

Regular Meeting – November 19, 2024
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 were present.

Example of Excellence

Elizabeth Byassee Shore, MJHS Choir Director, informed the board the MJHS Choir had been chosen as an inaugural Disney on Broadway School of Excellence. She was pleased to share that the choir was 1 of only 21 schools chosen. She explained the application process and what the school was awarded. As part of the process, a student statement was required and Eli Thompson shared his statement. She thanked Unit #2 Administration and the board for their support of the MJHS Choir. The choir will present High School Musical Junior on April 11 & 12, 2025 and she invited everyone to attend.

Audience to Visitors

No comments offered.

Marion Education Association

No comment offered.

Consent Agenda

Motion #1: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- a. **Minutes** – the minutes from the October 15, 2024 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the October supplementary bills and the November bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Valerie Clodi to Longfellow - Cricut Venture for Media Center/Staff use valued at \$1,008.31
 - ii. Tommy Colboth, Edward Jones to Adams - White Flags for Field Day valued at \$75.00
 - iii. Everett and Lisa Wilson to Adams - Ping Pong Table
 - iv. Don Sol to Washington - Kids Meal Certificates valued at \$250
 - v. Mark Bruce to Washington - Dental Supplies valued at \$200
 - vi. Legence Bank to MHS - Sponsorship for Annual Basketball Shootout - \$2,000
 - vii. Marion Chevrolet to MHS - 1 engine and 1 transmission to MHS Auto ClassMotion carried.

Proposed 2024 Tax Levy Resolution

Motion #2: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the Proposed 2024 Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

E-Learning Plan

Motion #3: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the E-Learning Plan as presented. Motion carried.

2025 SIJHSAA Activity

Motion #4: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve Boys/Girls Bowling and Golf as an SIJHSAA Activity for the Marion Junior High School for the Spring of 2025. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #5: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion Carried

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Hallie Mayers, assigned to 1st Grade at Washington, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Aidan (AJ) Segers, assigned to 3rd Grade at Washington, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Krista Aud, assigned to MHS Science, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion carried.

Introduction of New Faculty Member

Mrs. Benson introduced Hallie Mayers and Aidan (AJ) Segers.

Mr. Williams introduced Krista Aud.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #6: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion Carried.

Employment

Non-Certified

Brandi Stanley, Nurse Float Position, effective November 12, 2024.

Amend hire date for Jennifer Russell, Administrative Assistant assigned to the District Office, effective December 2, 2024.

Diana Shadowens, Hall Monitor assigned to MHS, effective November 20, 2024.

Sarah Dena, Hall Monitor assigned to MJHS, effective November 20, 2024.

Coaching

Eli Baker, MHS Head Boys Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Zack Lindsey, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Coaching (con't)

Jordan Bundren, Adams Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Nate Dampier, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2024-2025 season.

REASSIGNMENTS

Michah Colboth, reassigned from Adams 5th Grade Teacher to MJHS 6th grade English Language Arts Teacher, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Stacey Parks, reassigned from 5th Grade Teacher to 3rd Grade Teacher at Longfellow, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Julia Langdon, Noon Supervisor assigned to Longfellow Elementary, effective November 1, 2024.

Scott Gimmy, MHS Faculty Advisor for the Model UN team, effective August 1, 2024.

Hannah Anderson, MHS Assistant Choir Director, effective November 19, 2024.
Motion carried.

Technology Report

- Work with vendor in regards to new Windows 11 desktops.
- Re-deployment planning for Windows 11 desktops.
- Working with a third party vendor to implement a Phishing campaign.
- On-going SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy) New and renewing.
- Working with vendors to buy back some outdated technology.
- Deployed 22 new two-way radios at Adams and all buildings.
- Finalizing E-Rate for Funding Year 2024.
- Assisting in the new design and structure of new district website
- Advanced preparations for E-rate for upcoming FY 2025
- Finalized and corrected Fall Enrollment numbers for EBF.

Maintenance Report

- Working on summer 2025 projects.
- Updating playground fencing and privacy/security screen in high traffic areas.
- Scheduling onsite staff training for both the Maintenance and Custodial Department.
- Preparing for colder weather coming: Turning Boilers on, snow removal equipment prep, winterizing freeze zones, etc.
- Continuously looking for ways to better the learning environment at each school.
- Planning projects for over winter break.

