Regular Meeting - March 18, 2025 The Board of Education Community Unit School District No. 2 Williamson County, IL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Marc Henshaw was not present.

Closed Session

Motion #1: The Board voted 6-0 to enter into closed session at 5:34 p.m. 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; 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 and the Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office, as public office is defined in the Open Meetings Act, or to fill a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given the power to appointment under law or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law.

Example of Educational Excellence

Dr. Gabriele Farner, MHS Business teacher, highlighted the business department by sharing a slideshow of an educational research project her business classes are conducting called The Goldfish Project. Her business students are researching to see which goldfish cracker flavor is Marion's favorite. One of Dr. Farner's students, Kali Wallace, helped present the project to the school board. Kali emphasized the many skills the students have gained during their participation in the project such as how to research, conduct assessments and surveys, and to create campaigns through social media. Kali also noted that the project has taught the students to reach out and engage with different people, groups and businesses in the community to help promote their project. While partnering with Pure Pet, Granny Puckett's, Black Diamond, the elementary schools in Marion and the Marion City Hall the students have packed over 10,000 samples to pass out to conduct surveys. After voting closes on April 12th, Dr. Farner's students will compile their findings into a report and share the results through social media.

Audience to Visitors

No comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

No comment was offered.

Consent Agenda

Motion #2: 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 February 18, 2025 regular meeting and from the closed session.
- **b.** Bills the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
- c. Donations
 - i. Benton Verizon to MJHS for Teacher Supplies valued at \$75.00
 - ii. In Memory of Mary Landes to MHS for Nursing Program Needs valued at \$4,090.00
- d. IHSA Membership

Board Policy Adoption

Motion #3: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to adopt the following policies as presented: 4:30, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 6:60, 7:10, 8:10, 4:60, 2:105, 2:120, 4:170, 5:120, 5:125, 6:135, 6:270, 7:100, 7:180, 7:200. Motion carried.

Conversion of Suspension with Pay to Suspension without Pay

Motion #4: Tabled until the March meeting.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #5: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the following first, second, third and fourth year teacher lists as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Fourth Year Teachers Current Assignment

Bailey Anderson*	3rd Grade – Washington
Morgan Brave*	. 1st Grade – Longfellow
Elizabeth Graff*	. 2nd grade – Washington
Jill Morthland*	. Elementary Social Worker/Family Liaison
Haley Rushing*	1st Grade – Jefferson

Board Note and not part of recommendation: The above named 4th year teachers will attain tenure at the end of this school year.

Third Year Teachers Current Assignment

Nicole Allen*	Kindergarten – Jefferson
Abby Bayer*	Math – MHS
Cari Beck*	Kindergarten – Washington
Peyton Fosse*	Social Worker – MHS
Amanda Gates*	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Leila Kassim*	Science – MHS
Ally Pecord*	1st Grade – Lincoln
Olivia Plott*	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Madison Presswood*	Social Worker – Washington
Kyle Schmitt*	Math – MJHS
Madison Rowland*	5th Grade – Washington
Alecia Stacey*	Science – MJHS
Heather Webb*	Physical Education – MJHS

<u>Board Note and not part of recommendation:</u> * Teachers receiving tenure as per school code with three (3) consecutive years with a rating of "excellent".

Second Year Teachers Current Assignment

<u>Board Note and not part of recommendation:</u> * Teachers receiving tenure as per school code with two (2) consecutive years with a rating of "excellent" with Marion CUSD #2 but only if the teacher previously attained contractual continued service in a different school district in the state and received in his/her most recent annual evaluations from the prior school district, ratings of "proficient" (tenure portability).

