



**MARION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**

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**Superintendent Summary  
Board of Education Special Meeting  
September 19, 2023**

**2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing – 5:45 p.m.**

The public hearing was opened at 5:45 p.m. with Kim Watson, Chief Financial Officer, summarizing the 2023-2024 budget. No public comment was offered and the hearing was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Jared Garrison was not present

**Closed Session**

The Board voted 6-0 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.

**Example of Educational Excellence**

Chuck Williamson, MJHS Principal, introduced Sarah Stowers, MJHS Principal and John Cox, ROE Truancy Interventionist. Mrs. Stowers and Mr. Cox provided the board with information on the truancy program and offered statistics on how missing even a day of school each week adds up to over 2 ½ years of missed school over the 13 years a student is in school. They shared examples of interventions provided to students and their families and concluded the presentation with a success story.

**Audience to Visitors**

1. Roseanne Griffin – subject content in a MHS class

**Consent Agenda**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes** - the minutes from the August 15, 2023 regular meeting and closed session meeting.
- b. Bills** – the August supplementary bills and the September bills for payment as presented.
- c. Donations**
  - i. Watermark to MHS Band – \$1,000.00
  - ii. Legence to MHS Band – \$250.00

## **Consent Agenda (con't)**

### **d. Donations**

- iii. Farmers State Bank to MHS Band – \$200.00
- iv. SIU Credit Union to MHS Band – \$300.00
- v. Southern Trust to MHS Band – \$100.00
- vi. PSC Engineering & Surveying to MHS Band – \$500.00
- vii. Anonymous to MHS Band – \$200.00
- viii. Kennadee Gabby to MHS Band – \$200.00
- ix. Novacare to MHS Band – \$200.00
- x. Hale's Automotive to MHS Band – \$200.00
- xi. Smile Doctors to Jefferson – take home folders valued at \$100.00
- xii. Marion Rotary to MHS Band – \$500.00
- xiii. Maria & Culvers to MHS Band – food donation
- xiv. Rex & Marion Arby's to MHS Band – food donation
- xv. Morgan Jones & Cornerstone Church to MHS Band – food donation
- xvi. Michelle & Marion McDonald's to MHS Band – food donation
- xvii. Kim Babington, Scott Montgomery, SIU Credit Union & the Eubanks family to MHS Band – food donation
- xxviii. Clint Benesh, Bridget Douglas & Aldersgate Church to MHS Band – food donation
- xix. Gabe & Jenna Herbst & Second Baptist Church to MHS Band – food donation
- xx. Connie Biermann to MHS Band – food donation
- xxi. Melissa Bundren, First Church of God & Pepsi to MHS Band – food donation
- xxii. Binkley Ross Funeral Home to MHS FFA – \$150.00
- xxiii. McBride Mack Sales to MHS FFA – \$150.00
- xxiv. Bleyer and Bleyer to MHS FFA – \$500.00
- xxv. Trainor Ag Products to MHS FFA – \$500.00
- xxvi. TKM to MHS FFA – \$200.00
- xxvii. Odum Concrete to MHS FFA – \$200.00
- xxviii. IUOE 318 to MHS FFA – \$100.00
- xxix. Farm Credit to MHS FFA – \$500.00
- xxx. Rally Point Events to MHS FFA – \$500.00
- xxxi. Larry's to MHS FFA – \$200.00
- xxxii. Legence Bank to MHS FFA – \$350.00
- xxxiii. Southern FS to MHS FFA – \$1,000.00
- xxxiv. Marion 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church to Adams – 8 back packs
- xxxv. Smile Doctors to Adams – take home folders
- xxxvi. Casey's General Store to Jefferson – Cookies/2 classrooms
- xxxvii. Texas Roadhouse to Adams – rolls, butter & peanuts
- xxxviii. Alpha Delta Kappa Illinois Beta Zeta to MJHS – \$200.00 for students in need
- xxxix. Alpha Delta Kappa Illinois Beta Zeta to MHS – \$200.00 for students in need
- xl. Dr. Eric Graham with Graham Medical Aesthetics & Graham Family Medicine to MJHS – District medical supplies valued at \$350.00
- xli. Casey's General Store to Washington – several dozen cookies
- xlii. Ministerial Alliance to Washington – hand sanitizer (120) and baby wipes (48)

## **Consent Agenda (con't)**

### **d. Donations**

- xliii. Texas Roadhouse to Washington – rolls, butter & peanuts
- xliv. Smile Doctors to Washington – take home folders
- xlvi. Dr. Greg Guard to MJHS – \$2,000.00 for cross country uniforms

### **e. Field Trips**

- iv. MHS Band
- v. MJHS Choir

## **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented (pending background checks):

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Janet Butler, Hall Monitor (2 days per week) assigned to Marion High School, effective August 22, 2023.