Washington: Chain link fence repair/replacement for new wind/privacy screen to be installed. Eats gym floor to be sanded and resealed over Thanksgiving break. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Lincoln: Chain link fence repair/replacement for new wind/privacy screen to be installed. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Maintenance Report (con't)

High School: Gearing up for winter sports. Wilson gym is scheduled in the next week to have all the light fixtures replaced with new high bay energy efficient LED lights. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Jr. High: Winter sports have begun. The east gym light fixtures were just replaced with high bay energy efficient LED fixtures. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Jefferson: Chain link fence repair/replacement for new wind/privacy screen to be installed. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Adams: Winter sports have begun. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Longfellow: Chain link fence repair/replacement for new wind/privacy screen to be installed. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Complex: Closing everything up and winterizing for the season. The Maintenance staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss stated that November is Board Member Appreciation Month. She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to Marion Unit #2. As a token of appreciation, Marion Unit #2 provided desserts for the Board to enjoy following the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report



November 2024 Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

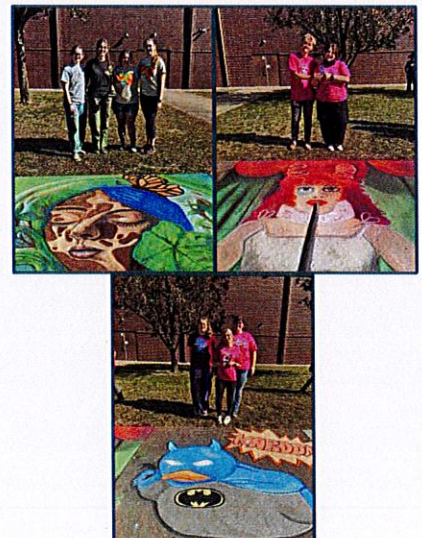
Art - Marion High School AP Art students competed in the Harrisburg Annual Chalk Drawing Competition on October 25, 2024.

Marion Received:

2nd place: Athena Palmer, Acadia Sutton, Allie Parks, Abby Sproul

Teachers Choice Runner Up: Donovan Barkley, Ella Smith, Bailey Schafer

Judges Choice Runner Up: Dan Brame and Khloe Holmes





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Art - MHS student, Cara Glass, had an animation piece accepted into the ILAEA Video and Animation Showcase and received a Certificate of Artistic Achievement.



Art - MHS student, Carly Williams, has been chosen as a finalist in the annual Southern Illinois is Beautiful Photo Contest!



Art - The LEAA hosted its annual High School Photography competition. Congrats to the MHS Art students who had artwork place!



3rd place: Donovan Barkley (received 2 - 3rd place rewards)

Honorable Mention: Carley Williams and Allie Parks

Special Award: Aubrey Oates



Art - Recently, MHS Art teacher Mrs. Akes attended the ILAEA Conference and Awards Ceremony. While attending, she was recognized as the **Illinois Secondary Art Educator of the year**. To earn this prestigious recognition, Mrs. Akes submitted a portfolio showcasing her curriculum, instruction, program advocacy, professional service, and leadership. Also, while attending the annual meeting, the MHS Art Department was recognized as an **IAEA School of Distinction for Excellence in art, design, and media education**.





November 2024 Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Marching Wildcat Band - Congratulations to the Marching Wildcat Band who took home 3rd place at the EIU Competition. They also took home AAA 2nd place, Outstanding Drum Majors award, and Grand Champions at the Pinckneyville Competition Field Show & Awards.



Marching Wildcat Band - Congratulations to the Marching Wildcat Band students who were selected for the All-District Band/Jazz Bands.

Students: Seth Bierman, Daniel Brame, Ehren Neikes, Carter Sprauge, Rylan Williamson, and Jenann Woods



Marion Junior High School

Band - Congratulations to the following MJHS Band students who auditioned and were selected for the Illinois Music Education Association Band!

Students selected for ILMEA Band: Jonathan Angle, Brock Hein, Angelo Jones, Violet Norris, Maggie Robinson, Macyn Taylor, Theodore Weaver, Rosalie Whiteford, Lawson Lee, Elina Wei, William Lee, Shiloh Scott, Chapman Springvloed, Rosalie Whiteford

Choir - Congratulations to the following MJHS Choir students who auditioned and were selected for the Illinois Music Education Association Choir!