First Year Teachers Current Assignment

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Jennifer Anderson	. English – MJHS
Andrea Francis	. Band Director - MJHS
Jacob Rice	. Science – MHS
Jayna Spillan	. Science - MHS
Kyle Geiger	. Physical Education – MHS
Haley Van Horn	3rd Grade - Lincoln
Christin York	Art – MHS
Graham Young	Automotive Technology - MHS
Jaycee Giles	English - MJHS
Meghan Sage	Math - MJHS
a. Personnel Recommendat	ions (con't)
Amanda Spannagel	English - MJHS
Stephen Poggendorf	English - MHS Extension Center
Sophia Boswell	3rd Grade - Washington

Part-Time Teacher Current Assignment

Kaylee Evans 3rd Grade - Adams

Kourtney Sullivan	Medical Careers – MHS
Joanna Samples	English Language Learners

<u>Board Note and not part of recommendation:</u> Non-Tenured teachers must be re-employed at this meeting. The positions listed in the four categories (fourth, third, second and first year teachers) above are the <u>current positions/assignments</u> for the 2024-2025 school year. These positions/assignments, as well as locations, may change for the 2025-2026 school year depending on enrollment numbers and other assignment changes.

Motion #6: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented: Motion carried.

Non-Certified

Angel Harding, Cook assigned to Adams, effective March 18, 2025.

Coaching

MHS Volunteer Bass Boat Captains: Thomas Miller, Hayden Snyder, Greg Miller, John Baker, Steve Gabby, Aaron Henry, Kevin Williams, John Owens, and Bryan Bruner, effective for the 2025 season.

Amy Buchanan, Adams Girls Assistant Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2025 season.

REASSIGNMENTS

Brandi Stanley, reassigned from Nurse Float assigned to Marion Unit 2 to School Nurse at MJHS, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Morgan Brave, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Longfellow, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Kourtney Sullivan, School Nurse assigned to MJHS and Nursing Instructor assigned to MHS, effective May 23, 2025.

Adam McKinney, Science Teacher assigned to MHS, effective July 31, 2025.

Christin York, Art Teacher assigned to MHS, effective July 31, 2025.

RETIREMENTS

Jennifer Ninness, Secretary assigned to Washington, effective June 3, 2025.

Inter-Fund Loans

<u>Motion #7:</u> It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to authorize Superintendent Becky Moss to direct Treasurer Kim Watson to loan, if necessary, amounts between existing funds, as provided in the Illinois School Code for customary expenditures, including but not limited to, payroll, utilities and regular monthly expenditures. Motion carried.

Building Trades Home

No Action Required: The buyer rescinded their offer to purchase the building trades home that was approved at the February 28, 2025 meeting.

Board Note: Home is located at 12766 Harvest Ln. Sale price was \$295,000.

Auditor Engagement Letter

Motion #8: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the Auditor Engagement Letter from Kemper CPA Group for the following three years: FY25: \$35,550.00, FY26: \$37,325.00, FY27: \$39,195.00. Motion carried.

Technology Report

Summary of Jerry Stanley's activities:

- Windows 11 desktop deployment complete for all 8 buildings.
- Daily update of new district-wide asset inventory.
- Completed a second phishing campaign. 7.5 % failure rate.
- Updating/renewing SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy)
- Daily monitoring of cameras district-wide.
- On-going process for E-Rate for FY25.
- Assisting in the new design and structure of new district website.
- Continue to work on District Al Policies along with the new Technology Committee.
- Public School Works Safety Trainings ongoing assistance.
- · Preliminary preparation for IAR via Launch Pad.
- Researching wireless document cameras for classrooms.

- Attending IDEAcon in Schaumburg. February 19 21, 2025.
- Attended sessions on Al and met with vendors in regards to future technology needs.

Summary of Technology Staff activities:

- Responded to 58 Technology Work Orders.
- Successfully completed SAT/PSAT online testing.
- Working with Final Site to prepare to migrate district website to new platform.
- Prepping Chromebooks for IAR/ISA via TestNav.
- Daily monitoring/updating of High School phone system.
- New student email accounts and Campus Student Portal accounts Daily.
- Daily processing of new student registration for 24-25 SY.
- Student Course Assignments for Sem 1 and Sem 2 uploaded to ISBE.
- Monitoring of vape detectors at MHS, MJHS and Adams.
- Extensive work in Windows 11 desktop deployment.
- · Monitoring of security cameras and camera servers at all buildings.
- Daily monitoring of both wired network and Wi-Fi, to ensure reliability District-wide.

