

Regular Meeting – October 15, 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

Joseph Bleyer, Shannon Mohr and Brice Wesley were not present.

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 Jared Garrison to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** – the minutes from the September 24, 2024 regular and closed session meetings and the public hearing.
- b. **Bills** – the September supplementary bills and the October bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Marion Unit #2 Foundation to Wildcat Way – \$5,000.00
 - ii. Pediatric Group to MHS FFA – \$150.00
 - iii. Owsley to MHS FFA – \$500.00
 - iv. Timberline to MHS FFA – \$1,250.00
 - v. Farm Credit Illinois to MHS FFA – \$125.00
 - vi. Natasha Stearns Country Financial to MHS PBIS – \$530.00
 - vii. Cornerstone to MHS Band – band camp
 - viii. First Church of God to MHS Band – band camp
 - ix. Changos to MHS Band – band camp
 - x. Second Baptist Church to MHS Band – band camp
 - xi. Kiwanis to MHS Band – band camp
 - ix. Aldersgate Church to MHS Band – band camp
 - x. Culvers to MHS Band – band camp
 - xi. McDonalds to MHS Band – band camp
 - xii. Protek Communications to MHS Band – band camp
 - xiii. North Bridge Technology to MHS Band – band camp
 - xiv. Alpha Delta Kappa to Adams – Teacher Appreciation Basket
- c. **Elementary School Compacts & Family Engagement Policies** – approval of the Elementary School Compacts & Family Engagement Policies (ESSA – Title 1 Requirement) as presented.
- d. **Lindenwood University Memorandum of Understanding**
Motion carried.

Board Policy Adoption

Motion #2: It was moved by Sherri Lawler and seconded by Jared Garrison to adopt the following policies as presented: 2:260, 2:265, 5:100, 7:20, and 7:185. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

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

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

Jaci Vaughn, Elementary Instructional Assistant assigned to Longfellow Elementary, pending background check.

Jennifer Russell, Administrative Assistant assigned to the District Office, effective January 7, 2025.

RESIGNATION

Enrico "Chico" Castellano, MHS Head Boys Track & Field Coach, effective immediately.

Motion carried.

FY25 School Maintenance Project Grant

Motion #4: It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the FY25 ISBE Maintenance Grant as presented. Motion carried.

IASB Delegate and Alternate

Motion #5: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Patty Bundren to designate Shannon Mohr as the IASB Delegate and Jared Garrison as the Alternate for the 2024 Joint Annual Conference. Motion carried.

Technology Report

On-going SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy) New and renewing.

Assisting parents with Parent Portal issues and setups.

Assist with maintaining and upgrading two-way radios at all buildings.

Finalizing E-Rate for Funding Year 2024.

Responded to 91 Technology Work Orders.

Daily creation of new student email accounts and Campus Portal account.

Continue to work with ESports teams in regards to network security.

Prepped student data for KIDS Assessment.

Preparing for Windows 11 desktop deployment.

On-going work with Accounting and the implementation of Red Rover.

Maintenance Report

Starting to discuss possible summer 2025 projects.

All schools have finished up with their yearly safety drills.

Updating playground fencing and privacy/security screen in high traffic areas.

Preparing ahead of winter and the inclement weather that comes with it.

Maintenance Report (con't)

Washington Elementary School: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Lincoln Elementary School: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

High School: Prepping for Homecoming week. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Jr. High: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Jefferson Elementary School: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Adams: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Longfellow: Nothing new to report. The Maintenance and Custodial staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Complex: Wrapping up fall sports and preparing the grounds for winter weather. The Maintenance staff continue to do their day to day tasks.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss thanked the community for being so generous with their donations to our schools. She specifically mentioned the Marion Unit #2 Foundation for their donation and how it directly affects our students. She informed the board about an upcoming event being hosted by our district for all Williamson County schools on October 25, 2024. This learning camp will feature a keynote speaker and breakout sessions for certified and noncertified staff members. She thanked Farmers State Bank for their support of the learning camp by providing breakfast for attendees.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Watts informed the Board that October is Principal Appreciation Month. She stated that she appreciates the efforts of all our administrators and Marion Unit #2 is blessed to have the best administrators!

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Art – The 14th Annual LEAA High School Photography Competition Show runs from October 1st through November 10th with the Art Show Reception and Awards on Sunday, November 10th. The following MHS Art students had 20 pieces accepted into the show for award consideration: Emma Skeate, Carley Williams, Allie Parks, Bennie Malone, Alexes Grant, Bailey Schafer, Aubrey Oates, Charolette Marlo, Kharloz Hernandez, Allison Hylin, Jazzalynn Clifton, Donovan Barkley, Corbin Upton and Alyssa Baize.

College Board National Recognition

Parker Bradshaw and Charley Woodsum were recognized by the College Board at the National Level and received the First Generation National Recognition Award. Students must be First Generation, have a 3.3 GPA or higher and be in the top 10% among PSAT10 and PSAT/NMSQT test takers in their state for their award program or have received a 3+ score on at least 2 distinct AP Exams in the 8th or 9th grade.