Students selected for ILMEA Choir: McKenna Johnson, Aubree Robinson, Tyrone Bryant, Kaelen Chmiel, Alycia Groves, Louise Nuckles, Logan Turner, McKenzie Dalton, Claire Johnson, Paige Marcy, Lucie Vaupel, Alycia Groves, Addison McAlpin, Magdalena Robinson, Chase Smith, and Eli Thompson



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Marion Junior High School

MJHS Unified PE - MJHS Unified PE students participated in the Unified Bocce Special Olympics in October and brought home some hardware.



Sports

Marion High School

Boys Soccer - Boys Wildcat Soccer won the South 7 Conference title for the first time since 2016.



Boys Soccer - Congratulations to the following Wildcat boys soccer athletes for being named South 7 All Conference! Also, Congrats to Coach Girolamo for being named Co-Coach of the Year!

1st Team All Conference - Cooper Banks, Haydan Little, Noah Throgmorton, and Myles Wiseman

2nd Team All Conference - Josiah McPhail, Eduardo Perez, and Charli Smith

Offensive Player of the Year - Lukas Arbelaiz-Aguirre

Co-Coach of the Year - Girolamo Intravaia

South Seven All-Conference Boys Soccer	
1 st Team All-Conference	
Cooper Banks, Marion	
Payton Cole, Centralia	
Isaiah Gray, Carbonade	
Miguel Kellomaki, Carbonade	
Jack Langdon, Mount Vernon	
Hayden Little, Marion	
Blake Sanders, Mount Vernon	
Deacon Smith, Centralia	
Andrew Stevens, Carbonade	
Noah Throgmorton, Marion	
Myles Wiseman, Marion	
2 nd Team All-Conference	
Christian Adams, Centralia	
Patryk Castro, Mount Vernon	
Declan Hickam, Carbonade	
Keston Kach, Mount Vernon	
David Lundberg, Centralia	
Colt Mayers-Newcomb, Carbonade	
Justin McPhail, Marion	
Kevin Moss, Carbonade	
Ruby Miller, Carbonade	
Eduardo Perez, Marion	
Charli Smith, Marion	
Offensive Player of the Year	
Lukas Arbelaiz-Aguirre, Marion	
Defensive Player of the Year	
Andrew Stevens, Carbonade	
Co-Coach of the Year	
Girolamo Intravaia, Marion	
Jeff Hansen, Carbonade	

Volleyball - Congrats to Senior Lana Orrill for being named 2nd Team Illinois Volleyball Coaches Association All State for class 3A.

 2024 3A Girls All-State 2nd Team				
Player Name	Player Position	High School Name	Year in School	Head Coach
Serena Zappacchi	Outside	Champaign Central	Senior	Austin Tomaska
Yvonne Foyke	Setter	Champaign Park	Junior	Brian Eshel
Heidi Pappas	Outside	Shawnee	Senior	Audrey Thiesling
Katelyna Mitchell	Outside	Windsor South	Junior	Ben Goodell
Yvonne Miller	Libero	Lemont	Junior	Chris Zingra
Amelia Lambert	Setter	Limestone	Sophomore	Shelly Stover
Ellie Barker	Outside	Walton	Senior	Shawn Bergman
Lana Orrill	Libero	Marion	Senior	Sherry Madeline



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Sports

Marion High School

Volleyball - Congratulations to the six volleyball girls that were named IVCA Academic All-State: Riece Utley, Lea Wong, Maddyn Kraus, Lana Orrill, Addi Lenon, and Paislee Freebourn!

Volleyball - Congratulations to the volleyball girls who were named South 7 Volleyball All-Conference for the 2024 season.

1st Team All Conference: Lana Orrill

2nd Team All Conference: Kaylin Wolfe

Honorable Mention: Maddyn Kraus and Addi Lenon

South 7 Volleyball All-Conference 2024	
1st Team:	
MVP - Averi Summerlin (Carbondale)	
Jasmine Martin (Carbondale)	
Kara Burnside (Carbondale)	
Marley Edson (Centralia)	
Jasayah Wallace (Centralia)	
Madelene Moll (Marion)	
Lana Orrill (Marion)	
Kamarae Pollard (Mt. Vernon)	
Melaina Zedalis (Mt. Vernon)	
2nd Team:	
Elle Bantz (Carbondale)	
Isabel Krause (Carbondale)	
Kaelyn Vennun (Carbondale)	
Hattie Castleman (Centralia)	
Ced Barrow (Centralia)	
Kaylin Wolfe (Marion)	
Savannah Marlow (Mt. Vernon)	
Summer Rusk (Mt. Vernon)	
Honorable Mention:	
Neviah Wright (Carbondale)	
Moleigha Harris (Carbondale)	
Mya McGee (Centralia)	
Alyah Rush (Centralia)	
Maddyn Kraus (Marion)	
Addi Lenon (Marion)	
Sara Barrett (Mt. Vernon)	
Sybia Forest (Cahokia)	
Daniya Forest (Cahokia)	

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Boys Cross Country - Wildcat Boys XC won the Carbondale 2A Regional Championship! Gabby and Raphy Greer finished 1st and 2nd.