Maintenance Report

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: Currently working with the John A Logan construction program and their donation on installing a new sidewalk connecting the Administration office and MJHS west parking lot. 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 continues to clean, disinfect and assist in their buildings where needed.

Maintenance Team: The Maintenance team continues to focus on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, organizing, planning, and painting. They are also preparing for the mowing season and start of spring sports. They are also continuously looking for ways to better the safety and learning environment at each school.

Assistant Superintendent Report:



Academics Adams School

Band - Congratulations to the Adams School Band students for bringing home all First Division ratings at the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble contest.

Sports Adams School

Boys Basketball - Congratulations to Adams Boys Basketball's Nolan Fosse and Liam Johnson on being selected to play in the All-Star Basketball Game at Rend Lake College.







Academics MJHS

Band - Congratulations to the MJHS Jazz Choir on receiving Superior rating at the IGSMA - South State Solo and Ensemble Contest.



Academics MJHS

Choir - Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Superior rating on their solos at the IGSMA - South State Solo and Ensemble Contest. .

Students: Lyric Thompson, Claire Johnson, Josie Holman, Kasche Kennedy, & McKenna Johnson.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Excellent rating on their solos. Students: Kobee Marshall, Audrey Murrow, and Louise Nuckles





Band - Congratulations to the MJHS Band students who brought home hardware at the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble contest.



MJHS IGSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST WINNERS

Superior Award:

Andie Johnson - Snare Solo

Excellent Award:

Elina Wei - Piano Solo Lydia McCree - Alto Sax Solo William Lee - Snare Solo Angelo Jones - Bass Clarinet Solo Maggie Robinson - Clarinet Solo Zenobia Glispie - Clarinet Solo Marlee Butler - Trombone Solo Harrison Goff - Trombone Solo MJ Graham - Snare Solo Kaleb Nguyen - Trombone Solo Jack Midence - Glockenspiel Solo William Lee - Piano Solo Teddy Weaver - Marimba Solo Lawson Lee - Snare Solo August Reising - Snare Solo Adler Browning - Clarinet Solo Graham Marler - Snare Solo

Avery Fehrenbacher - Clarinet Solo Keaton Nigro - Clarinet Solo Losten Jeter - Snare Solo

Kylee Fisher & Marietta Midence - Flute Duet

Madelyn Robinson - Clarinet Solo Savannah Skelton - Clarinet Solo Camryn Tate - Clarinet Solo Ebony Glispie - Clarinet Solo Sophia Scott - Trumpet Solo Anhies Sanford - Tuba Solo Barret Lawler - Snare Solo Zechariah Simmons - Snare Solo Jason Reed - Snare Solo Adelynn Wilson - Alto Sax Solo

Good Award: Kylee Fisher - Flute Solo Owen Anderson - Alto Sax Solo Maddox Hood - Alto Sax Solo Lukas Stanfill - Trombone Solo Samuel Toler - Trombone Solo Rebecca Boyt - Trumpet Solo Owen Walters - Trumpet Solo Harper Clark - Trombone Solo Ian Dunning, Brently Dawes, & Rayce Christopher - Trumpet Trio

MJHS IGSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

CONTEST WINNERS

MJHS Sports

Boys Basketball - Congratulations to the MJHS Boys Basketball Team for placing 2nd in the SIJHSAA Class L State Tournament.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MJHS Boys Basketball's Samuel Tarlton, Liam Webb and Michael Lawler for being selected to compete in the Southern Illinois All-Star Game at Rend Lake College for Class L 7th Grade.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MJHS Boys Basketball's Noah Lawrence, JaKwon Lewis, Gavin DeVore and Kyton Hill for being selected to compete in the Southern Illinois All-Star Game at Rend Lake College for Class L 8th Grade.



