

Regular Meeting – February 20, 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 Educational Excellence

Mr. John Fletcher, Lincoln Elementary Principal, introduced the second grade teaching team of Melissa Bundren, Brandon Crosson, Sarah Francis and Michelle Romaine. The teachers explained that each year the second grade students in their classrooms recognize and work with veterans. The students held a read-a-thon to raise money and with the approximately \$1,000.00 raised they supported local veteran organizations. A presentation was shared with photos of the all activities that were held. Lincoln Chrisman and Ellie Howell, 2nd grade students, shared their favorite parts of working with the veterans.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

Natalia Rios, Reading Interventionist, spoke to the Board in regards to Elementary Support Teaching positions. She explained the importance of this position and gave statistics regarding the number of students they serve. She requested the Board consider funding these positions going forward. She invited the board members to her building to speak with the teachers.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the January 16, 2024 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the January supplementary bills and the February bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Maxine Hancock to Jefferson School - Lunch payments in the amount of \$808.05
 - ii. Maxine Hancock to the District - \$1,000.00 donation to the Wildcat Way Fund
 - iii. SIH PE Funding to Adams PE Department - PE Supplies valued at \$244.38
 - iv. Anonymous to Jefferson School - PBIS prizes
 - v. Bullseye Cattle to MHS FFA - \$1,000.00 donation
- d. **Practicum Articulation Agreement**
- e. **Field Trip**

Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented (pending background checks):

Personnel Recommendations (con't)
EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Jennifer Turner, MHS Math Department Chair, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Non-Certified

Julie Dunning, Cook assigned to Marion High School, effective February 20, 2024.

Sierra Murphy, Nurse assigned to Marion High School, effective February 5, 2024.

Coaching

Jason Dunning, MJHS Volunteer Track Coach, effective for the 2024 season.

Brad Hill, MHS Volunteer Boys Track Coach, effective for the 2024 season.

Brian Hill, MHS Volunteer Boys Track Coach, effective for the 2024 season.

Alecia Stacy, MJHS Volunteer Track Coach, effective for the 2024 season.

Heather Webb, MJHS Volunteer Track Coach, effective for the 2024 season.

Bass Boat Captains: Connor Brave-Coach, Steve Gabby, Kevin Williams, John Baker, Aaron Henry, Greg Miller, Colin King, Steve Long, Bryan Bruner, Bailey Whitehead, John Owens, Lonnie Shepard, Adam Robinson, Steve Brave, Tom Miller, Hayden Snyder, and Glenn Davis.

CHANGES OF ASSIGNMENT

Andrew Randolph, 4th Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary to Math Interventionist assigned to Jefferson/Washington Elementary, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Erika Stout, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary to Math Interventionist assigned to Lincoln/Longfellow Elementary, for the 2024-2025 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Catherine Siefert-Pearce, English Teacher assigned to Marion High School, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 29, 2024 until August 30, 2024 using accumulated sick leave and personal days.

RESIGNATIONS

Morgan Bunch, Art Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Amy Burnett, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High, effective January 31, 2024.

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

Caroline Mallow, MJHS Cheer Sponsor, at the end of the 2023-2024 season.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

RESIGNATIONS

Laquetta Robertson, Noon Supervisor assigned to Adams School, effective January 19, 2024.

Pam Rakers, Nurse assigned to Adams School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Casey Rose, Physical Education Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective February 12, 2024.

Motion carried.

Chromebook Lease Agreement

Motion #3: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Chromebook lease agreement with American Capital Financial Services, Inc. as presented. Motion carried.

Summer 2024 Athletic Camps

Motion #4: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Shannon Mohr to approve the listed summer camps for summer of 2024 as presented: Football, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Boys & Girls Soccer Combined Camp, Girls & Boys Golf Combined Camp, Boys Tennis, and Girls Tennis (through the HUB). Motion carried.

Addendum to Student Transportation Services Contract

Motion #5: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve the Addendum to Student Transportation Services Contract as presented. Motion carried.

Bids/Proposals

Motion #6: It was moved by Jared Garrison and seconded by Shannon Mohr to award the bid for the Marion Junior High School locker room renovations to Fager McGee Commercial Construction in the amount of \$844,000.00. Motion carried.