Boys Cross Country - Wildcat Boys XC earned 3rd Place at the Olney Sectional. Gabby Greer was the individual Sectional champ! The Wildcats will get a chance to defend their State Championship in Peoria.





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Boys Cross Country - Congrats to the Wildcat Boys XC team for their 14th overall finish at the 2A IHSA XC State Finals!

Boys Cross Country - Congratulations to sophomores Gabby and Raphy Greer on their 16th & 17th place finishes to earn All State honors at the IHSA XC State Finals!

Girls Cross Country - Kara Odum wins the South 7 Championship meet for the 2nd straight year with a personal best time of 18:31.

Girls Cross Country - Kara Odum finished 4th overall at the Carbondale Regional qualifying for sectionals next week.

Girls Cross Country - Congrats to Kara Odum on her 8th place finish at the Olney Sectional and qualifying for IHSA State Finals!

Girls Cross Country - Congrats to Kara Odum on her 37th overall finish at the 2A IHSA Girls Cross Country State Finals! This is the best finish by a female in MHS school history.





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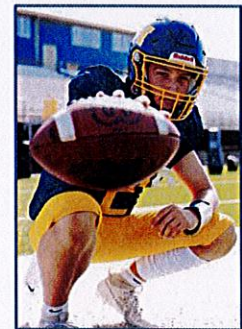
Girls Golf - Lady Wildcat, Grace Roper, finished 19th overall at IHSA 2A Girls Golf State Finals earning her all state honors.



Football - Congratulations to the Wildcat Football team for qualifying for the 2024 IHSA 5A State Playoffs. This will be Wildcat Football's 24th playoff appearance in school history.



Football - Congrats to Wildcat quarterback, Callahan Roper! Callahan passed Wildcat legend Matt Brown for most touchdown passes in a single game. The Junior QB also put together the 3rd best passing season in school history and is now 3rd all time in career passing stats according to WGGH's Tim Petrowich.



Football - Congrats to Wildcat defensive end, Alex Henry! Alex broke Darrick Borum's long standing single season tackles for a loss last night with #19.



Football - Congrats to Wildcat wide receiver, Sam Adkins! Sam had the 4th highest single game receiving yards total in school history with 191 yards vs Highland.





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Sports

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Dance - Congrats to the Varsity team members who competed at the IDTA Start the Beat Solo and Duet/Trio Competition.

Trophy Winners were: McKenna Walters (She also received an automatic bid to the State Solo competition in February.), Emery Lueker, Emma Stout, Hanna Clark, and Elly Hale

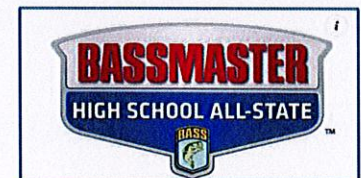


Marion Wildcat Guard - Congrats to the Wildcat WinterGuard members who competed at the IDTA Start the Beat Solo and Duet/Trio Competition.

Trophy Winners were: Cole Warren, Lanique Smith, Skyler Martin, and Brooke Mayo



Bass Fishing - Congrats to Landon Gabby on being named All State for Illinois by Bassmaster!



Fall MHS Sports - Congratulations to all MHS Fall Sports for earning the South 7 Conference Fall 2024 Gold Cup.

South 7 Conference Fall Sports "Gold Cup"			
Fall Sports 2024			
Boys Golf	Points	Boys Golf	Points
1. Marion	275	1. Marion	275
2. Carlinville	200	2. Carlinville	200
3. Macomb	175	3. Macomb	175
4. Canton	150	4. Canton	150
5. Macon	125	5. Macon	125
6. Carlinville	100	6. Carlinville	100
7. Macon	75	7. Macon	75
8. Canton	50	8. Canton	50
9. Marion	25	9. Marion	25
10. Carlinville	0	10. Carlinville	0
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7. Macon	75	7. Macon	75
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Boys Soccer	Points	Boys Soccer	Points
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2. Carlinville	200	2. Carlinville	200
3. Macomb	175	3. Macomb	175
4. Canton	150	4. Canton	150
5. Macon	125	5. Macon	125
6. Carlinville	100	6. Carlinville	100
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Sports

Marion High School

ESPORTS - Congratulations to the MHS ESports team for making it to the IHSEA State Tournament! They are Top 8 in the State for Class 2A.

