



MARION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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**Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

John Barwick was not present.

Special Acknowledgment

Board President Bleyer acknowledged the passing of James McNary, retired MJHS Band teacher and a moment of silence was observed in his memory. President Bleyer acknowledged board member Steve Cook for his distinguished service from 2013-2023. Mr. Cook resigned due to moving out of the District.

Example of Educational Excellence

Chuck Williamson, MJHS Principal, introduced the MJHS Science Department faculty and students in attendance before turning the March Mammal Madness presentation over to Mr. Maze and the students. March Mammal Madness is an annual tournament of “simulated” combat competition among animals and is inspired by the NCAA College Basketball March Madness Championship Tournament. It is designed for science outreach and scientific literature is cited to substantiate likely outcomes of two species attributes within the battle environment. The following MJHS Science teachers were in attendance: Cathy Lawson, Cody Maze, Shawna Moulton, Alecia Stacey and Tiffany Sulser. The following students presented different aspects of the tournament: Owen Walters (6th grade), Hunter Detrick, Ian Moseman, Zander Tallman, Brooklyn Williams, (7th grade), Mayleiona Carter and Cameron Wyatt (8th grade). The Board enjoyed the presentation and requested the final results of the tournament.

Audience to Visitors

No comments offered.

Marion Education Association

No comments offered.

Consent Agenda

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the February 21, 2023 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority to MJHS – Student hygiene bags
 - ii. United Methodist to MJHS – \$300.00 to the Wildcat pantry
 - iii. Expression to MJHS Robotics – \$75.00
- d. **IHSA Membership**
- e. **Field Trip**
 - a. MHS Dance Team

Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following first, second, third and fourth year teacher lists as presented.

EMPLOYMENT:

Fourth Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Amanda Deatherage.....Kindergarten – Washington
Taylor Nigro.....Elementary Music
Josh Mieldezis.....Physical Education – Jefferson/Longfellow

Third Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Sarah Allen.....1st grade – Adams
Colton Allen.....4th grade – Adams
Emily Culbreth.....3rd Grade – Washington
Jennifer DeaconScience – MJHS
Austin HammondsSocial Studies – MJHS
Joel Kirby.....Band – MHS
Michelle KissingKindergarten – Washington
Melissa ChanceEnglish – MJHS
Scott McKentyAlternative Learning Classroom – MJHS
Sumer Oglesby.....3rd grade – Lincoln
Aileen Stapleton.....Social Worker – Longfellow
Josiah TealSocial Studies – MHS

Second Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Bailey Anderson.....3rd Grade – WA
Brittney Anderson.....Digital Literacy/Interventionist – Adams
Monica Bolley.....Social Studies – MHS
Morgan Brave1st Grade – LO
Morgan BunchArt – MHS
Kimberly Frankel4th Grade – LI
Elizabeth Graff.....2nd Grade – WA
Abbie Hart.....1st Grade – WA
Jenna Herbst.....Math – MHS
Lauryn Kadela.....1st Grade – LO
Amy KissingMath – MHS
Amber Mitchell.....4th Grade – LO
Jill Morthland.....Elementary Social Worker/Family Liaison
Shawna MoultonScience – JH
Alyssa Patterson.....English – MHS
Natalia Rios.....Reading Interventionist – LI
Kelsey RohrerKindergarten – JE
Casey Rose.....Physical Education – HS
Haley Strunk1st Grade – JE
Kolbie Stuck.....Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Tiffany Sulser.....Science – JH
Paige Thornton.....2nd Grade – WA
Amy Travis1st Grade – JE

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

<u>First Year Teachers</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Nicole Allen	Kindergarten – JE
Abby Bayer	Math – MHS
Cari Beck	Elementary Support – LI/LO
Brendan Betz.....	Physical Education – WA
Peyton Fosse	Social Worker – HS
Amanda Gates.....	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Cayenne Haseker	Kindergarten – LO
Leila Kassim	Science – HS
Nicole Key	Math – JH
Ally Pecord	1 st Grade – LI
Olivia Plott.....	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Madison Presswood	Social Worker – WA
Kyle Schmitt	Math – JH
Madison Shoukletovich	5 th Grade – WA
Alecia Stacey	Math – JH
Heather Webb	Physical Education – JH

<u>Part-Time Teacher</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Kourtney Meyer.....	Medical Careers – MHS
Joanna Samples.....	English Language Learners

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT

Non-Certified

Beverly Baltzell, Cook assigned to Washington Elementary, effective March 20, 2023.

