

Regular Meeting - January 21, 2025
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, IL

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Marc Henshaw was not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

The City of Marion and Marion CUSD #2 entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement at last night's board meeting to allow Marion Unit 2 Building and Trades program to construct two single-family homes on lots that are a part of the City's Midway Court Rejuvenation Project. Hailey Muldrew, a Junior at MHS, spoke to the School Board in regard to her participation in the community project. Hailey is interested in a career in architecture and has been taking drafting and CAD classes at MHS. Mayor Absher invited Hailey to be a part of the design team for the Midway Court Rejuvenation Project. Hailey thanked the City of Marion for allowing her to be a part of the community project and the School Board for supporting classes at MHS to allow her to take this career path. Mr. Lester James, MHS Building and Trades program teacher was also in attendance and stated that they completed all steps at the City Hall in order to break ground on the two houses on Monday, January 27, 2025 and are hoping to have them under roof by summer.

Audience to Visitors

No Public Comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

Anthony Stephens, MEA President, spoke in regards to the cold temperatures in classrooms and wanting to work together to develop short-term solutions to keep the rooms warm during school hours.

Anthony also spoke on how he will be presenting the School Board with the Demand to Bargain in the near future and how he is hoping the MEA and the School Board can work together on finding solutions to some of the issues that will be on the table.

Director of Williamson Co. Education Services - Mrs. Jami Hodge

Director Jami Hodge of Williamson County Education Services presented Williamson County trend data for special education services. She explained the process, timelines, programs and staffing specific to Marion Unit 2. Mrs. Hodge was joined by WCES Coordinators, Liz Hein, Jodi Warner, Melissa Cockburn and Amy Richards who work closely with Marion Unit 2 principals, teachers, support staff and families to ensure the needs of ALL Marion students are met.

Consent Agenda

Motion #1: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

a. Minutes - the minutes from the December 17, 2024 public hearing, regular meeting and December 18, 2024 public hearing, special meeting.

Consent Agenda (con't)

b. Bills – the December supplementary bills and the January bills for payment as presented.

c. Donations

- i. Brakebrush Brothers, Inc. to MHS 2025 Summer Sports - valued at \$60.00
- ii. Brakebrush Brothers, Inc. to MJHS 2025 Summer Sports - valued at \$120.00
- iii. Brakebrush Brothers, Inc. to Adams 2025 Summer Sports - valued at \$35.00
- iv. Jim Parker to Marion Unit 2 School District - Donation valued at \$1,000.00
- v. Reading for Education to Lincoln Elementary - Supplies valued at \$746.09
- vi. Marion Aldersgate to MHS Friends in Christ Club - Donation valued at \$200.00
- vii. SI Community Foundation to Marion Unit 2 Foundation - Donation valued at \$297.80

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

Brett Leeper, Maintenance Department, effective February 3, 2025.

Deborah Parks, Cook assigned to Washington, effective January 21, 2025.

Certified

Andrea Fruge, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Longfellow, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Sheldon Stieg, Social Worker assigned to Adams, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Lauryn Brown, Elementary Social Worker assigned to Washington/Lincoln, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Coaching

Jana Elwood, MHS Volunteer Girls Track & Field Coach, effective 2024-2025 season.

Alicia Stacey, MJHS Head Girls Track & Field Coach, effective 2024-2025 season.

REASSIGNMENTS

Jamie Brush, reassigned from MJHS Cook to Second Cook at MJHS, effective January 21, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS

Diana Holcomb, Cook assigned to MJHS, effective January 31, 2025.

Jemie Swan, Cook assigned to Adams, effective January 31, 2025.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Bailey Anderson, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately May 19, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year using accumulated sick leave and dock days.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion #3: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

MHS Graduation

Motion #4: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the Marion High School Graduation date of Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Rent One Park, now known as Mountain Dew Park. Motion carried.

Bids and Proposals

Motion #5: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to award the following bids. Motion carried.

Award the bid for Washington Elementary School Tuckpointing to Barter Masonry, Inc. in the amount of \$96,540.

Award the bid for Marion Junior High School Roof Replacement to Geissler Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$384,000.

Award the bid for Marion High School and Washington Elementary Roof Replacement to DE Martin Roofing in the amount of \$1,287,304.

Use of Facilities

Motion #6: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the updated procedures for the use of Marion CUSD #2 facilities as presented. Motion carried.

