

Regular Meeting – March 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 was not present.

Special Acknowledgment

Board President Bleyer acknowledged the passing of James McNary, retired MJHS Band teacher and a moment of silence was observed in his memory. President Bleyer acknowledged board member Steve Cook for his distinguished service from 2013-2023. Mr. Cook resigned due to moving out of the District.

Example of Educational Excellence

Chuck Williamson, MJHS Principal, introduced the MJHS Science Department faculty and students in attendance before turning the March Mammal Madness presentation over to Mr. Maze and the students. March Mammal Madness is an annual tournament of “simulated” combat competition among animals and is inspired by the NCAA College Basketball March Madness Championship Tournament. It is designed for science outreach and scientific literature is cited to substantiate likely outcomes of two species attributes within the battle environment. The following MJHS Science teachers were in attendance: Cathy Lawson, Cody Maze, Shawna Moulton, Alecia Stacey and Tiffany Sulser. The following students presented different aspects of the tournament: Owen Walters (6th grade), Hunter Detrick, Ian Moseman, Zander Tallman, Brooklyn Williams, (7th grade), Mayleiona Carter and Cameron Wyatt (8th grade). The Board enjoyed the presentation and requested the final results of the tournament.

Audience to Visitors

No comments offered.

Marion Education Association

No comments offered.

Consent Agenda

Motion #1: It was moved by Marc Henshaw and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the February 21, 2023 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority to MJHS – Student hygiene bags
 - ii. United Methodist to MJHS – \$300.00 to the Wildcat pantry
 - iii. Expression to MJHS Robotics – \$75.00
- d. **IHSA Membership**
- e. **Field Trip**
 - a. MHS Dance Team - Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Cindy Gibbons to approve the following first, second, third and fourth year teacher lists as presented.

EMPLOYMENT:

Fourth Year Teachers **Current Assignment**

Amanda Deatherage Kindergarten – Washington
Taylor Nigro Elementary Music
Josh Mieldezis Physical Education – Jefferson/Longfellow

Third Year Teachers **Current Assignment**

Sarah Allen 1st grade – Adams
Colton Allen 4th grade – Adams
Emily Culbreth 3rd Grade – Washington
Jennifer Deacon Science – MJHS
Austin Hammonds Social Studies – MJHS
Joel Kirby Band – MHS
Michelle Kissing Kindergarten – Washington
Melissa Chance English – MJHS
Scott McKenty Alternative Learning Classroom – MJHS
Sumer Oglesby 3rd grade – Lincoln
Aileen Stapleton Social Worker – Longfellow
Josiah Teal Social Studies – MHS

Second Year Teachers **Current Assignment**

Bailey Anderson 3rd Grade – WA
Brittney Anderson Digital Literacy/Interventionist – Adams
Monica Bolley Social Studies – MHS
Morgan Brave 1st Grade – LO
Morgan Bunch Art – MHS
Kimberly Frankel 4th Grade – LI
Elizabeth Graff 2nd Grade – WA
Abbie Hart 1st Grade – WA
Jenna Herbst Math – MHS
Lauryn Kadela 1st Grade – LO
Amy Kissing Math – MHS
Amber Mitchell 4th Grade – LO
Jill Morthland Elementary Social Worker/Family Liaison
Shawna Moulton Science – JH
Alyssa Patterson English – MHS
Natalia Rios Reading Interventionist – LI
Kelsey Rohrer Kindergarten – JE
Casey Rose Physical Education – HS
Haley Strunk 1st Grade – JE
Kolbie Stuck Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Tiffany Sulser Science – JH
Paige Thornton 2nd Grade – WA
Amy Travis 1st Grade – JE

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

<u>First Year Teachers</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Nicole Allen	Kindergarten – JE
Abby Bayer	Math – MHS
Cari Beck	Elementary Support – LI/LO
Brendan Betz	Physical Education – WA
Peyton Fosse	Social Worker – HS
Amanda Gates	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Cayenne Haseker	Kindergarten – LO
Leila Kassim	Science – HS
Nicole Key	Math – JH
Ally Pecord	1 st Grade – LI
Olivia Plott	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Madison Presswood	Social Worker – WA
Kyle Schmitt	Math – JH
Madison Shoukletovich	5 th Grade – WA
Alecia Stacey	Math – JH
Heather Webb	Physical Education – JH

<u>Part-Time Teacher</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Kourtney Meyer	Medical Careers – MHS
Joanna Samples	English Language Learners

Motion carried.

