

Regular Meeting – November 16, 2021
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, Illinois

Public Hearing – 5:45 p.m.

The public hearing on a proposed E-Learning Plan which, if approved, will permit students' instruction to be received electronically in lieu of being present in the school buildings, while not utilizing the district's scheduled emergency days was opened at 5:45 p.m. with Dr. Keith Oates, Superintendent, explaining the proposed plan. No public comment was offered and the hearing was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

John Barwick and Steve Cook were not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Tommy Colboth, Washington School Principal, introduced the Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers, support teachers and reading specialists from his building. He gave a brief explanation of "Wildcat Time" and then allowed Christy Johnson, Jennifer Lincoln, Lori Mausey, and Melissa Tanner, 1st grade teachers and Megan Thompson, Reading Specialist to explain to the Board exactly what "Wildcat Time" provides for their students. This small group reading program allows students to receive individualized instruction to close skill gaps and become fluent readers. Ashleigh Benson, Washington School Assistant Principal, shared a video showing students in action during this time. The Board appreciated and enjoyed their presentation.

Audience to Visitors

A member of the audience voiced her concerns in regards to local control of issues that are affecting the children in the District and also praised the teachers for all their hard work. A parent commended MHS Math Teachers for how well prepared his daughter was for college.

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 October 19, 2021 regular meeting as well as the closed session meeting minutes.
- b. **Bills** – the October supplementary bills and the November bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Black Diamond RV to MHS for Homecoming – \$2,000.00
 - ii. Arcadia Wealth Group LLC to MHS Entrepreneurship Class – \$500.00
 - iii. Freedom Foundation/Tru-Bilt to Adams School – \$288.46
 - iv. Anonymous to MHS for Pole Vault System – \$6,900.00
 - v. Southern Trust Bank to MHS for Pole Vault System – \$1,750.00
 - vi. Watermark to MHS – Scoreboard \$475.00
 - vii. Watermark Auto Group to MHS Entrepreneurship Class – \$1,000.00

Consent Agenda (con't)

c. Donations

- viii. Happy Heart Boutique to Washington – 600 cloth reusable masks
- ix. Heartland Regional Medical Care Express Group to MHS Student Council – \$300.00 for blood drive t-shirts
- x. Core Pharmacy to MHS Student Council – \$100.00 for blood drive t-shirts
- xi. Cameron's Detail Center to MHS Student Council – \$100.00 for blood drive t-shirts
- xii. Graphic Impressions to MHS Student Council – discount on blood drive t-shirts

d. Field Trips

- i. MHS Student Council
- ii. MJHS Choir

Motion carried.

Annual District Audit

Motion #2 It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Patty Bundren to approve the Annual District Audit as presented. Motion carried.

Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing

Motion #3 It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing as presented. Motion carried.

Proposed 2021 Tax Levy Resolution

Motion #4 It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Proposed 2021 Levy Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement with Marion Education Association

Motion #5 It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Marion Education Association and Marion CUSD #2 as presented. Motion carried.

E-Learning Plan

Motion #6 It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Patty Bundren to adopt an eLearning program district-wide that shall permit student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present in lieu of up to five (5) of the district's scheduled emergency days. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #7 It was moved by Cindy Gibbons and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

Employment

Non-Certified

Brandi Fox, Secretary assigned to Marion High School, effective November 17, 2021.

Paige Leonard, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective November 19, 2021.

Alicia Wolaver, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective November 19, 2021.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Coaching

Michael Cantrell, MHS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Chico Castellano, MHS Head Boys Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Paige Crabtree, MHS Assistant Softball Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Michelle, Tate, MHS Head Girls Track & Field Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season.

Leaves of Absence

Emilie Turner, an unpaid FMLA for 12 weeks beginning in November 2021 to January 21, 2021 and an unpaid leave of absence from January 24, 2022 to the end of the school year.

Heather Stepter, Reading Specialist assigned to Washington School, a medical leave of absence from January 3, 2022 through February 4, 2022 using accumulated sick leave.

