

Regular Meeting – May 16, 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

All board members present.

Swear in New Board Member

Board President Bleyer swore in Patty Bundren as a re-elected board member.

Retiree Recognition

Joseph Bleyer, Board President, recognized the following teachers for their years of service to the District. He presented each of them with the traditional Unit #2 school bell and thanked them for their service and dedication to Marion Unit #2.

Jenna Fletcher – MJHS Language Arts – 35 years in education
Rhonda Melton – Washington Kindergarten – 30 years in education
Anne Parker – JE/WA Elementary Support Teacher – 34 years in education

Example of Educational Excellence

Kim Burns, Adams School/Extension Center Principal and Ryan Ashmore, MHS Extension Center Teacher, gave the annual report for the MHS Extension Center. There are 13 students graduating from the program this year with the possibility of 2 additional students at the end of summer school. The graduating students are planning to either attend college in the fall, enter into the workforce or the military. She thanked the Board for supporting the program which enables students to graduate.

Adams 6th – 8th grade students visited the Cache River Wetlands and Mrs. Amy Buchanan, Adams School Science Teacher, shared their experience with the Board. The trip allowed the students to interact with nature and witness biodiversity. The following students were in attendance and shared their experiences with the Board: Emma Raines, Jonathan Parks, Kali Wallace and Taylor Ragain.

Reid Roper, Adams School Athletic Director, announced the Adams School Boys Track Team finished in 2nd place at the Class S SIJHSAA State Track & Field Meet. He introduced members of the 8th grade team and shared with the Board their individual accomplishments. Athletes in attendance were Gabe Clifton, Barrett Wainscott, Kash Hutchcraft, and Nathan Londrigan.

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 consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the April 5, 2023 special and closed session meeting and the April 18, 2023 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the April supplementary bills and the May bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Kiwanis to Adams School – Dictionaries to 3rd Grade
 - ii. Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority to MJHS – Blankets and Monetary Donation
- d. **2023-2024 Fundraisers** Motion carried.

Board Policy Adoption

Motion #2: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve the following policies as presented: 2:110, 4:60, 5:125, 5:150, 5:260, 5:30, 5:90, 6:135, 8:20, 4:40, 5:285, 6:210 and 8:70. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #3: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Sarah Geiger, Assistant Principal assigned to Washington Elementary School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ryley Gooch, One Year Grant Funded Elementary Support Teacher assigned to Jefferson/Washington Elementary Schools, effective for the 2023-2024 school year only.

MHS Summer School Teachers:

Kolbie Stuck – Consumer Economics

Jason Dunning and Cody Pauls – Driver Education (BTW)

Bart Sinks and Brittany Willis – Guidance

Coaching

Nikki Hutchinson, Adams Cheerleading Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

Jenna Johnson, Adams Cheerleading Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Aileen Stapleton, Social Worker assigned to Longfellow Elementary, a maternity leave of absence beginning August 7, 2023 and returning to school on September 26, 2023 using available sick leave.

RESIGNATIONS

Jaime Clark, MHS Head Volleyball Coach, effective May 4, 2023.

Lily Clark, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective April 18, 2023.

Nicole Wright, Cook assigned to Jefferson, effective May 5, 2023.
Motion carried.

Technology Report

Infinite Campus – Monitor and assist in 2023-2024 Online registration
Preparing for EOY state reports
District website updates for the 2023-2024 SY - ongoing
MHS Schedule corrections – Sem2 On-going.
Weekly Processing parent accounts – Securly.
Working with vendors for new K-5 Go Math digital curriculum.
Preparing new teacher accounts.
Processing all online registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.
Responded to 67 Tech Requests.
Weekly processing of District Homeless/Demographics Report.
Chromebook repair/replace for all Elem schools. On-site repair. C.A.T.S students.
Server monitoring and maintenance at all buildings.
Daily network monitoring both wired and WiFi, to ensure reliability - District-wide.
Weekly monitoring Lightning Detection System – MHS.
Creation of student email addresses for new in-coming students.