Motion #3: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Marc Henshaw to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT**Non-Certified**

Beverly Baltzell, Cook assigned to Washington Elementary, effective March 20, 2023.

Brittany Crabtree, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High, effective March 20, 2023.

Dan Lynn, Hall Monitor assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Derek Martin, Marion CUSD #2 Grounds Manager, effective March 22, 2023.

Rhonda Woods, Interim Food Service Director, effective March 20, 2023.

Coaching

Peyton Fosse, MHS Assistant Girls Track Coach, effective immediately.

David Gulley, MHS Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

RJ Manfredo, MHS Volunteer Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

Michael Neal, MHS Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

Tiffany Sulser, MJHS Assistant Robotics Coach, effective immediately.

Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Kaleigh Duenos, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately August 9, 2023 through October 27, 2023 using accumulated sick leave.

Shawna Moulton, 8th Grade Science Teacher, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 11, 2023 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year using accumulated sick leave, personal days and any necessary dock days.

Lola Wolaver, Cook assigned to Lincoln Elementary, a medical leave of absence through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

REASSIGNMENT

Janet Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, to Elementary Support Teacher assigned to Lincoln/Longfellow Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Braxton Cusic, Custodian assigned to Marion High School, effective February 24, 2023.

Kaleigh Duenos, MJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Lindsay Teal, English Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Jason Varner, MJHS Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.
Motion carried.

Motion #5: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve the following retirement recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Melissa Bundren, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2026-2027 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Michelle Romaine, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2026-2027 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Janet Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.
Motion carried.

Inter-Fund Loans

Motion #6: It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Brice Wesley to authorize Superintendent Dr. Keith Oates 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.

Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Marion

Motion #7: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marion and Marion CUSD #2 as presented. Motion carried.

Natural Gas Contract

Motion #8: It was moved by Marc Henshaw and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the natural gas contract to Century Energy Solutions LLC for 24 months at 0.441 per therm for the time period of August 31, 2023 through July 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Athletic Training Contract

Item tabled.

Curriculum Approval

Motion #9: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Cindy Gibbons to approve the purchase of *Cengage-Big Ideas* for Algebra I at MJHS and Math (9-12) at MHS as presented and the purchase of *McGraw-Hill StudySync* – Renewal for Grades 6-8 and New for Grades 9-12 as presented. Motion carried.

Technology Report

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

Weekly Processing parent accounts – Securly.

Advanced preparation for delivery of new Chromebooks for the Jr. High for the 23-23 SY.

Continued planning for IAR testing.

District website updates

Responded to 101 Tech Requests.

Weekly processing of District Homeless Report.

Setup WIFI and configured 72 new Promethean Boards- District-wide

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.

Chromebook repair/replace for all Elem schools. On-site repair. C.A.T.S students.

Advanced Chromebook preparation for IAR testing grades 3 through 8.

Server maintenance at all buildings.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Summer Construction projects:

- **Jefferson/ Pre-K** - Entire roof replacement, interior doors on Pre-K side and all exterior doors, windows around the Gym/Cafeteria and soffit work around the exterior of Pre-K building.
- **Parking lots** - **Jefferson** SE lot, all **Lincoln** lots either replaced or sealed and repainted.
- **HVAC Projects** - **Jr. High** Ph.2, HVAC, ceiling and lighting upgrades. **Washington** Media Center and Cafeteria HVAC, ceiling and lighting.

Maintenance Report (con't)

Buildings

Summer Construction projects:

- **Jr. High** - Interior doors project and exterior brickwork.
- **Jr. High and Washington** - Fire Alarm system replacement.
- **Adams and High School** - Exterior stair painting, High School has some exterior concrete work in the courtyard area.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss thanked the Board for approving the curriculum recommendations and for allowing teachers to have a voice in choosing curriculum.