Boys Bowling - Ethan Zirkelbach placed 3rd at the SIYST bowling tournament. He secured a spot for the Junior Gold Nationals for the second year in a row and will compete in Green Bay (WI) in July.



Sports

Marion Junior High School

Boys Cross Country - The 2024 Undefeated Wildcat Boys Cross Country team won the Class L State Championship. They were also Regional Champions and Conference Champions.



Boys Basketball - Congrats to both 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams on winning the Marion Tip Off Classic!



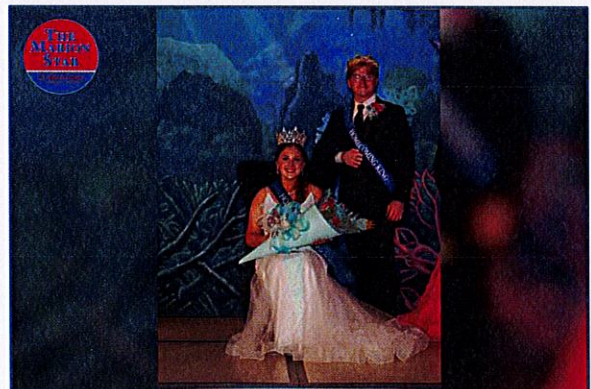
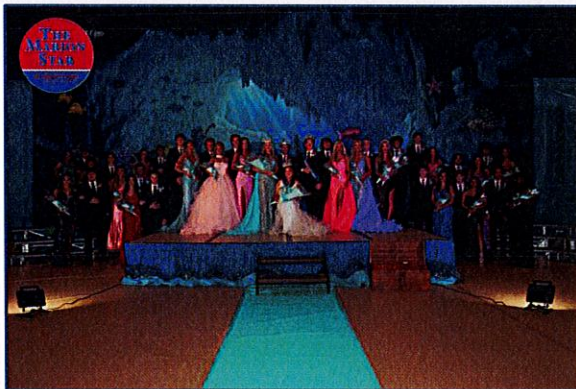
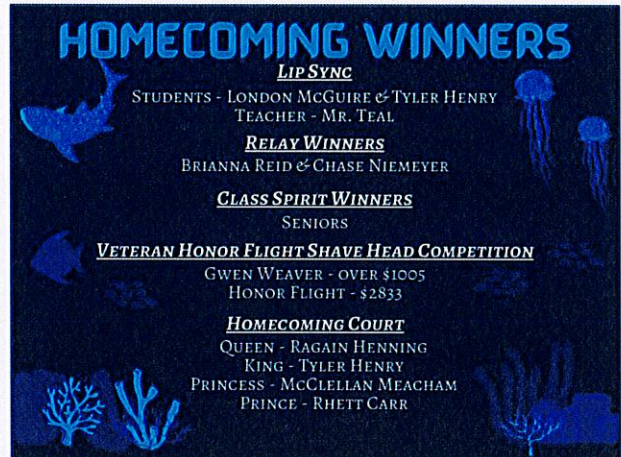
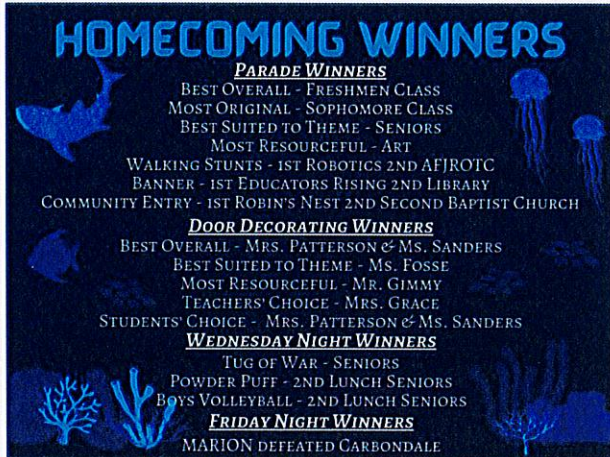


November 2024
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Extra-Curricular

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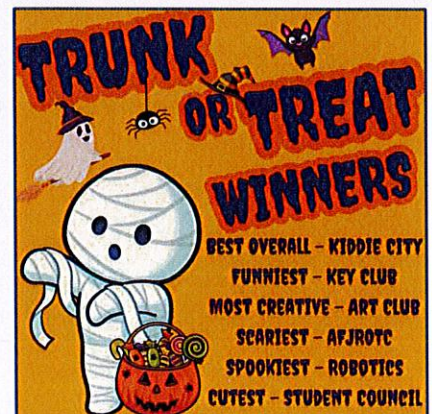
Student Council - Congratulations to the Homecoming Winners!



Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Student Council - Congratulations to the Trunk or Treat Winners!





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Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Marion Model UN - Congratulations to Marion Model UN for their outstanding performances at the SEMO Conference. The delegation received 7 out of 9 awards presented. Award Winners are:

Security Council 3rd: Corbin Jeffords

Security Council 2nd: Xander Fuqua

Security Council 1st: Tyler Henry

4th Committee - 3rd Place: Gaby Herrera and Isa Greer

4th Committee - 2nd Place: Kyleigh Reams

4th Committee - 1st Place: Harlan Whitford

1st Committee - 3rd Place: Jazmeen Ankrom

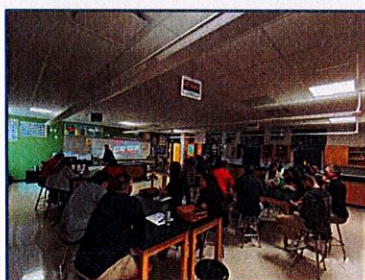
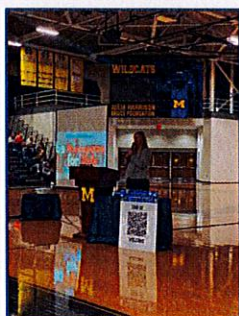
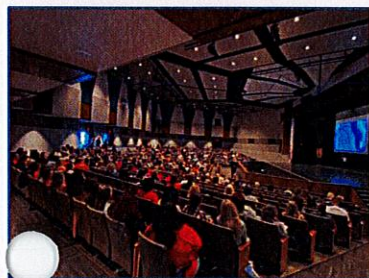
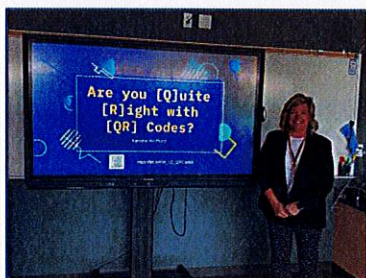




November 2024 Student Special Recognition

District

Learning Camp - Marion Unit 2 District hosted the Learning Camp for Williamson County educators at Marion High School. It was a great success!



District Office - Congratulations to Facilities Director, Aaron Dixon, on successfully completing the Illinois ASBO training program and passing the comprehensive exam to obtain certification as a Certified Professional Supervisor (CPS).

Legence Bank - Thank you to Legence Bank for sponsoring this year's shootout!



Treasurer's Report

The District is 33% of the way through the fiscal year as of October 31, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 30.20% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 33.67%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 27.80%.

Closed Session

Motion #7: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Brice Wesley to enter into closed session at 6:57 p.m. and end closed session at 8:08 p.m. for 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

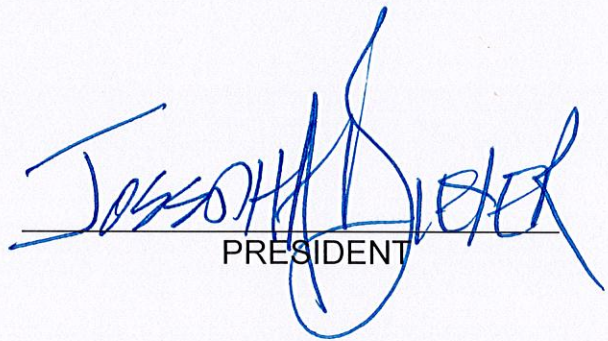
Motion #8: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

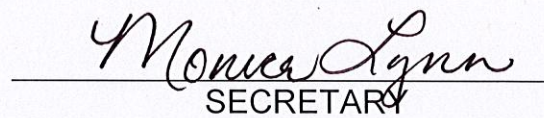
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Garrison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lawler	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Henshaw	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wesley	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mohr	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bundren	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bleyer	yes	yes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

12-17-24

DATE


PRESIDENT


SECRETARY