Reassignments

Certified

Stephanie Brown, 4th Grade Teacher assigned to Jefferson School to Reading Specialist assigned to Longfellow School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Malea Howell, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Longfellow School to Reading Specialist assigned to Lincoln School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Amanda Lynn, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Longfellow School to Reading Specialist assigned to Longfellow School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tiffany Sulser, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High School to 7th Grade Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Non-Certified

Megan Baker, Secretary assigned to MHS, reassigned to Adams School effective November 22, 2021.

Retirement

William Gower, Custodian assigned to Marion High School, effective February 28, 2022. Motion carried.

Jefferson Elementary School Ten Year Health/Life Safety Survey Amendment

Motion #8 It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the Jefferson Elementary School Ten Year Health/Life Safety Survey Amendment. Motion carried.

Technology Report

Jerry Stanley, Technology Director, shared with the Board that the District was awarded a Digital Equity Grant. With the grant monies, he has purchased 70 promethean boards (a whiteboard that connects to a computer, allowing the teacher to project and interact with images on its screen) that

Technology Report (con't)

will be distributed to all the buildings. A presentation of the new technology will be given at the December board meeting.

Activities of Technology Department:

Daily deployment of T-Mobile hotspots for students.
Continual monitoring of SysCloud to ensure daily backup of all Unit #2 Google accounts.
Planning for Promethean Board deployment.
Daily interaction with vendors/schools for digital curriculum updates.
Daily/weekly updates for the Student Data Privacy Agreements/Vendors. (SOPPA)
Securly updates for parent portal accounts.
Setup and deployment of new Math software.
Monthly attendance for distance learning students.
Product reviews and demos for possible new student management system.
Delivery and deployment of new Promethean Boards.
Daily monitoring of our new Ruckus cloud-based Wi-Fi for District Office, Jr. High, Adams, Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson and Longfellow.
Assisting buildings with website maintenance.
Daily network monitoring to ensure reliability.
Creating new email accounts for all new students and staff.
Responded to and completed 107 Tech Requests.
On-going repair/replacement of Classroom Projectors.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Adams, Jr. High and High School will be inspected by the ROE and Marion Fire Department.
Lincoln School Contractors are finishing up with the punch list of items from Phase 1 construction.

Custodial

Custodians are working to keep all are facilities clean and sanitized.

Maintenance

We are making the transition to heat in all of our buildings, preventive maintenance items, work orders, roof issues and any other maintenance issues.

Sports Complex

Our Complex crew helps with work orders when they can, they also were able to do some extra work along the edges of the infield of the JV Baseball field to improve playing conditions.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Oates congratulated MHS Football Coach Kerry Martin, his coaching staff and the players on a great season. He thanked Mrs. Elizabeth Shore and the MJHS Choir students for presenting a great show, "All Together Now!" He also expressed thanks to Mr. Joel Kirby and the Marching Wildcats for a great season.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion Junior High School

Band – The following MJHS band students were recently selected by audition for the ILMEA All-District Jazz and Concert Festivals: Jazz Band Festival: Rylan Williamson, Ehren Neikes, Dan Brame, Emilee Pritchard, Madelyn Montgomery, and Marley Ben-Avi. Concert Band Festival: Dan Brame, Ellianna Glover, Ehren Neikes, Molly Johnson, Madelyn Montgomery, Ehren Neikes, Kara Odum, Emilee Pritchard, Lela Springvloed.

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Student Special Recognition

Academic

Marion Junior High School

Choir – The following Junior High Choir members were selected for the ILMEA District 6 Choirs: Jr. Chorus: Amiah Franks, Elizabeth Mohr, and Hailey Travelstead. Jr. Vocal Jazz: Blyss Bethel, Nekiyah Edwards, Aleigha Mewes, Elizabeth Mohr, Hailey Travelstead, and Layla Warnsman. Elementary Chorus: Genevieve Chausse, Banquo Gordon, and Aleigha Mewes.