Student Recognition

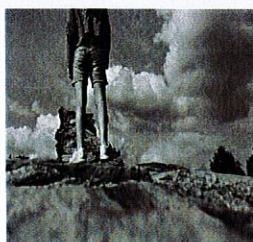
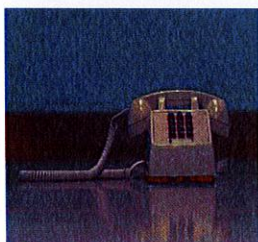
Academic

Marion High School

Art – MHS Art Students receiving recognition at the LEAA Little Egypt Artist Association High School Art Competition Awards Ceremony: Emma Hood-Honorable Mention, Athena Palmer - Honorable Mention, Briley Dailey-Honorable Mention, Abby Sproul-Special Award/Fibers, Elijah Bearden-Special Award/ George Stone Award, Elaina Williams- Special Award Graphic Design, Emma Hood- Roberta Blankenship Marion High School Special Award.



Art – Central Regional Exhibition 2023 Award Winners: Gabe Biermann (Best in Show), Athena Palmer (Jurors Choice), Emma Hood (Jurors Choice), Finn Wallis (Honorable Mention), Emma Hood (Silver), Emma Pyatt (Honorable Mention), Bonnie Kearns (Honorable Mention), Briley Dailey (Honorable Mention), Elijah Bearden (Bronze)



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Academic

Marion High School

Art – Emma Pyatt and Claire Wallace have pieces in the IHSAE Senior Scholarship SSE 2023 Show in Chicago.



Emma Pyatt



Claire Wallace

CNA – MHS CNA students had a 100% pass rate on the state certification exam. Several of these students are already putting their certification to use and are employed at a long-term care facility. Congratulations to: Briley Akes, Paige Francis, Camryn Harre, Cameron Lamer Barry, Jennifer McDermott, Haylie Rodgers, Mykaha Rucker, Cora Stayduhar, Laney Taylor, Hallee Teeling, Haven Wells, Mckennah Williams and Hannah Zappa.

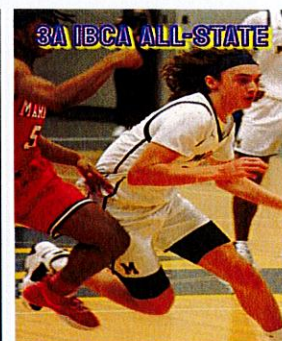
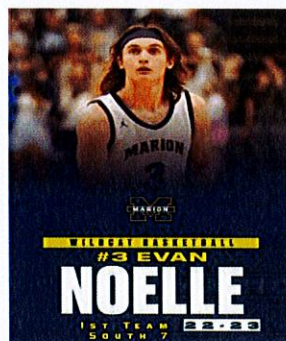
Marion Junior High School

Band – Results from MGSMA Solo Contest: Students receiving a “Superior” rating; Eli Ellis, Ian Moseman, Natalie Lawler, Vida Follis, Paisley Jonson, Ellyana Hale, Harlan Whiteford, Molly Odum, Molly Johnson, Zoe Graham, Chase Galt, Katherine Sutton, Brody Smoot, Rylan Williamson, Cooper Whiting, Zander Tallman, and Emily Beard. Students receiving a “First” rating; Sophia Joyner, Addison Arnold, Rose Whiteford, Jackson Sinks, Tori Rees, Nevaeh Beck, Jaden Nguyen, Chapman Springvloed, Elijah Wilson, Julianna Smith, Shiloh Scott, Charlie Holman, Macyn Taylor, Addyson Page, Kylee Fisher, Kinsley Marks, Marietta Midence, Zenobia Glispie, Maggie Robinson, Rylan Williamson (piano), Audra Scholes, Avery Randolph, Bryce Glover, Kaleb Richart, Aydan Bryant, Emma Stout, Bella Skelton, Banquo Gordon, Ted Weaver, Kyana Henshaw, Gavin Snyder, Pheobe Matta-Gawlick, Jayda Marshall, Riki Herman.