Brittany Crabtree, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High, effective March 20, 2023.

Dan Lynn, Hall Monitor assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Derek Martin, Marion CUSD #2 Grounds Manager, effective March 22, 2023.

Rhonda Woods, Interim Food Service Director, effective March 20, 2023.

Coaching

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

David Gulley, MHS Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

RJ Manfredo, MHS Volunteer Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

Michael Neal, MHS Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

Tiffany Sulser, MJHS Assistant Robotics Coach, effective immediately.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Kaleigh Duenos, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately August 9, 2023 through October 27, 2023 using accumulated sick leave.

Shawna Moulton, 8th Grade Science Teacher, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 11, 2023 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year using accumulated sick leave, personal days and any necessary dock days.

Lola Wolaver, Cook assigned to Lincoln Elementary, a medical leave of absence through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

REASSIGNMENT

Janet Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, to Elementary Support Teacher assigned to Lincoln/Longfellow Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Braxton Cusic, Custodian assigned to Marion High School, effective February 24, 2023.

Kaleigh Duenos, MJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Lindsay Teal, English Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Jason Varner, MJHS Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

The Board voted 4-1 to approve the following retirement recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Melissa Bundren, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2026-2027 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Michelle Romaine, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2026-2027 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Janet Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Inter-Fund Loans

The Board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Dr. Keith Oates to direct Treasurer Kim Watson to loan, if necessary, amounts between existing funds, as provided in the Illinois School Code for customary expenditures, including but not limited to, payroll, utilities and regular monthly expenditures.

Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Marion

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marion and Marion CUSD #2 as presented.

Natural Gas Contract

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the natural gas contract to Century Energy Solutions LLC for 24 months at 0.441 per therm for the time period of August 31, 2023 through July 31, 2025.

Athletic Training Contract

Item tabled.

Curriculum Approval

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of *Cengage-Big Ideas* for Algebra I at MJHS and Math (9-12) at MHS as presented and the purchase of *McGraw-Hill StudySync* – Renewal for Grades 6-8 and New for Grades 9-12 as presented.

Technology Report

Infinite Campus – Data Clean up/Parent Portal- On-going.

Weekly Processing parent accounts – Securly.

Advanced preparation for delivery of new Chromebooks for the Jr. High for the 23-23 SY.

Continued planning for IAR testing.

District website updates

Responded to 101 Tech Requests.

Weekly processing of District Homeless Report.

Setup WIFI and configured 72 new Promethean Boards- District-wide

Daily network monitoring both wired and WiFi, to ensure reliability - District-wide.

Weekly monitoring Lightning Detection System – MHS.

Daily/Weekly creation of student email addresses for new in-coming students.

Chromebook repair/replace for all Elem schools. On-site repair. C.A.T.S students.

Advanced Chromebook preparation for IAR testing grades 3 through 8.