Marion High School

Art – The Little Egypt Artist Association Gallery High School Photography Contest results: Winners are 1st Place: Jeffrey Norris, 2nd Place: Kassidee Gabby, 3rd Place: Grace Messervey and Best of Show: Dani Kinsey. Other artists having their work shown in the photography contest are: Anne Davis, Sarah Eblin, Kayla Halleran, Chelsea Dalton, Olivia Kincheloe, Nikki Eairheart, Trevor Coloni, Kennadee Gabby, Bailey Daily, Grace Walen, Deacon Margrum, Delia Guy, Haley Ritter, Raina Matzker, Nevaeha Campbell, Maleah Hunt, Emma Pyatt, Carly Pinkston, Natalie Beichner, Ian Scholes, Reagan Robertson. Teacher: Amber Akes.

Art – Harrisburg hosted their annual chalk drawing competition. Results are as follows: 1st place - Marion- Kennadee Gabby, Kassidee Gabby, Raini King, Grace Messervey; 2nd place – Marion: Dlija Guy, Dani Kinsey, Elaina Williams, Lillian Seresbeno



Art – The following students will have their artwork hanging in the Yeiser Gallery (Paducah, KY) beginning November 20, 2021 through December 20, 2021: Elijah Bearden, Brilyn Colclasure, Kyndra Debose, Victoria Dollins, Sara Eblin, Kassidee Gabby, Dlija Guy, Kayla Halleran, Grace Hartwell, Ragain Henning, Maleah Hunt, Danielle Kinsey, Derek Kye, Grace Messervey, Garrett Mohler, Logan Owens, Athena Palmer, Emma Pyatt, Hailey Ritter, Reeghan Robertson, Aiden Schweitzer, Lillian Seresbeno, Kondo Shunsuke, Emma Sprague, Raini Taylor, Claire Wallace and Reid Williamson.

Sports

Marion High School

Cross Country (Boys) – The MHS Boys Country Team won the 2021 IHSA Class 2A Regional Championship



The MHS Boys Cross Country team Cross finished 3rd at Sectionals and advanced to State. Wildcat Cross Country finished in 18th place placed 3rd overall in the IHSA State Finals.



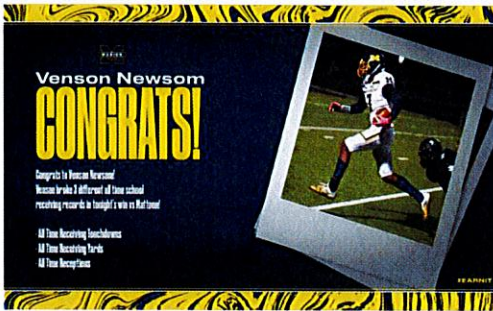
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Student Special Recognition

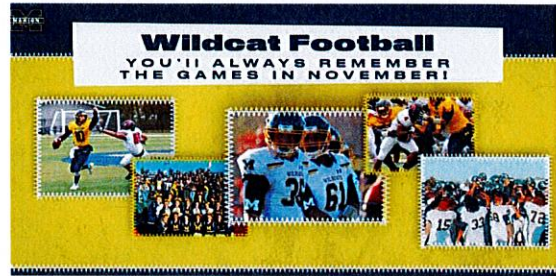
Sports

Marion High School

Football – Venson Newsom broke three time IHSA school receiving records: touchdowns, yards and receptions.



MHS Football advanced to Round 3 in all-State Playoffs with wins over Metamora and Mascoutah. Wildcats play in Kankakee on Saturday, November 12th.



Tennis – Margaux Bruce was awarded the IHSTCA Pitchford Sportsmanship Award for 1A Girls Tennis.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 33% of the way through the fiscal year as of October 31, 2021. The Education Fund expenditures are at 30.78% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 13.06%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 25.92%.

Closed Session

Motion #9 It was moved by Marc Henshaw and seconded by Brice Wesley to enter into closed session 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 and Collective Negotiating Matters, between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and Student Disciplinary Cases. Motion carried.

Adjournment


Motion #10 It was moved by Patty Bundren and seconded by Brice Wesley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER

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Gibbons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henshaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wesley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barwick	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bundren	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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PRESIDENT


SECRETARY