Kaylee Evans, Teacher Assistant assigned to Adams School, effective September 20, 2023.

Sherese Newton, Aftercats Coordinator assigned to Washington School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lola Smith, Secretary assigned to the District Office, effective October 10, 2023.

Reagan Woods, Noontime Supervisor assigned to Longfellow School, effective immediately.

Billy Riggs, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective September 19, 2023.

### **Coaching**

Randall Divine, Adams Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Jenna Herbst, MHS Assistant Scholar Bowl Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Karrie Jackson, MHS Bowling Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kyle Schmitt, MHS Assistant Baseball Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Alecia Stacey, MJHS Scholar Bowl Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Josiah Teal, Model UN Sponsor, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Sarah Boese, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective August 29, 2023.

Jaime Clark, MHS Head Girls Soccer Coach, effective immediately.

## **Personnel Recommendations (con't)**

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Austin Norman, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective September 10, 2023.

Ericka Williams, Cook assigned to Marion High School, effective August 9, 2023

The Board voted 5-1 to approve the following retirements:

### **Certified**

Deanna Hudgens, Business Teacher assigned to Marion High 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.

Roxanne Price, Elementary Librarian, 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.

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following retirement:

### **Non-certified**

Melinda Deaton, Secretary assigned to the District Office, effective October 6, 2023.

## **Safe Routes to School Resolution**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the Safe Routes to School Resolution as presented.

## **2023-2024 Budget**

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the budget for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

## **Administrator Salary Compensation Report**

This annual report is required to be presented with no action necessary.

## **Technology Report**

Monitoring daily Infinite Campus –Online registration –23-24 SY

District website updates for the 2023-2024 SY

Weekly Processing parent accounts – Securly

Working with Facilities for new Work Order program

Assisting with MHS C.A.T.S. Program during teacher transition

Working with Walker Communications in regards to radios

Monitoring Clever sync for several new digital curriculums

Working with ProTek Communications for a detailed MHS network analysis

Monitoring and maintenance of MHS phone system

Server monitoring and maintenance at all buildings

Network monitoring both wired and WiFi

Monitoring copier/printer functionality

Asset Inventory. Daily update

Preparing to update MHS F Hall network

Set up and deployed 31 new Promethean Boards - 7 buildings

Set up and deployed 14 new ViewSonic interactive boards for Reading Specialists -7 buildings

## **Maintenance Report**

**Washington Elementary School:** We are still waiting on a few devices to arrive for the new fire alarm system. The old system is still in place and functioning until the new system is on and running. General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**Lincoln Elementary School:** General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**High School:** New parking lot bollards have been installed next to the HEC building and additional ones are on the way for the courtyard. General maintenance and cleaning are being performed. We will be prepping for the last two varsity football games and Homecoming the first weekend of October.

**Jr. High:** General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**Jefferson Elementary School:** The front entrance should be 95% completed towards the end of next week and will be accessible as well. General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**Adams:** General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**Longfellow:** General maintenance and cleaning are being performed.

**Custodial Teams:** The custodial teams are working on their typical day to day in the buildings.

**Warehouse Team:** The warehouse team has been mowing and trimming all of the grounds. They continue to deliver paper and supplies to all facilities and fill in for custodial work where needed.

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

**Sports Complex:** The team has been busy wrapping up fall sports at the complex and Adams School. They will start winterizing the fields starting the beginning of October. They have also assisted where needed in maintenance requests and repairs.

## **Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Moss thanked the community for their generous donations to the District.

## **Assistant Superintendent Report**

### **Student Special Recognition**

#### **Academics**

##### **Marion High School**

**ROTC** – Marion High School AFJROTC has been recognized for the Outstanding Organization Award. This is the first time Marion AFJROTC has been recognized for an award. This award recognizes our cadets hard work and dedication to helping the surrounding community.