MJHS Sports

Girls Basketball - Congratulations to MJHS Girls Basketball's Lauryn Ruess and Abria Jackson for being selected to compete in the Southern Illinois All-Star Game at Rend Lake College for Class L.



Academics MHS

Art - Congratulations to the MHS Art students that were accepted into the IHSAE Senior Scholarship Exhibition in Chicago.

Students: Allie Parks, Emma Sprague, and Athena Palmer







Art - Congratulations to the MHS Art students who earned awards at the Little Egypt Artist Association.

2nd Place - "Tyler the Creator" Glazed Ceramics by Drake Baltzell

Honorable Mention - "To the Abey" Ink Wash and Pen by Jazmeen Ankrom

Special Award - "Octopus" Fiber by Abby Sproul



Academics MHS

Art - Congratulations to the MHS Art students who earned awards at the John A Logan College Annual Humanities Day.

1st Place Team for their Cardboard Monster Mask

- Remi Roan
- Dan Brame
- Johan Tanner
- Allie Parks
- Athena Palmer
- Autumn Richey

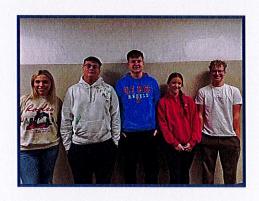
American Sign Language Workshop

• 1st Place - Remi Roan

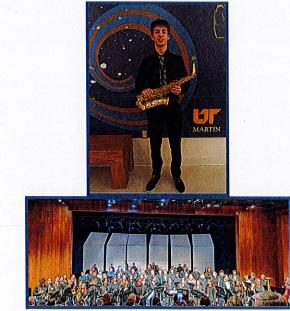


FFA - Congratulations to both the Varsity and JV FFA Teams for placing 1st at the Section Vet Science Contest at MHS. Marion FFA remains undefeated at the Section Vet Science Contest for 5 straight years.

Also, congratulations to the MHS FFA members that were named in the top 3 of individual scores. (Cole Warren - 1st Place, Zander Tallman - 2nd Place and Reagan Phelps - 3rd Place)



Band - Congratulations to MHS Band member Rylan Williamson on being selected to participate in the 2025 UTM Honor Band Festival. He was one of 370 musicians selected out of 700 musicians from 4 states that applied. He placed 1st Chair, Alto 2 in the Wind Ensemble. Rylan was also chosen to participate in the 2025 UTM Chamber Festival which is an invitation only event. He will participate in the Saxophone Ensemble.



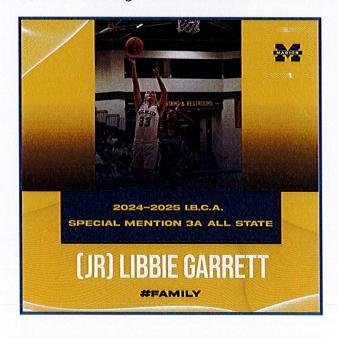
Girls Basketball - Congratulations to the MHS Girls Basketball Team for being named the 2025 3A Herrin Regional Champions.

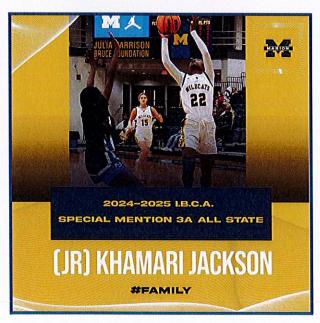


Girls Basketball - Congratulations to the MHS Girls Basketball Team for reaching the Sweet 16 in the 2025 3A IHSA Bethalto Sectionals.

