

Regular Meeting – November 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

Patty Bundren and Sheri Lawler were not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Major Michael Holt and Senior Master Sergeant Ellis presented a slideshow explaining the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Marion High School. The key points of the presentation included the viability of the program as well as current projects and the future of the program. He shared the main goal of the program is to build better citizens for America. He was pleased to inform the board that the MHS AFJRROTC program earned the 2022-2023 Outstanding Organization award! The board enjoyed the presentation and requested for them to return each year for yearly updates.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

No comments offered.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the October 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
- b. **Bills** – the October supplementary bills and the November bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher Sorority (Susan Atkisson, Donna Bragee & Anne Moore) to MJHS – blankets, bedding and coats
 - ii. First United Methodist Church to MJHS – \$300.00 donation for school supplies, clothing and pantry
 - iii. First United Methodist Church Women to MJHS – \$500.00 donation for school supplies, clothing and pantry
 - iv. Abundant Life Church to MJHS – school supplies
 - v. Joe's Pizza to MHS – lunch for faculty and staff
 - vi. Cornerstone Church to Longfellow – \$500.00 donation for pantry needs
 - vii. Marion Unit #2 Foundation to English Language Learner program – Grant to purchase ukuleles
 - viii. Lowell Anderson to District elementary buildings – 50/\$100 Kroger gift cards valued at \$5,000.00
 - ix. St. Joseph Ladies Auxiliary to MJHS – \$250.00 for 2 Christmas students
 - x. Second Baptist Church to MJHS – \$2500.00 for 20 Christmas students
 - xi. First United Methodist Church to MJHS – \$750.00 for 6 Christmas students
 - xii. Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher Sorority to MJHS – \$600.00 for 4 Christmas students

Consent Agenda (con't)

c. Donations

- xiii. Enrico & Stephanie Castellano to MHS – \$2,000.00 for track uniforms
- xiv. Farmers State Bank to MHS – “Best Day Ever” Kindness prizes

d. Memorandum of Understanding – approve the University of West Florida Student Internship Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the following personnel recommendation as presented (pending background check):

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

Stephanie Bawker, Custodian assigned to MHS, effective November 1, 2023.

Robin Cherim, Custodian assigned to MHS, effective October 19, 2023.

Angel Harding, AfterCats assigned to Adams School, effective October 23, 2023.

Samantha Mardis, Noon-time Supervisor assigned to Adams School, effective October 23, 2023.

Keith Szablewski, Maintenance Department, effective November 6, 2023.

Coaching

Jessie Crabtree, MHS Head Girls Soccer Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

Bruce Myers, MHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

Kegan Robbins, MHS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Jillyan Henning, Cook assigned to MJHS, a medical leave of absence beginning November 15, 2023 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year using available sick leave.

Casey Rose, Physical Education Teacher assigned to MHS, an unpaid FMLA for 12 weeks beginning on November 20, 2023.

RESIGNATIONS

Dannielle Hestand, Nurse assigned to MHS, effective December 15, 2023.

Alyssa Weisenstein, Science Teacher assigned to MHS, effective July 31, 2024.

RETIREMENT

Mona Odum, Head Cook assigned to MJHS, effective April 5, 2024.
Motion carried.

FY 24 School Maintenance Project Grant

Motion #3: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the FY24 ISBE Maintenance Grant as presented. Motion carried.

Proposed 2023 Tax Levy Resolution

Motion #4: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the Proposed 2023 Levy Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing

The Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing was presented to the board.

Annual District Audit

Motion #5: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Annual District Audit as presented. Motion carried.

E-Learning Plan

E-Learning Plan has been updated for 2023-2024 but does not need approval until November 2024.

Board Policy Review

Review this month and vote at the December meeting.

Technology Report

Finalized Fall Enrollment data for ISBE and EBF.

District website updates for the 2023-2024 SY – ongoing.

On-going assistance with MHS C.A.T.S. Program.

Finalizing plans to implement Multi-Factor Google authentication.

Updating and acquiring new SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy).

Currently updating a district-wide Technology Asset Inventory.

Attended the IETC Conference in Springfield. Attended workshops and keynote addresses in order to gather information for future district technology needs.

Continue to monitor Clever sync for several new digital curricula.

Maintenance and upkeep of MHS phone system. Preparing for a software upgrade.

Server monitoring and maintenance at all buildings.

Network monitoring both wired and Wi-Fi, to ensure reliability - District-wide.

Monitoring copier/printer functionality.

Promethean and ViewSonic updates and troubleshooting.

Detailed data processing in order to implement Multi Factor Authentication.

Maintenance Report

Washington Elementary School: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Lincoln Elementary School: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

High School: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Jr. High: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Jefferson Elementary School: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Adams: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Longfellow: Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Custodial Teams: The custodial teams are working on their typical day to day in the buildings. and preparing a cleaning plan for each building while students & staff will be off for winter break.