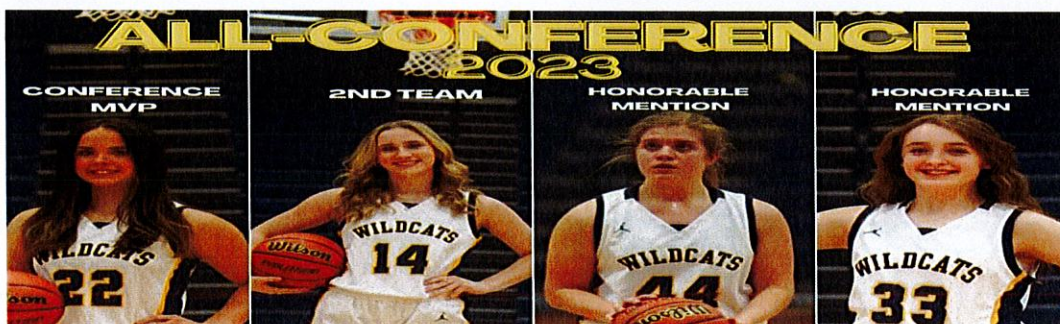
Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Boys) – Congratulations to Evan Noelle for being named 1st Team South Seven All-Conference for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Evan was named Special Mention 3A IBCA All-State for the 2022-2023 Illinois High School Boys Basketball season!



Basketball (Girls) – MHS South Seven All-Conference Honors:



Jerzy Bittle

Kristen Kadela

Alexis Ucci

Libbie Garrett

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Girls) – Congratulations to Jerzy Bittle for being named Honorable Mention All-State for Class 3A. She earned the honor after finishing as the Lady Wildcats all-time leading scorer.



Track (Boys) – MHS Track are the 2023 Roger Minton Indoor Champion! Hayden Lees is the 2023 Porter Quarter (400 Meter Dash) Champion. MHS Track finished in 3rd place overall at the Gene Armer Invite at the University of Illinois.



Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

FFA – Congratulations to the twelve students who competed in the Section 24 Vet Science contest. The Varsity and JV teams both placed 1st, as well as taking the top 3 individual spots! Individual awards: Cole Warren – 1st place, Audrey Childers – 2nd place and JC Carver – 3rd place.



FFA – Kanye and Hayden participated in the District Proficiency contest! Hayden placed in the Top 4 for Diversified Ag and Kanye placed 1st in Wildlife Management and is heading to State!

FFA – MHS FFA helped build a handicap accessible trail at Touch of Nature.

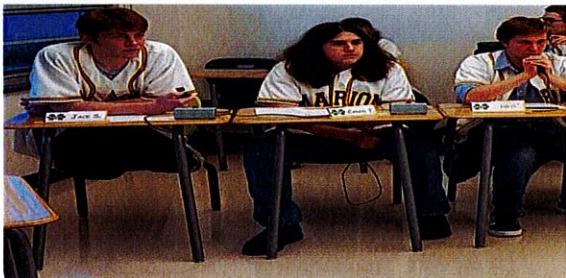


Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Scholar Bowl – Congratulations to the Scholar Bowl Team who received 2nd place at their conference tournament. Braydon Duplessis, Samuel Sellars and Caden Treece made the All-Conference Team.



Staff Special Recognition

Congratulations to Tina Barger, a member of The Southern Illinois Future Teachers Coalition (SIFTC), for being recognized with the Award of Special Recognition in the Team category through the Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year program from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE received a record number of nominations and applications. SIFTC is a regional collaborative partnership working to address the teacher shortage that is being experienced both state and nationally with targeted programming at the local level in Southern Illinois. The SIFTC partnership is between John A. Logan College, Shawnee Community College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the Illinois State Board of Education, and fourteen Southern Illinois high schools.



Mr. Wimberly led the prayer in the House of Representatives today in Springfield. Also, Mr. Severin presented him with a resolution for his commitment to education, our youth and coaching!



Treasurer's Report

The District is 66.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of February 28, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 61.78% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 67.27%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 61.36%.

Closed Session

Motion #10: It was moved by Marc Henshaw 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; 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. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion #11: It was moved by Marc Henshaw and seconded by Brice Wesley to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

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Gibbons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henshaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wesley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barwick	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bundren	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

4/18/2023

DATE

Jason A. Detry
PRESIDENT

Monica Lynn
SECRETARY