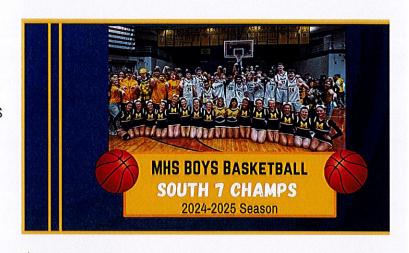


Girls Basketball - Congratulations to MHS Girls Basketball's Libbie Garrett and Khamari Jackson for being named to the 2024-2025 I.B.C.A. 3A All State Team.





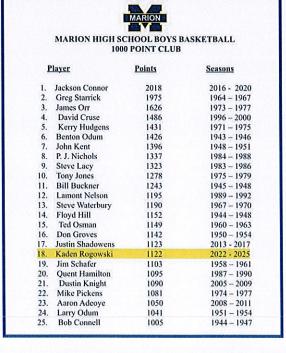
Boys Basketball - Congratulations to the MHS Boys Basketball Team for being named South 7 Champions for the first time since 1987-1988 season.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to the MHS Boys Freshman Basketball Team for being named Freshman South 7 Champions.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MHS Boys Basketball's Kaden Rogowski for finishing his high school career with 1,122 points placing him 18th on the all time list.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MHS Boys Basketball's Kaden Rogowski for being named to the 2024-2025 I.B.C.A. 3A All State Team.



Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MHS Boys Basketball's Kaden Rogowski and Ethan Simmons for being named to the 2024-2025 3A SICA All South Boys Basketball Team.

2024-2025 3A SICA ALL SOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM Kaden Rogowski Senior Marion Ethan Simmons Senior Marion Dave Barnes Sophmore Mt. Vernon Centralia Dustyn Collins Senior Archie Goewey Freshman Centralia Senior Herrin Kyrese Lukens Junior Cale Mauer Mt. Vernon

Boys Basketball - Congratulations to MHS Boys Basketball's Kaden Rogowski and Ethan Simmons for being named to the 2024-2025 3A SICA All South Boys Basketball Team.



Girls Track & Field - Congratulations to MHS Girls Track & Field's Kara Odum and Brenna Stearns for breaking indoor records at the Spring Track & Field Opener.

Kara Odum broke her 3200m record with a time of 12:27.11.

Brenna Stearns broke the 60m Hurdle record with a time of 9:33.



Girls Track & Field - Congratulations to MHS Girls Track & Field's Kara Odum for breaking the MHS Indoor record for the 1600m run with a time of 5:37.30 at the SIU Indoor Track Meet.



Boys Track & Field - Congratulations to MHS Boys Track & Field's Gabby Greer, Hayden Little, Joshua McDougall, Jack Tate and Andre Jones for breaking indoor records at the Roger Minton Marion Indoor Meet.

Gabby Greer broke the 3200m record with a time of 9:41.37.

Hayden Little, Joshua McDougall, Jack Tate and Andre Jones broke the 4x400m Relay record with a time of 3:36.02.

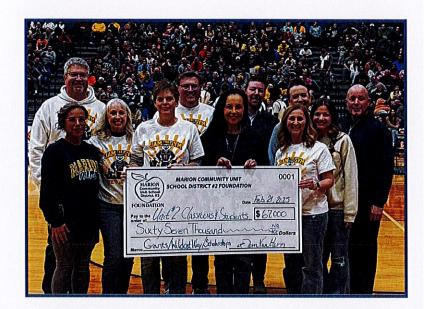


Dance - Congratulations to MHS Dance Team's McKenna Walters on being named the 8 Count Audio Southern Illinois Dancer of the Year (large school).



District

Marion Unit #2 Foundation - It's great to be a Wildcat! The Marion Unit #2 Foundation is proud to have raised \$67,000 in 2024! The foundation was able to provide classroom grants, student scholarships as well as a contribution to the Wildcat Way Fund.



Treasurer's Report

The district is 66.7% of the way through the fiscal year as of February 28, 2025. The Education Fund expenditures are at 62.55% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 66.82%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 59.10%.

Adjournment

Motion #9: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Jared Garrison to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion Number

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

4/15/2025 Date

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