2024-2025 School Calendar

Motion #7: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Technology Report

Finalizing Multi-Factor Google authentication – All Staff

Working on transitioning website designs to final site.

Weekly processing parent accounts – Securly.

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

Adding and updating SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy).

Working with Administration for creation of a Technology Committee.

Currently Attending the IDEAcon Technology Conference in Schaumburg

Preparations being made for Kindergarten and returning student registration for 24-25 SY.

Redesign of the online 24-25 Registration form.

Teacher and Student Course Assignments uploaded to ISBE.

Monitoring ACCESS testing.

Maintenance Report

Washington Elementary School: Scheduling projects to be completed over the spring break. Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Lincoln Elementary School: Scheduling projects to be completed over the spring break. Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

High School: The team has been converting light bulbs from CFL bulbs to LED bulbs. Doing so will save the district money in electrical bills in the future.

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

Jr. High: Finalizing bids and proposals for the remodel of the east gym locker rooms. Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Jefferson Elementary School: Scheduling projects to be completed over the spring break. Working on finalizing the exterior door replacement this summer. Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Adams: Working on finalizing the roof stage replacement and the gym floor replacement for this summer. Scheduling projects to be completed over the spring break. Working on building PM's, work orders and general cleaning.

Longfellow: Scheduling projects to be completed over the spring break. 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.

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

Maintenance Team: The Maintenance team has been working on work orders, roofing, HVAC, door locks, preventive maintenance, organizing, planning, and painting.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Moss invited the board to the regional basketball tournament being hosted at MHS. She also congratulated Lincoln Elementary School Principal, John Fletcher, for being selected by the Illinois Principal's Association as the elementary school principal of the year for the Shawnee region.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Art - SIUC hosted the Inaugural 2024 Creative Futures High School Art Exhibition. This exhibit is open to all of Illinois' art students and each art teacher could submit 5 students for consideration. All MHS art students were selected for inclusion in the online exhibit which goes online February 16th. The students are eligible for a \$6000 scholarship to SIUC, awards will be announced on February 23rd. MHS Student Artists: Eliana Williams, Lillian Seresbeno, Mariah Hunt, Elizabeth Benton, and Alexandria Parks.



Assistant Superintendent Report

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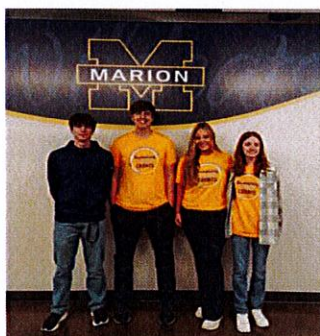
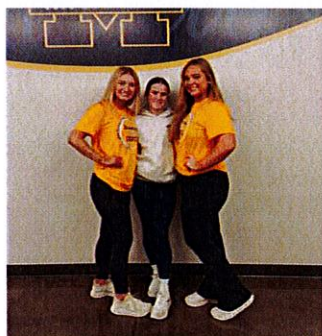
Academics

Marion High School

Art - MHS Art Students competed in the IHSAA Central Regional Show. MHS had 20 students submit artwork into the online digital show and 8 students placed. The students that placed will have their artwork displayed in the physical show in Bloomington Normal at the Illinois State University Gallery.

Eliana Williams - Best of Show and Honorable Mention, Emma Sprague - 1st place, Riley Kirsch 2nd place, Lillian Seresbeno - Honorable Mention, Mariah Hunt - Honorable Mention, Makenna Martin - Honorable Mention, and Carley Williams - Honorable Mention.

Accounting - Congratulations to the MHS accounting students who placed at the SIU Accounting Challenge! Scholarship Winners: Haydan Little, 2nd Place Accounting 2; Aubree Thompson, 2nd Place Accounting 1; Cydnee Wood, 2nd Place Accounting 1; Carsen Chelin, 3rd Place Accounting 1; 2nd Place Accounting 1 Team: Emma Mohler, Aubree Thompson and Avery Wolfe.