Maintenance Report

- **Jr. High** construction has begun with the exterior waterproofing of the EFIS system along with the replacement fire alarm system. The electricians are installing devices and running wire to prep for the new fire alarm panel.
- **Jr. High** interior door replacement and tuck pointing on the exterior of the building will begin once school is out.
- **Washington** fire alarm and HVAC work will begin after school is out.
- **Jefferson/PreK** roof, parking lot and door replacement work will begin when school is out.
- **Lincoln** parking lot work will work around the summer school schedule.
- **HS and Adams** exterior stairwell painting will begin when school is out.

Thank you to Marion Police and Fire Dept. for their quick response and help with the Jefferson Media Center situation.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Oates congratulated Kim Watson, Chief Financial Officer, for recently completing her masters degree and announced to the Board she has earned the School Business Official certification.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Summer School 2023 - There are currently 281 students registered for summer school.

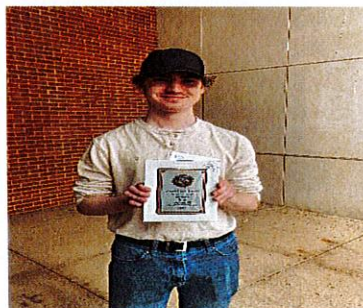
Early Enrollment for Existing Students – Approximately 967 students enrolled for next year and will continue rest of the summer.

Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion High School

Art – Gabe Beirmann received best in category for his stop motion at the IHSAA Art Show and Competition awards ceremony.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

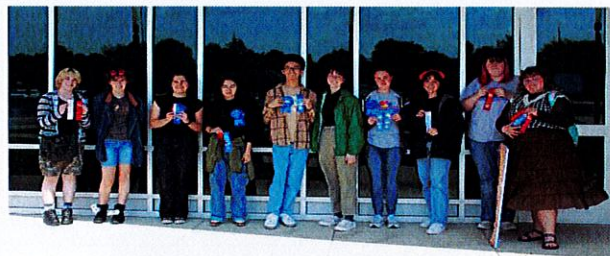
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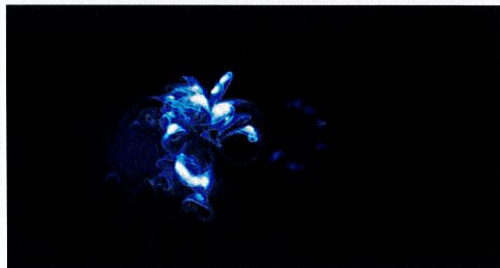
Art – Emma Hood received 3rd place for at the 12th Congressional District High School Competition. Her artwork will hang in the Murphysboro congressional district office for the next year.



Art – Results from the Carmi White County High School Art competition are as follows: Reeghan Robertson Best in Category/1st place Photography and 1st place photography, Lily Seresbeno Best in Category/1st place Painting and 2nd place painting, Easton Rubright Best in Category/ 1st place Graphic Design, Shayleigh Wallis Honorable Mention in Drawing and 3rd in drawing, Athena Palmer 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Graphic Design, Emma Hood 1st in Painting and 2nd and Honorable Mention in Ceramics, Claire Wallace 1st, 1st, 2nd, and Honorable Mention in Photography, Kayla Halleran 3rd in Photography, Elaina Williams 3rd in Painting, and Bailey Shaffer in Honorable Mention in Graphic Design.



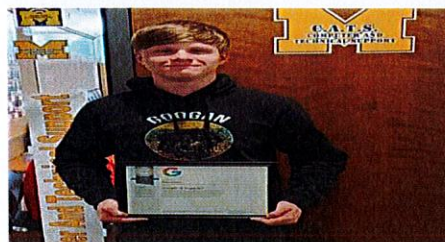
Art – Lily Fienhold is an IAEA State Art Show winner. Students compete against other art students in their grade from across the state to have artwork in the show. Her photography artwork will travel the state to 12 different galleries starting in October for a year. Only 4 students from each grade are chosen to be in the state show.



Art –The following students had work accepted into Bellville on the Square Art Show: Raini Evergarden, Kayla Halleran, Lily Seresbeno, Elaina Williams, Dan Bramne, Briley Dailey, Paislee Freebourn, Emma Hood, and Mariah Hunt.

CATS

Congratulations to Elijah Adkins on completing the Google IT Support Professional certification through Coursera!