Warehouse Team: They have been assisting the maintenance team where needed, executing deliveries and filling in for custodial work where needed.

Maintenance Report (con't)

Maintenance Team: The Maintenance team have been working on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, and painting. They have also been preparing for colder weather as the season changes.

Special Acknowledgement: During the season of Thanksgiving, I would like to personally thank ALL of the Maintenance and Custodial staff in the district and let them know that I appreciate all of the hard work that they do. They each play an important role in keeping the district up and running and looking good. Often these departments get overlooked because they typically work in the background. I encourage everyone to thank a Maintenance Tech or a Custodial Team Member for all that they do. Without each of them our days might look and feel a little different.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Moss updated the board on security measures that are in place across the District. She also stated that November 15th is Board Member Appreciation Day. She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to Marion Unit #2. As a token of appreciation, Mrs. Plott, MHS Culinary Arts teacher and her students, prepared desserts for the Board to enjoy following the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

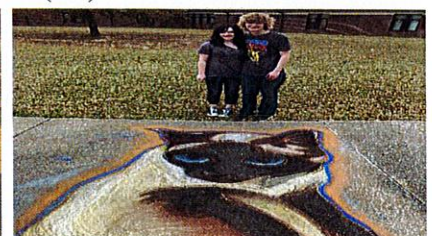
Academics

Marion High School

Art – The Annual LEAA High School Photography Competition Results: 1st Place - Marcus Mayo {Unfathomable Addiction}, 2nd Place - Alyssa Long {Butterfly House}, 3rd Place - Kaeyah Chin {Play that Sax} Honorable Mentions: Addison Johnstone {White Rose}, Madilynn Stein {Night Time Swim}, and Alexes Grant {Ellie}, Special Awards: Lillian Seresbeno {Sweet Cheeks}, Kaeyah Chin {Battlefield}, Addison Jonstone {Paw Paw Eyeballs}, and Ashton Fox {The Travelstead Boy}



Art – MHS Art students competed in the annual Harrisburg High School Chalk Drawing Contest. This year's winners from Marion are: 1st place: Elaina Williams, Lillian Seresbeno, and CeCe Acosta-Lopez (goldfish); 3rd Place: Ally Parks, Acadia Sutton and Athen Palmer (lady w curlers); and Teachers Choice Runner up: Ben Harrawood and Shayleigh Wallis (cat).



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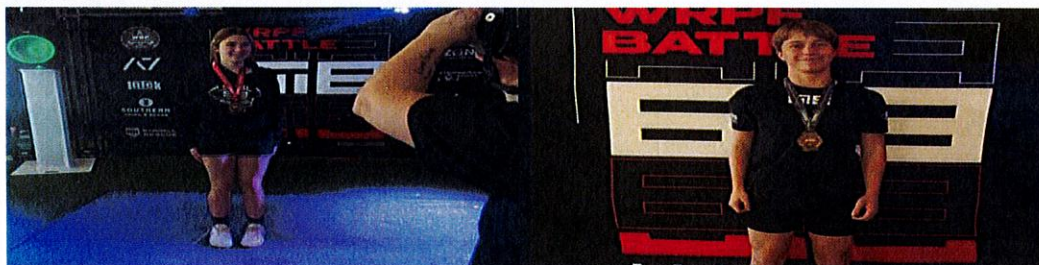
Marion High School

Art – The following students had artwork selected to hang in the Teen Spirit Artshow at the Yeiser Gallery in Paducah, Ky: Elizabeth Benton, Dan Bramne, Kaeyah Chin, Briley Dailey, Emma Davis, Alexes Grant, Georgia Hale, Grace Hartwell, Kaitlyn Hill, Shakirah Humphrey, Mariah Hunt, Allison Hylin, Nathan Kennedy, Riley Kirsch, Larry Lee, Rylan Lively, Ryan McCaffrey, Athena Palmer, Allie Parks, Easton Rubright, Bailey Schafer, Abby Schroeder, Lily Seresbeno, Emma Sprague, Abby Sproul and Elaina Williams. The exhibition will run from Friday, November 17th through Sunday, December 3rd. ([Link to Artwork](#) that will hang in the show.)

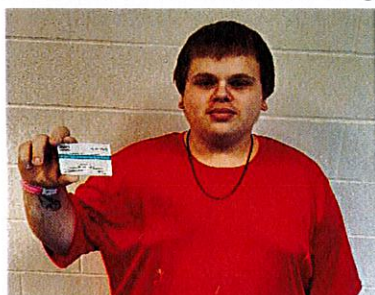
Chemistry – MHS Chemistry students competed on Thursday at the Murray State University Chemistry Scholarship Tournament. The AP Chemistry team consisting of Addisyn Adams, Kyra Graham, Jobi McCann, and Noah Motsinger, placed third overall in the competition. The Chemistry 1 team members were Xander Fuqua, Rylee Wallis, and Jenann Woods. In the lower division, Xander placed third individually.