Server maintenance at all buildings.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Summer Construction projects:

- **Jefferson/ Pre-K** - Entire roof replacement, interior doors on Pre-K side and all exterior doors, windows around the Gym/Cafeteria and soffit work around the exterior of Pre-K building.
- **Parking lots** - **Jefferson** SE lot, all **Lincoln** lots either replaced or sealed and repainted.
- **HVAC Projects** - **Jr. High** Ph.2, HVAC, ceiling and lighting upgrades. **Washington** Media Center and Cafeteria HVAC, ceiling and lighting.
- **Jr. High** - Interior doors project and exterior brickwork.
- **Jr. High and Washington** - Fire Alarm system replacement.
- **Adams and High School** - Exterior stair painting, High School has some exterior concrete work in the courtyard area.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss thanked the Board for approving the curriculum recommendations and for allowing teachers to have a voice in choosing curriculum.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Recognition

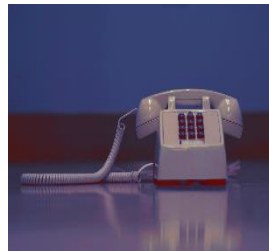
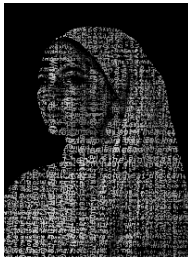
Academic

Marion High School

Art – MHS Art Students receiving recognition at the LEAA Little Egypt Artist Association High School Art Competition Awards Ceremony: Emma Hood-Honorable Mention, Athena Palmer - Honorable Mention, Briley Dailey-Honorable Mention, Abby Sproul-Special Award/Fibers, Elijah Bearden-Special Award/ George Stone Award, Elaina Williams- Special Award Graphic Design, Emma Hood- Roberta Blankenship Marion High School Special Award.



Art – Central Regional Exhibition 2023 Award Winners: Gabe Biermann (Best in Show), Athena Palmer (Jurors Choice), Emma Hood (Jurors Choice), Finn Wallis (Honorable Mention), Emma Hood (Silver), Emma Pyatt (Honorable Mention), Bonnie Kearns (Honorable Mention), Briley Dailey (Honorable Mention), Elijah Bearden (Bronze)



Art – Emma Pyatt and Claire Wallace have pieces in the IHSAE Senior Scholarship SSE 2023 Show in Chicago.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Recognition

Academic

Marion High School

CNA – MHS CNA students had a 100% pass rate on the state certification exam. Several of these students are already putting their certification to use and are employed at a long-term care facility. Congratulations to: Briley Akes, Paige Francis, Camryn Harre, Cameron Lamer Barry, Jennifer McDermott, Haylie Rodgers, Mykaha Rucker, Cora Stayduhar, Laney Taylor, Hallee Teeling, Haven Wells, Mckennah Williams and Hannah Zappa.

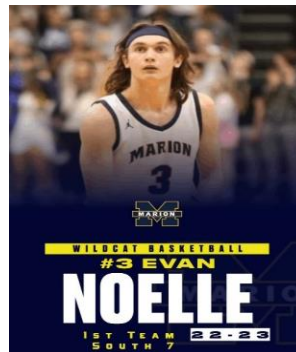
Marion Junior High School

Band – Results from MGSMA Solo Contest: Students receiving a “Superior” rating; Eli Ellis, Ian Moseman, Natalie Lawler, Vida Follis, Paisley Jonson, Ellyana Hale, Harlan Whiteford, Molly Odum, Molly Johnson, Zoe Graham, Chase Galt, Katherine Sutton, Brody Smoot, Rylan Williamson, Cooper Whiting, Zander Tallman, and Emily Beard. Students receiving a “First” rating; Sophia Joyner, Addison Arnold, Rose Whiteford, Jackson Sinks, Tori Rees, Nevaeh Beck, Jaden Nguyen, Chapman Springvloed, Elijah Wilson, Julianna Smith, Shiloh Scott, Charlie Holman, Macyn Taylor, Addyson Page, Kylee Fisher, Kinsley Marks, Marietta Midence, Zenobia Glispie, Maggie Robinson, Rylan Williamson (piano), Audra Scholes, Avery Randolph, Bryce Glover, Kaleb Richart, Aydan Bryant, Emma Stout, Bella Skelton, Banquo Gordon, Ted Weaver, Kyana Henshaw, Gavin Snyder, Pheobe Matta-Gawlick, Jayda Marshall, Riki Herman.