Marion Junior High School

Choir –

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion Junior High School

Choir – The Marion Junior High Choir, under the direction of Elizabeth Byassee Shore, has been selected as an inaugural Disney on Broadway School of Excellence. The program was created as part of the celebration of Disney's 30th year on Broadway. Selection was based on the school's creativity, leadership, and student engagement in their theatre productions. This award was created by the Disney Theatrical Group, the Educational Theatre Association, and Music Theatre International. Winning schools received free royalties and production materials for a Disney musical produced by December 2025 and the opportunity to participate in virtual workshops produced by the sponsors. Twenty-one schools were selected from across the United States. Only two were junior high schools. The MJHS Choir will present *High School Musical, Jr.*, April 11 & 12 at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center.



Adams

Paxton Westberry was selected for the ILMEA Band Festival on November 23, 2024.

Sports

Marion High School

Bass Fishing – Congratulations to Landon Gabby and Kolby Baker on their 3rd place finish at the Galatia Invitational!



Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Cross Country – Raphy Greer (4th) and Gabby Greer (8th) finished in the top 10 at the Nike Twilight Invitational in Terre Haute. There were 745 runners in this race!



Cross Country – Kara Odum won the Harrisburg “Chuck Ingram” Invitational and the Lady Wildcats finished 1st overall as a team.



Golf – Lady Wildcat Golf won the South 7 Conference title! This is their 2nd straight conference championship! Grace Roper was also the individual champion! Congratulations to Natalie Lawler (2nd), Paislee Freebourn (5th) and Lana Cranick (9th) for earning South 7 All-Conference honors too!



Golf – Lady Wildcat Golf finished in 6th place overall at the Centralia Regional. Grace Roper (3rd) and Natalie Lawler (13th) out of 84 golfers and will advance to the IHSA Sectionals.



Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Golf – Grace Roper has qualified for IHSA Girls Golf State Championship.

Volleyball – The MHS Volleyball team finished in 2nd place in the gold bracket at the Marion Invite and Madeline Moll made the all-Tournament team.



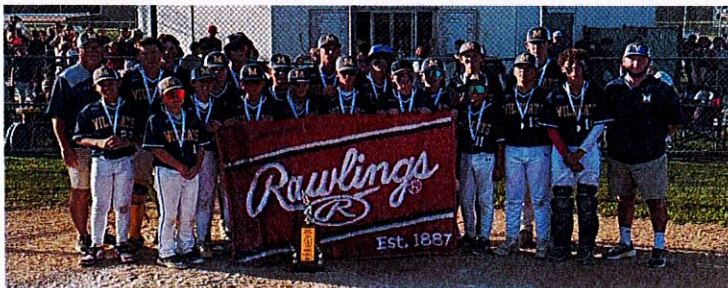
Sports

Marion Junior High School

Baseball – MJHS Baseball won the Regional Championship!



Baseball – Congratulations to the Marion Junior Wildcats on their 2nd place finish at Class L State Tournament.



Cross Country – MJHS Boys Cross Country won 1st place at the Run the Pines!



Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Cross Country – MJHS Boys Cross Country team finished in 1st place and the Girls Cross Country team finished in 2nd place at the Big 7 Conference!



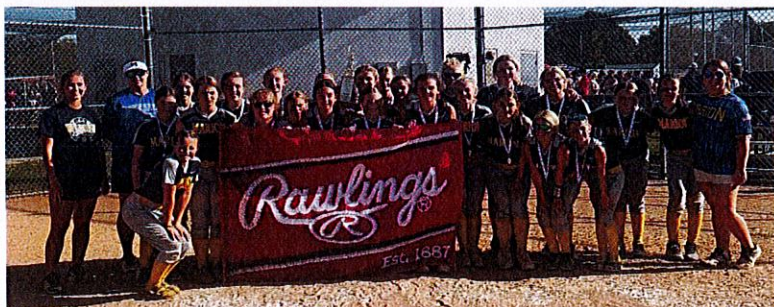
Cross Country – MJHS Boys Cross Country won the Regional Championship and the MJHS Girls team finished in 3rd.



Softball – MJHS Softball team won the Regional Championship!



Softball – Congratulations to the MJHS Softball team for finishing in 4th place at Class L State Tournament.



Treasurer's Report

The District is 25% of the way through the fiscal year as of September 30, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 22.12% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 22.72%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 20.42%.

Adjournment

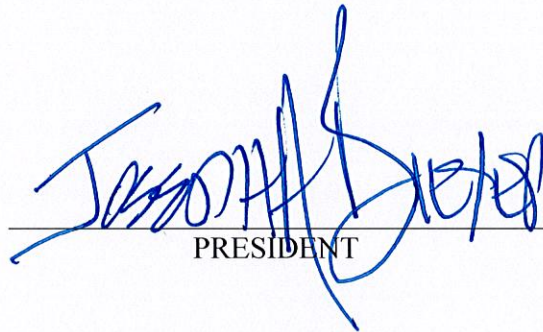
Motion #6: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Sherri Lawler to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

MOTION NUMBER

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

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PRESIDENT


SECRETARY