Strength & Conditioning – Ben Henry & Addi Lawler, MHS Strength & Conditioning students, showcased their strength at the WRPF powerlifting meet. Addi won the 56kg class: deadlift – 203 (state record WRPF), squat – 148 and bench – 77. Ben won age and 75kg class: deadlift – 353, squat – 265 and bench – 170.



Welding - Welding 3 completed their OSHA 10 Certification. This certification is a professional level certification through OSHA, and it is a requirement to work on many commercial, industrial, and construction jobsites. The students who received their OSHA 10 Certification Card this semester are: Tre Ince, Nolan Rix and Logan Wooters.



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Academics

Marion Junior High School

Band – ILMEA District 6 Jazz Festival - Zander Tallman, Banquo Gordon, Ian Moseman, Rose Whiteford, Felix Lewis, Elijah Wilson, Kaleb Richart, Jaden Nguyen. ILMEA District 6 Concert Band Festival - Chase Galt, Jordan Rester, Macyn Taylor, Elijah Wilson, Kaleb Richart, Ian Moseman, Sophia Joyner, Zander Tallman, Banquo Gordon, Paisley Johnson, Ben Pritchard.

Choir – Congratulations to the following choir members for making the ILMEA District 6 ensembles:

Jr. Jazz SAB: Aleigha Mewes, Maggie Robinson, Alycia Groves, Addie McAlpin, Avani Brown, Pheobe Matta-Gawlick, Bennie Malone

Jr. Jazz SA: Aubree Robinson, Maxine Sobel, Lucie Vaupel, Aiyana Lenard, Paige Marcy

Junior Mixed Chorus: Bennie Malone, Logan Turner

Junior Chorus: Avani Brown, McKenzie Dalton, Alycia Groves



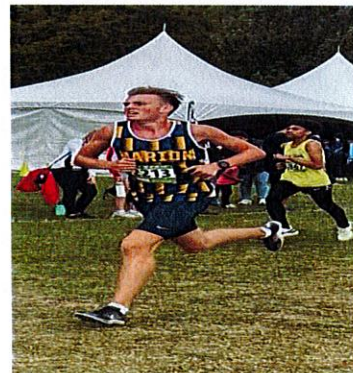
Sports

Marion High School

Cross Country – Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country team. They are the 2023 Richland County Regional Champions!!! Dylan Nalley and Mekye Lomax finished in 1st and 2nd place! Four Wildcats finished in the top 6! Dylan Nalley also broke the course record by 56 seconds (14:33)!



Cross Country – The Wildcat Cross Country team finished in 2nd place overall as a team and is heading to the IHSA State Finals in Peoria! Dylan Nalley claimed another individual championship and course record with a time of (13:37.2)! His time was 31 seconds faster than the previous record held by former Decatur MacArthur state champ Michael Clevenger. Clevenger continued his career as an NCAA All-American at Notre Dame! Mekye Lomas finished in 5th place as an individual!



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Cross Country – Congratulations to the Wildcat Cross Country team for winning the Class 2A Boys Cross Country State Championship! Dylan Nalley repeats as the 2A State Champion and established the new 2A State Finals record time of (14:05)! Mekye Lomax and Raphael Greer also made Top 25 All-State honors! They are the 1st team south of I-64 to ever win a state title!



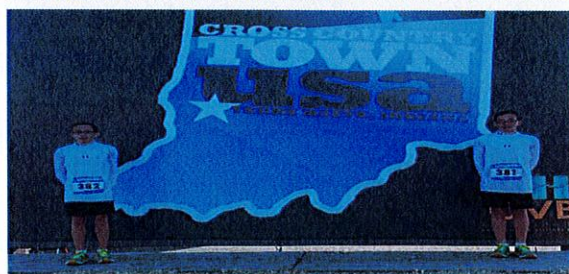
Cross Country – Congratulations to Dylan Nalley for finishing 3rd overall at the Nike Midwest Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana! Dylan's time of (14:47) is the all-time record for an IL runner at the Nike Midwest Championship and the fastest cross country 5k in Illinois history! He'll move on to Portland, Oregon to compete for a high school national championship.



Cross Country – Senior Mekye Lomax finished 22nd in the Nike Midwest Championship unseeded races and missed the podium by 1 position. Mekye finished his Wildcat career as one of the highest finishers at IHSA State in school history at 13th (All-State) and the 4th fastest time in school history at Detweiler (15:00)!



Cross Country – Congratulations to Freshmen Raphy and Gabby Greer finished 2nd and 4th at the Nike Midwest Future Stars 5k Championship race! This race consists of the top Freshmen and Sophomore talent from IL, MI, MO, IN, and OH.