#### **Sports**

##### **Marion High School**

**Cross Country (Boys)** – MHS Cross Country team finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall at the St. Louis Forest Park Cross Country Festival. Dylon Nalley finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place setting the new course record for a full 5K. He is the first and only athlete to break 15 minutes in the 18-year history of the festival. Mekye Lomax finished in the top 30 in the Varsity Race and Damien Russell (Freshman) finished in the top 30 in the St. Louis Forest Park Cross Country Festival JV Race.





## Assistant Superintendent Report

### Sports

#### Marion High School

**Cross Country (Boys)** – Dylon Nalley won the Granite City Invitational with a time of 14:08 on the three-mile course. His time is presently the fastest high school time in the entire country by nearly 18 seconds. He also set the new course record by 25 seconds.

**Cross Country (Girls)** – Congratulations to Kara Odum for winning the Ram Invite for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The Lady Wildcats finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place as a team. Kara Odum also won the Herrin Invite with an unofficial time of



**Football** – Congrats to our Wildcats and Coach Dunning on his 1st win as head coach with a 26 – 6 win over Herrin! Marion is in possession of the Mayors Cup for the third straight year and it will reside in Marion City Hall!



**Golf** – Congratulations to Coach Stout and our Wildcat Boys Golf Team! They're your 2023 SOUTH 7 CHAMPIONS! The Cats became champions anchored by first place tournament medalist, Jack Harre, who fired a 73. Ethan Stout scratched and clawed his way to a 94 which earned him 10th place and 2nd Team All-Conference honors. Other scores for Marion were Carter Lang 95, Matthew Joyner 95, Nick Ucci 97, and Jayden Fendley 101. The Cats 357 nipped Centralia 358, Mt. Vernon 359, and Carbondale 377 to claim the title!





## **Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)**

### **Sports**

#### **Marion High School**

**Golf** – Congratulations to Coach Mike Kraus and Lady Wildcats Golf! They're your 2023 SOUTH 7 CHAMPIONS! Grace Roper was 1st overall with a (76) and Paislee Freebourn was 5th!



**Tennis** – The Lady Tennis team finished 2nd overall as a team at the Flora Invite! Rylan Gulley won the #2 singles fight & Hannah McNichols won the #3 singles flight! Our Wildcats



**Tennis** – Rylan Gulley was crowned 2 Singles Champion at the Herrin Invite! #1 Doubles of Alexis Ucci & Valerie Bergman finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!



**Tennis** – The Lady Tennis team claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Futures Bracket at Edwardsville. This win happens to be Coach Watson's 300<sup>th</sup> victory!

**Tennis** – Congrats to the Lady Wildcats for taking home the championship at the Marion Tennis Doubles Invite!





## Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

### Sports

#### Marion High School

**Volleyball** – Congratulations to the JV girls! They won the JV South 7 Conference tournament, going 4-0 on the day!

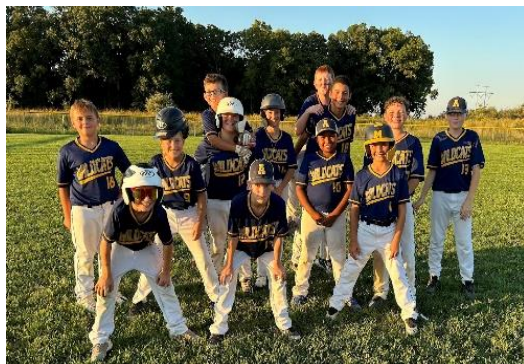


**Volleyball** – Jordyn Rhine was named to the all-tournament team at the Massac County Invitational.



#### Adams School

**Baseball** – The Adams Baseball team won their first round game of the Regional over Pope County by a score of 16-6! They play in the Regional Semi-Final on Tuesday, September 19th at Home against Carrier Mills for the chance to advance to the Regional Championship.



**Cross Country** – Adams had 3 boys place in the Top 10 in their age division. Pictured from left to right: Wayland Rodeen (7<sup>th</sup> place), Everett Rodeen (6<sup>th</sup> place), and Ethan Wallace (9<sup>th</sup> place).



#### Clubs/Extra Curricular

#### Marion High School

**Student Council** – Merick Horn & Alexa McCuan were chosen to be the 2023-2024 Maniac Leaders.





**Treasurer's Report**

The District is 16.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of August 31, 2023. The Education Fund expenditures are at 13.56% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 29.97%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 16.48%.

**Adjournment**

The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:01p.m.