was named an IDTA Scholar Athlete.



Guard – The MHS Guard Team competed in the IDTA State Finals. Results are as follows: 2nd place Tall Flag and 4th place Lyrical Flag. Congratulations to Ella Hudspath on her 2nd place finish in her Flag Solo!



Track – Congrats to Wildcat Track & Field's Sean Hudspath! Sean just set our new 800-meter indoor record at the University of Louisville!



Marion High School

Sports

Wrestling – MHS Wrestling team won the Blackcat Brawl Team Champions and had great individual success! Caleb Ohnesorge was named Most Outstanding Wrestler!



Congratulations to all of our Wildcat Wrestlers who were selected to the South 7 Conference All-Conference teams! Boys: 113 Riddick Cook (25-11) 1st team, 120 Max Wade (36-4) 1st team, 132 Tate Miller (30-8) 1st team, 145 Caleb Ohnesorge (22-1) 1st team, 182 Malakei Weatherly (29-8) 1st team, 220 Bryan Madinger Jr. (30-10) 2nd team, and 285 Kanye Gunn (29-6) 2nd team. Girls: 120 DJ Tucker 1st team, 135 Harmony Taborn 2nd team, 140 Brooklyn Phemister 2nd team, 155 Haylie Nappier Feth 1st team, 170 Nevaeh Gill 2nd team, and 190 Olivia McDermott 1st team.

Wrestling – Wildcat Wrestling took 3rd place overall at the Centralia Regional! Individual results: 113 Riddick Cook Champion, 120 Max Wade 2nd place, 126 Brennan Vogt Champion, 132 Tate Miller 3rd place, 145 Caden Frey 3rd place, 152 Caleb Ohnesorge Champion, 160 Justin Murphy 4th place, 182 Malakei Weatherly 3rd place, 220 Bryan Madinger 2nd place, and 285 Kanye Gunn 2nd place.

Congrats to Haylie Nappier-Feth on her 2nd place finish at the Decatur Sectional! Haylie is heading to the IHSA State Finals!



Sports

Marion Junior High School

Basketball (Girls) – Congratulations to the Marion Jr. High JV and Varsity Girls' basketball teams on ending their regular season play undefeated. JV Team 19 - 0 and Conference Champions. The Varsity Team 20 - 0 and Conference Champions and Regional Champions!



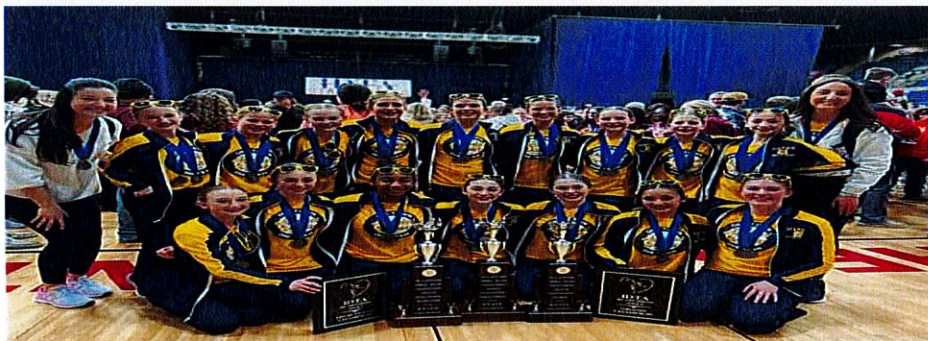
Sports

Marion Junior High School

Basketball (Girls) – The Lady Wildcats close their phenomenal season with a 2nd place finish at the SIJHSAA Class State tournament! The team finished the season with a record of 22-1.



Dance – The MJHS Dance Team competed in the IDTA State Competition. They were named State Champions in Kick, Lyrical and Open Pom! For the first time in school history, MJHS won Grand Champion and High Point Champion out of 29 teams!



Adams School

Basketball (Boys) – The Boys Basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 19-6!



Adams School

Basketball (Boys) – Congratulations to 8th grader Kash Hutchcraft who has been selected to play in the Jr. High All-Star Classic at Rend Lake College the weekend of March 11-12.



Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Ethics Bowl Team – Congratulations to the Marion High School Blue Team and coach Megan Tate for winning the 2023 Southern Illinois regional competition for the National High School Ethics Bowl held at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville this weekend! The SIUE Department of Philosophy hosts this competition every year, encouraging future generations of careful, critical, ethical thinkers.



FFA – Congratulations to Kanye Gunn and Hayden Lees! Both were recommended by the section to earn their State Degree AND they each won their section proficiency award area and will move on to compete at the District level.



Special Recognition

Bryson Burgess received the SIUE Chancellor's Scholarship, which covers full tuition, mandatory mandatory fees, food and housing for four years.



Matthew Surburg, received the Saluki Support Scholarship, which covers tuition, Mandatory fees, housing and food for four years.



Congratulations to Lilly Brauner!
She competed in the Special Olympics
and placed 1st in Bowling!



Treasurer's Report

The District is 58.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of January 31, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 53.26% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 62.47%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 53.31%.

Closed Session

The Board did not enter into closed session.

Adjournment

Motion #9: It was moved by Steve Cook and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

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| Cook | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Gibbons | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Henshaw | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wesley | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Barwick | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Bundren | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Bleyer | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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