Cross Country – Congratulations to Kara Odum. She is heading to the Jacksonville Sectional! The Lady Wildcats finished 7th overall at the Richland County Regional!

Cross Country – Congratulations to Kara Odum on finishing in 13th place overall at the Jacksonville Sectional! She is heading to the IHSA XC State Finals in Peoria!



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Sports

Marion High School

Cross Country – Congratulations to all of our Wildcat Cross Country runners who were named to the 2023 SICA All-South team! Also, congratulations to Coach Scott Gill for being named Boys 2A Coach of the Year!

Boys 2A – 1st team: Gabriel Greer, Raphael Greer, Mekye Lomas and Dylon Nalley; 2nd team: Evan Dailey and Cade Parks

Girls 2A – 1st team: Kara Odum

Swimming – MHS Sophomore Ysa Zubiri competed in the Edwardsville Swim Sectional and took 6th place in the 200 Yard IM and 7th in 100 Yard Breaststroke!

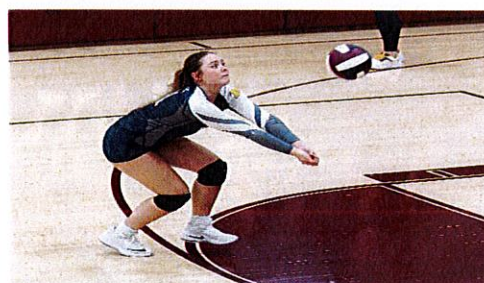
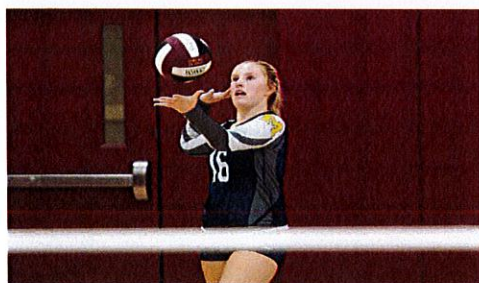
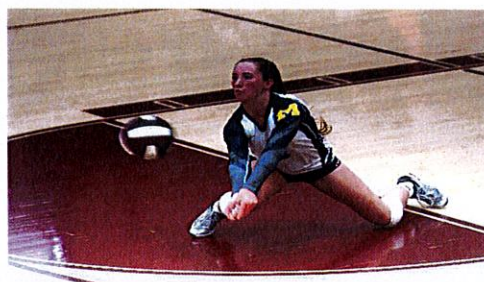
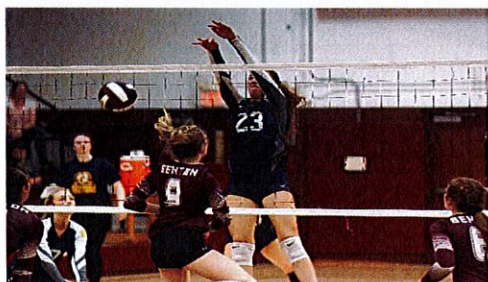


Tennis – Congratulations to the following girls for making South Seven All-Conference! 1st team: Bella Parrili and Rylan Gulley, 2nd team: Calli Dugger and Hannah McNichols and Honorable Mention: Valerie Bergman and Ellie Weston

Volleyball – Congratulations to Jordyn Rhine and Taylor Richardson on being selected to play in the Senior Deep South All-Star Game.



Volleyball – 2023 South Seven All-Conference team selections: 1st team – Jordyn Rhine, 2nd team – Taylor Richardson, Honorable Mention – Maddyn Kraus, Lana Orrill and Olivia Thomas.



Assistant Superintendent Report

Teacher Recognition

Marion Unit #2 teachers attended the ROE #21 Teacher Appreciation event with Hamish Brewer! The event was filled with enthusiasm and positivity as educators came together to celebrate the amazing work that teachers do every day.



Special Recognition



Farmers State Bank set up a kindness vending machine at MHS as part of a pay it forward campaign called "Best Day Ever". They set up a Farmers State Bank wrapped vending machine in the commons area and they passed out lots of fun prizes through it. Prizes included envelopes with encouraging notes, cash prizes, flowers, cinnamon rolls, and other promotional items with hopes the kids would pay it forward throughout the day. Here is the link to the "Best Day Ever" video for your viewing and sharing:

https://youtu.be/vEQd1bHYwi0?si=rhN_w8Qo075Av0kX

Closed Session

The board did not enter into closed session.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 33% of the way through the fiscal year as of October 31, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 30.46% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 47.02%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 32.17%.

Adjournment

Motion #6: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Brice Wesley to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

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Garrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawler	----	----	----	----	----	----
Henshaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wesley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mohr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bundren	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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