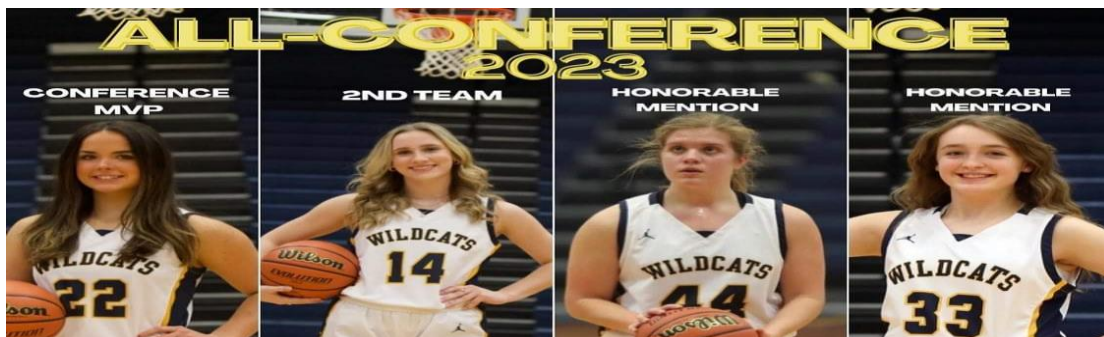
Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Boys) – Congratulations to Evan Noelle for being named 1st Team South Seven All-Conference for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Evan was named Special Mention 3A IBCA All-State for the 2022-2023 Illinois High School Boys Basketball season!



Basketball (Girls) – MHS South Seven All-Conference Honors:



Jerzy Bittle

Kristen Kadela

Alexis Ucci

Libbie Garrett

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball (Girls) – Congratulations to Jerzy Bittle for being named Honorable Mention All-State for Class 3A. She earned the honor after finishing as the Lady Wildcats all-time leading scorer.



Track (Boys) – MHS Track are the 2023 Roger Minton Indoor Champion! Hayden Lees is the 2023 Porter Quarter (400 Meter Dash) Champion. MHS Track finished in 3rd place overall at the Gene Armer Invite at the University of Illinois.



Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

FFA – Congratulations to the twelve students who competed in the Section 24 Vet Science contest. The Varsity and JV teams both placed 1st, as well as taking the top 3 individual spots! Individual awards: Cole Warren – 1st place, Audrey Childers – 2nd place and JC Carver – 3rd place.



FFA – Kanye and Hayden participated in the District Proficiency contest! Hayden placed in the Top 4 for Diversified Ag and Kanye placed 1st in Wildlife Management and is heading to State!

FFA – MHS FFA helped build a handicap accessible trail at Touch of Nature.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Scholar Bowl – Congratulations to the Scholar Bowl Team who received 2nd place at their conference tournament. Braydon Duplessis, Samuel Sellars and Caden Treece made the All-Conference Team.



Staff Special Recognition

Congratulations to Tina Barger, a member of The Southern Illinois Future Teachers Coalition (SIFTC), for being recognized with the Award of Special Recognition in the Team category through the Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year program from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE received a record number of nominations and applications. SIFTC is a regional collaborative partnership working to address the teacher shortage that is being experienced both state and nationally with targeted programming at the local level in Southern Illinois. The SIFTC partnership is between John A. Logan College, Shawnee Community College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the Illinois State Board of Education, and fourteen Southern Illinois high schools.



Mr. Wimberly led the prayer in the House of Representatives today in Springfield. Also, Mr. Severin presented him with a resolution for his commitment to education, our youth and coaching!



Treasurer's Report

The District is 66.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of February 28, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 61.78% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 67.27%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 61.36%.

Closed Session

The Board voted 5-0 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; 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 the Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office, as public office is defined in the Open Meetings Act, or to fill a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given the power to appointment under law or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law.

Adjournment

The Board voted 5-0 to approve adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.