Substitute Pay Rate

Motion #7: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the substitute pay rate increase from \$120.00 a day to \$125.00 a day effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Vision 2030 Board Resolution

Motion #8: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the Vision 2030 Board Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Technology Report

- Deployment schedule for Windows 11 desktop deployment
- Third-party Phishing campaign deployed
- On-going SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy) New and renewing
- Finalizing details for vendors to buy some outdated technology
- Preliminary plans for E-Rate for FY25
- Assisting in the new design and structure of new district website
- Preparation of High School CTE Course Assignments
- Testing set up and operation of WIFI based document cameras

Maintenance Report

- Focusing on upcoming Health Life Safety Inspections coming up.
- Focusing on current and future weather conditions.
- Working on construction projects for summer 2025.
- Continuously looking for ways to better the learning environment at each school.
- Scheduling onsite staff training for both the Maintenance and Custodial Department.

Maintenance Report (con't)

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

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

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

Custodial Teams: The custodial team has been working hard helping remove snow and ice from sidewalks and entrance ways. With school being back in session they now continue to focus on their day to day and any events that come up.

Maintenance Team: The Maintenance team has been working hard on snow and ice removal lately. They also continue to focus on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, organizing, planning, and painting.

I would like to personally thank all of the Maintenance and Custodial staff who helped in the last few days with clearing all of the ice and snow from parking lots, sidewalks, and entranceways. From January 3 to January 10 the departments put down over 8 tons (equivalent to an empty full size school bus) of salt on the parking lots and sidewalks. Even though we did not have in-person learning we wanted to be sure that all of the facilities would be safe for anyone needing to enter.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Moss thanked the maintenance and custodian crews for all of their hard work during the ice and snow storms for making sure our buildings, sidewalks and parking lots were safe to return to when school resumed after break.

Assistant Superintendent Report



January 2025

Student Special Recognition

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Academics

Marion Junior High School

Jazz Choir - The MJHS Jazz Choir sang the African America National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" at the MLK Day Luncheon.



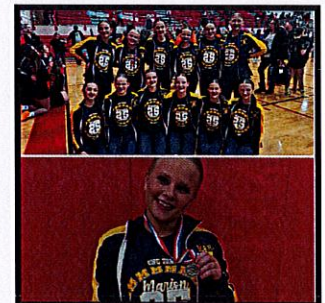
Sports

Marion Junior High School

Dance Team - Congratulations to the MJHS Dance Team for placing first in Open Pom, Lyrical, and Kick at the Edwardsville Dance Competition!



Dance Team - Congratulations to the MJHS Dance Team for placing first in Open Pom, Lyrical, and Kick at the Charleston Regional Dance Competition!



Also, congratulations to Elaina Lueker for receiving the Rising Star Award!

Dance Team - Congratulations to the MJHS Dance Team for placing first in Open Pom, Lyrical, and Kick at the Marion IDTA Regional!



Also, congratulations to Jordan Walker for receiving the Rising Star Award!

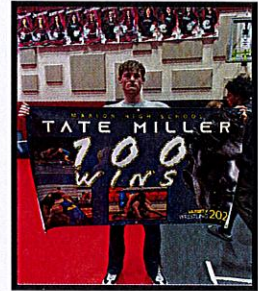


Assistant Superintendent Report

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Wrestling - Congratulations to Tate Miller on his 100th win!



Boys Wrestling - Congratulations to the four Athletes that battled their way to the podium at the Mascoutah Dale Brecklel Invite!

8th Place (113lb) - Rigdon Meacham

8th Place (126 lb) - Max Wade

3rd Place (150 lb) - Caden Frey

5th Place (190 lb) - Evan Francis



Boys Wrestling - Congratulations to the boys MHS Wildcat JV Wrestling athletes that earned their way to the podium at the Carmi Freshman/Sophomore Tournament!

1st Place (113 lb) - Ridgon Meachan

1st Place (120 lb) - Juelz Elliott

2nd Place (126 lb) - Hunter Detrick

3rd Place (157 lb) - John Walters

2nd Place (165 lb) - AJ Babington

2nd Place (215 lb) - Tristan Vail

3rd Place (285 lb) - Logan Black



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Wrestling - Congratulations to the boys MHS Wildcat Wrestling Team for placing 2nd out of 31 teams at the Murdale Tournament!