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion High School

English – Congratulations to these MHS writers, who placed in the letters about literature contest sponsored by Illinois Center for the Book.

Pictured: Semifinalists: Ryan Harris and Kyra Graham. Finalists: Serendipity Hastie, Parker Bradshaw and Jobi McCann.



Spanish – The following students received the Seal of Biliteracy: Reyna Hackmann, Haylee Lambert, Abigail Surburg, Matthew Surburg. The following students received the Commendation Towards Biliteracy: Byson Burgess, Madison Guy, Lily Harris, Coleman Haynes, Nathan Hendry, Conor Jeffords, Justus Lee, Blaine Mayo, Emma Pyatt, Bella Renda, Cale Tonazzi, Caden Treece, Zachary Walters and Hope Ziegler.

Marion Junior High

Band – The MJHS Symphonic Band attended the Festivals of Music event, at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They received a "Superior" rating and first place in their division. They also won the "Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser Esprit de Corps" award.

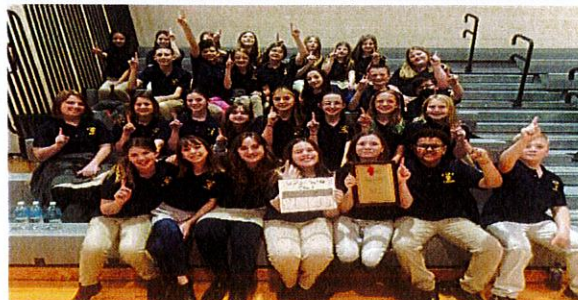


Choir – Congratulations to the 6th Grade Choir and the Concert Choir on receiving Superior ratings at the State IGMSA Organization Contest in Carterville. Also, congratulations to the following students on receiving Superior and Excellent ratings from District IGMSA contest:

Perfect Scores: The Jazz Choir, Vocal Solos: Kaylee McAlpin, Carson Clark, Kyana Henshaw, Addie McAlpin, Elijah Wilson, Saxophone - Rylan Williamson.

Superior Ensembles: Anden Pierce and Bennie Malone; Bennie Malone, Serenity Walker, Maxine Sobel; McKenzie Dalton, Alycia Groves, Eli Thompson

Excellent Ratings: Piano - Rylan Williamson, Ensemble - LeRaya Harris and Elijah Wilson



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Bass Fishing – Landon Gabby and Carson Bruner won the Galatia Invitational at the Lake of Egypt. They had a 5 fish limit weighing 15.23 lbs.



Softball – Congratulations to the Lady Wildcat Softball Team! With a (7-1) conference record this season they're South 7 Conference Champions for the 8th consecutive year! During the 8 year span they're (75-3) overall!



Tennis (Boys) – The Boys Tennis Team finished in 3rd place at the South 7 Conference Match.



Track (Boys) – Wildcat Track & Field won the Marion Invitational and defended their 2022 championship!



Track (Boys) – MHS Boys Track & Field Team won the South 7 Conference Championship!



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Track (Boys) – Dylon Nalley broke the MHS 2-mile record with a run of 9:19.83 and claimed the South 7 title. The previous record was held by Eli Baker (9:25) set in 2001. Jordyn Beverly broke the MHS discus record with a throw of 173'3" and claimed the South 7 title. The previous record was held by Larry Kigin (165'4") set in 1987.



Track (Girls) – Lady Wildcat Track & Field wins the Herrin Invite today! Great job Cats!



Track (Girls) – The Lady Wildcats finished in 3rd place overall at the Mascoutah Sectional and had 7 individuals qualify for IHSA State Track & Field:

Brenna Stearns – 300 Hurdles

Stearns, Greer, Kelly & Williams – 4x100 Relay

Ankrom, Greer, Kelly & Williams – 4x200 Relay

Bailey Williams – Long Jump

Lily Harris and McCayla Rowatt – Pole Vault



Adams

Track (Boys) – The Adams boys track team placed 2nd at the Quad County Athletic Conference meet. Bryant Cochran was the conference champion in the 400m Dash. Nathan Londrigan was the conference champion in 3 events (Long Jump, 100, 200)!