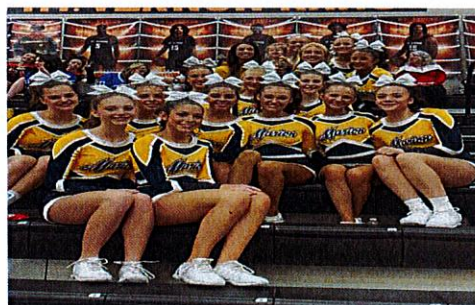


Illinois State Scholars - The following members of the Class of 2024 were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission: Cecilia Acosta Lopez, Addison Adams, Anna Graham, Kaydence Kelly, Sebastian Klingaman, Isuri Liyanage, Benjamin Marlo, Makenna Martin, Isabella Mings, Noah Motsinger, Mary Pape, Mattingly Richart, Abigail Simpson, Olivia Thomas and Alexis Ucci.

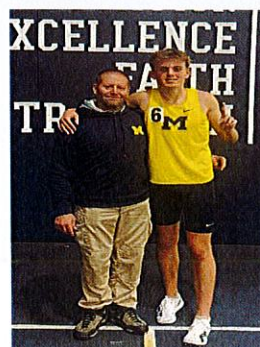
Sports

Marion High School

Cheer - Wildcat Cheer finished 6th overall at the IHSA Cheer Sectional and just missed the top 5 that qualified for IHSA State.



Cross Country - Congratulations to Dylan Nalley on the (8:50) Golden Dome 2 Mile at the University of Notre Dame! Dylan ran the 6th fastest indoor 2 mile time in Illinois history! He joins the list made of former US Olympians, NCAA All-Americans and national record holders.



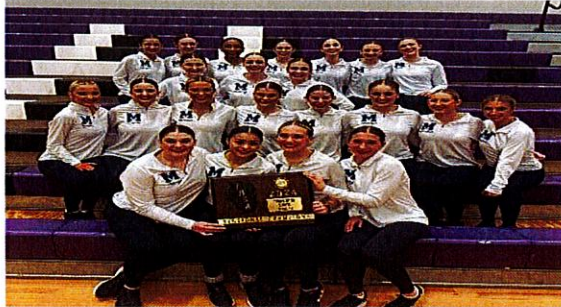
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Sports

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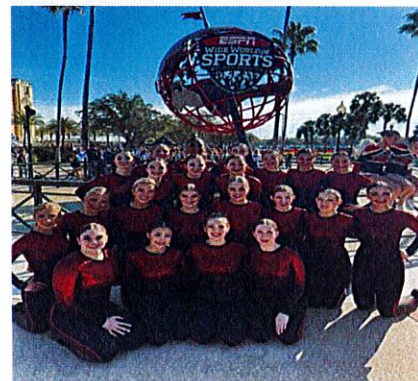
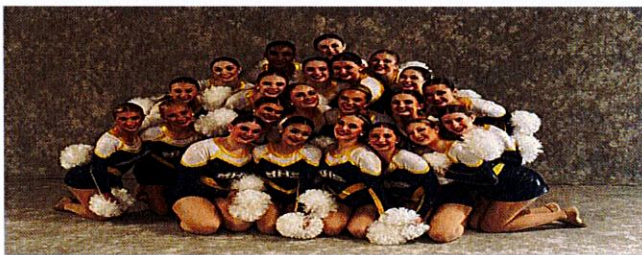
Dance – IHSA Sectional Champions for the second year in a row!



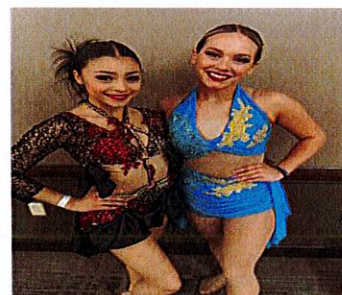
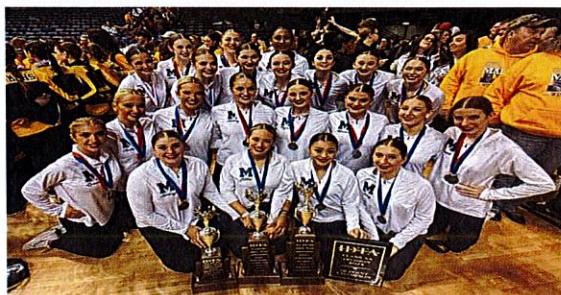
Dance - MHS Dance finished in 6th place at IHSA State Competition!