Congrats to the following athletes that earned their way to the podium!

- 4th Place (126 lb) - Riddick Cook
- 3rd Place (144 lb) - Nate Page
- 2nd Place (150 lb) - Caden Frey
- 2nd Place (165 lb) - Tate Miller
- 7th Place (175 lb) - Grayson Sanders
- 3rd Place (190 lb) - Evan Francis



Wrestling: Congrats to both girls and boys MHS Wildcat Wrestling Teams for sweeping the competition in the first ever Williamson County Cup Tournament!



Girls Wrestling - Congratulations to the girls MHS Wildcat Wrestling Team for being the Murdale Tournament Champs!

Congrats to the following athletes that earned their way to the podium!

- 1st Place (120 lb) - Alauni Muex
- 4th Place (120 lb) - Nevaeh Duey
- 4th Place (130 lb) - DJ Tucker
- 4th Place (135 lb) - Joelene Nappier-Feth
- 3rd Place (145 lb) - Melissa Comerford



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Girls Wrestling - Congratulations to the girls MHS Wildcat Wrestling Team for placing 7th out of 18 teams at the Caldwell County Tournament!

Congrats to the following athletes that earned their way to the podium!

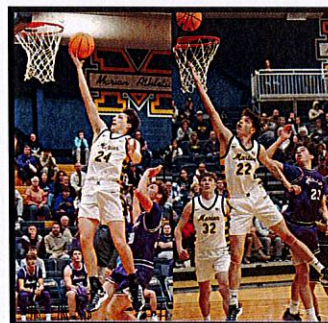
- 5th Place (100 lb) - Alexis Shepard
- 2nd Place (120 lb) - Alauni Muex
- 6th Place (126 lb) - Carley Williams
- 5th Place (138 lb) - Joelene Nappier-Feth
- 2nd Place (145 lb) - Melissa Comerford
- 5th Place (235 lb) - Olivia McDermott



Girls Basketball - Congratulations to Khamari Jackson for being named to the All Tournament Team at the Coles County Holiday Tournament!



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to Kaden Rogowski and Ethan Simmons for being named to the All Tournament Team at the Taylorville Holiday Tournament!



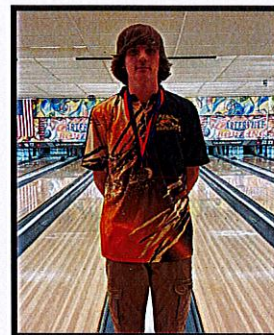
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Sports

Marion High School

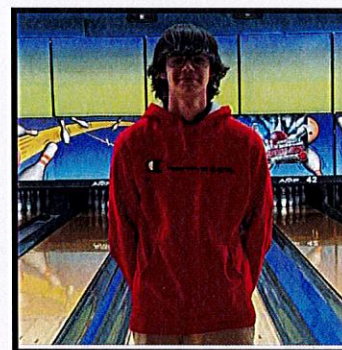
Boys Bowling - Congratulations to the boys Wildcat Bowling Team for placing 8th out of 16 teams at the Carterville Invite!

Also, congrats to Garrett Murphy who received medals for his 2nd place high 723 series and 3rd place high game with a 278!



Boys Bowling - Congratulations to the boys Wildcat Bowling Team for placing 4th at the South 7 Tournament!

Also, congrats to Chandler Buckingham who earned 2nd Team All-Conference!



Boys Bowling - Congratulations to the boys Wildcat Bowling Team for placing 5th at the Herrin Regional!

Also, congrats to Chandler, Ethan, Garret and Shawn for advancing to the Collinsville Sectional!



Girls Bowling - Congratulations to the girls Wildcat Bowling Team for placing 4th at the South 7 Tournament!

Also, congrats to Lauren Sturgeon who earned 1st Team All-Conference and Lorelei Collins who earned 2nd Team All-Conference!