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Adams

Track (Boys)

The Adams Boys Track Team won the Class S Region 1 Regional Championship! Five state-qualifiers will compete at the Class S State Track Meet at DuQuoin High School on Saturday May 13th. State-Qualifiers (pictured from left to right): Barrett Wainscott: 8th Grade 4x200m Relay; Bryant Cochran: 400m, 8th Grade 4x200m Relay, 200m; Kash Hutchcraft: Long Jump, 100m Hurdles, 400m, 8th Grade 4x200m Relay; Nathan Londrigan: Long Jump, 8th Grade 4x200m Relay, 100m, 200m; and Gabe Clifton: High Jump.



The Adams Boys Track Team finished in 2nd place at the SIJHSAA Class S State Track Meet.



Junior High

Track (Boys) – Recap of season: Champions at the Harrisburg Invitational (10 teams), Marion Invitational (12 teams), 7th Grade Big 7 Conference Champions, 8th Grade Big 7 Conference Champions, Regional Champions and 4th place at the SIJHSAA Class L State Track & Field Meet. Congratulations to Rayson Varner for winning the SIJHSAA Jim Burnes Leadership Award.

Track (Girls) – 8th place at the SIJHSAA Class L State Track and Field Meet.

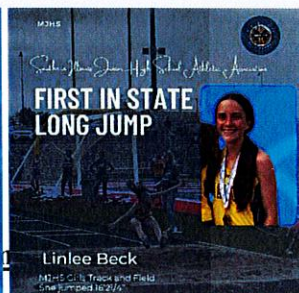
Track State Results (Boys/Girls)

4 x 400 – The team of Addison Francis, Sloan Thompson, Lydia Rogowski & Linlee Beck finished in 3rd place with a time of 4:22.92 (New School Record).

Long Jump – Linlee Beck, finished in 1st place with a jump of 16'2 1/4"

Pole Vault – Rayson Varner finished in 2nd place with a vault of 10'6"

High Jump – Cameron Curry finished in 2nd place with a jump of 5'10".



Student Special Recognition

Sports

Junior High

Track State Results (Boys/Girls)



Elementary/MJHS

Congratulations to the 2023 MJHS Field Day Champions! Stacey Parks' fifth-grade class at Longfellow Elementary and Adrienne Trainor's sixth-grade team both brought home the gold.



Student Special Recognition



Jaylyn Sanders, Cameron Hankey, Alphesh Soni, Hunter Adler and Makayah Wright were recognized for signing with the military in a special ceremony.

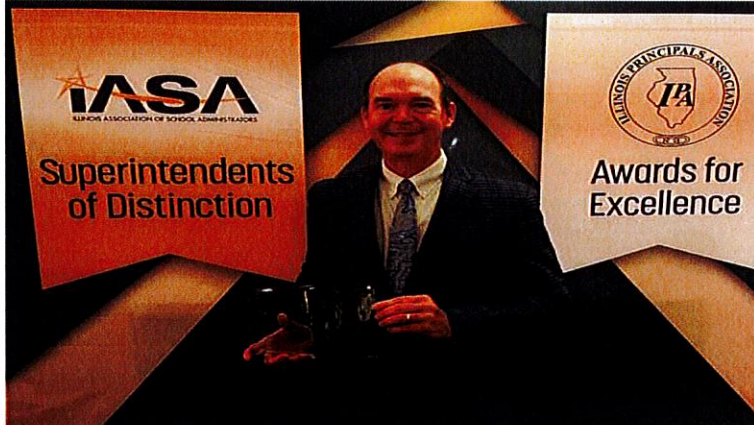
Student Special Recognition



Haylee Lambert was named honorable mention for the 2022-2023 IHSA All-State Academic Team!

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Administration Special Recognition



Dr. Keith Oates, Superintendent of Marion CUSD #2, was named the 2023 Superintendent of Distinction by his colleagues in the Shawnee Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA). Dr. Oates was honored at an awards luncheon May 3 in Springfield.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 83.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of April 30, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 79.78% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 76.31%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 76.60%.

Closed Session

Motion #4: 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, 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 #5: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Jared Garrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

	1	2	3	4	5
Garrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henshaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wesley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mohr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bundren	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6/20/2023

DATE



PRESIDENT



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