Dance - MHS Dance team competed at the 2024 National Dance Team Competition in Orlando, Florida. The team competed in the large varsity division in kick and pom where they placed 11th and 15th respectively in the nation!



Dance - MHS Dance are 2024 State Champions and High Point Award winners for their AA Kick routine! This is their 20th State Championship! Not only did they win high point in the AA division for their kick routine, it was the highest scoring routine of the entire day—out of 123 teams and over 200 performances! They also placed 2nd in AA Open Pom and 3rd in AA Jazz! The team had two Senior soloists qualify for state, and Kyliegh placed 10th out of 49 solos!

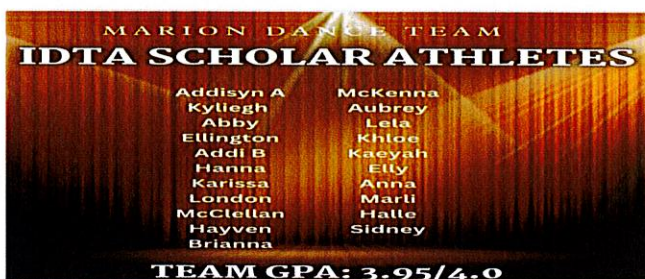


Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Dance - The MHS Dance Team had 21 girls named as IDTA Scholar Athletes. Team GPA is 3.95/4.0



Guard - MHS Guard competed at IDTA State and placed 3rd in AA Tall Flag and 4th in AA Lyrical Flag. KyLee Howard placed 3rd in Solo Flag.



Swimming – Congrats to Eli Springvloed! Eli qualified for the IHSA State Swim & Dive Finals in the 500 Free!



Wrestling - MHS Wrestling team won their 3rd South 7 Championship in the last five years! South 7 All-Conference Honors: 106-Juelz Elliott, 113-Jkwon Williamson, 120- Riddick Cook, 138- Hunter Gibb, 144-Caden Frey, 150-Caleb Ohnesorge, 157-Justin Murphy, 165-Tate Miller, 175-Grayson Sanders, 190-Evan Francis, 215-Bryan Madinger.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Wrestling - The following Wildcat Wrestlers qualified for the Mahomet Sectional Match: 106 Juelz Elliot-3rd place, 113 Jkwon Williamson-2nd place, 120 Riddick Cook-1st place, 138 Hunter Gibb-3rd place, 150 Caden Frey-2nd place, 157 Justin Murphy-3rd place, 165 Tate Miller-2nd place, 175 Evan Francis-3rd place and Bryan Madinger-3rd place.

Wrestling - Riddick Cook won the 120lb Regional Championship!



Wrestling (Girls) - Congratulations to Alauni Muex, Joeline Nappier-Feth, Daisjha Cooper and Olivia McDermott for advancing to Sectionals!

Wrestling - Congrats to Riddick Cook and Caden Frey! Riddick finished 3rd overall (120lbs) and Caden finished 4th overall (150lbs) at the Mahomet Wrestling Sectional and will compete in the IHSA State Finals



Marion Junior High

Basketball - MJHS won the Class L Regional Championship in double overtime (66-64)!



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Dance - MJHS Dance Team won Back to Back Grand Champions at IDTA State! High point in Lyrical! State Champions in Kick, Lyrical, and Open Pom! They had the top three highest scores in the Jr. High division. Every single dancer received the IDTA Scholar Athlete Award for their academic success in the classroom!



John Fletcher
Shawnee
Lincoln Elementary School

Principal Special Recognition

Congratulations to Lincoln Elementary School Principal, John Fletcher! He was selected by the Illinois Principal's Association as the elementary school principal of the year for the Shawnee region, which consists of 11 counties.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 58.33% the way through the fiscal year as of January 31, 2024. The Education Fund expenditures are at 54.27% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 64.88%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 56.67%.

Closed Session

Motion #8: It was moved by Shannon Mohr and seconded by Jared Garrison 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 #9: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to adjourn the meeting at 8.12 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

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Garrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawler	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
Mohr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bundren	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3-19-24

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PRESIDENT


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