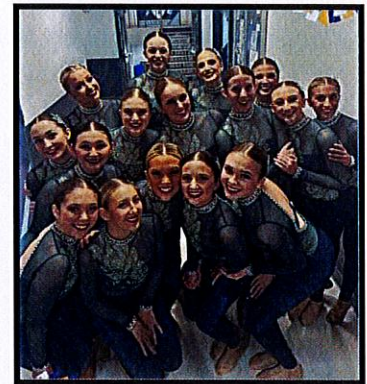
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Sports

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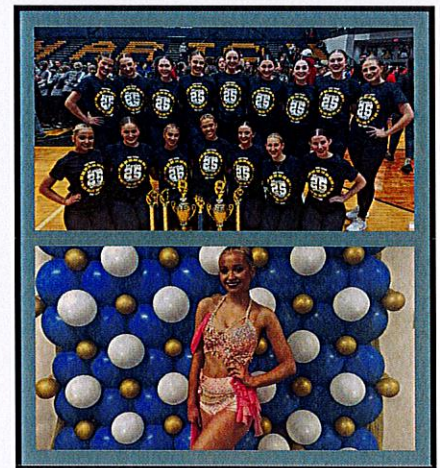
Dance - Congratulations to the MHS Dance Team for placing 2nd and 4th place in the IHSA category at the Edwardsville Competition!

Also, congratulations to the MHS Dance Team for Placing 1st in Kick, 2nd in Jazz, and 3rd in Open Pom in the IDTA Categories at the Edwardsville Competition!

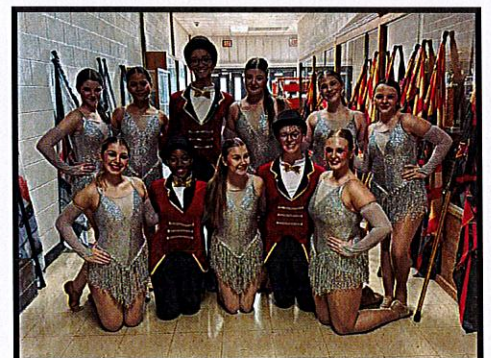


Dance - Congratulations to the MHS Dance Team for placing first in AA Kick, AA Jazz, and AA Open Pom at the Marion IDTA Regional ! They also placed 1st out of 20 teams in the IHSA Division and 2nd out of 20 teams in the IHSA Division.

Also, Congratulations to the McKenna Walters for qualifying for IDTA State with her 1st place solo routine!



Guard - Congratulations to the MHS Wildcat Guard Team for placing 2nd in Tall Flag and 2nd in Lyrical Flag at the Charleston IDTA Competition. Both routines qualified for IDTA State!



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Guard - Congratulations to the MHS Wildcat Guard Team for placing 2nd in Tall Flag and 2nd in Lyrical Flag at the Marion IDTA Regional!

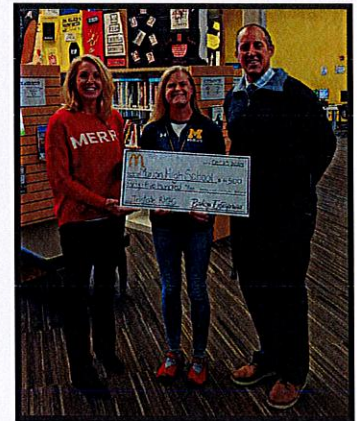
Also, congratulations to Cole for placing 1st in his solo and to Lanique for placing 3rd in her solo.

Congratulations to Lanique for also receiving the Rising Star Award.



District

Marion High School - MHS was awarded a \$4,500 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities and Bishop Enterprises to host a Teen Author fest for area High School students. Pictured left to right: Stephanie Bishop, Bishop Enterprises; Jenna Griffin, MHS Library and Media Director; and Joe Williams, MHS Principal.



Treasurer's Report

The district is 50% of the way through the fiscal year as of December 31, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 46.49% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 48.45%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 44.91%.

Closed Session

Motion #9: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Brice Wesley 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. Motion carried.

Adjournment

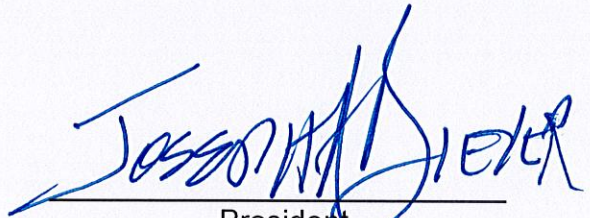
Motion #10: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Shannon Mohr to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

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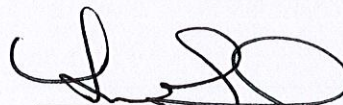
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Garrison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lawler	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Henshaw	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Wesley	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mohr	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bundren	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bleyer	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

2/18/25

Date



President



Secretary