



**Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

All board members present.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered.

Marion Education Association

Kelly Holland, Marion Education Association Co-President, addressed the Board with results from a survey completed by their membership.

Closed Session

The Board did not enter into closed session.

Consent Agenda

The Board voted 7-0 to approve consent agenda as presented:

- a. **Minutes** – the minutes from the February 16, 2021 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Kroger to MHS Band – \$287.03
 - ii. Watermark to MJHS – trophy cases valued at \$1900.00
 - iii. Pepsi to MJHS – 248 sodas for Valentine’s Day Grams
 - iv. Smile Doctors to MJHS– goodie bags to students
 - v. Third Baptist Church to Jefferson Elementary – Panera bagels and coffee for staff valued at \$75.00
- d. **Memorandum of Understanding** – Taylor University
- e. **Memorandum of Understanding** – MEA

Personnel Recommendations

The Board 7-0 voted to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT:

Fourth Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Kristina Menckowski 4th Grade – Jefferson

Third Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Courtney Ackermann Social Worker – JE/LO

Ashley Farthing 1st grade – Lincoln

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

EMPLOYMENT:

Third Year Teachers

Current Assignment

DeWayne Fowler	Automotive – MHS
Janna Gillespie	Alternative Learning – MHS
Anne Graham	English/Language Arts – MJHS
Julie Maze	Music – MJHS
Cynthia McCarty	Kindergarten – Jefferson
Kaleigh Minton	Science/Social Studies – MJHS
Heather Pulley	Agriculture – MHS
Reid Roper	Math – Adams
Makane Salerno.....	Math – MHS

Second Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Jaylynn Blumenstock	English – MHS
Aubrey Carrington	Math – MHS
Amanda Deatherage	Kindergarten – Washington
Taylor Dunning	Elementary Music
Scott Gimmy	Foreign Language/Spanish – MHS
Andrea Harris	3 rd grade – Lincoln
Catherine Jerrells.....	Family & Consumer Science – MHS
Joshua Mieldizis.....	Physical Education – Jefferson/Longfellow
Stacey Parks	5 th grade – Longfellow
Katie Perkins	5 th grade – Lincoln
Brittany Smith	1 st grade – Jefferson
Sonya Thompson.....	Kindergarten – Washington
Brittany Willis.....	Guidance Counselor – MHS
Amy Wilson	1 st grade – Adams

First Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Sarah Aldridge	1 st grade – Adams
Colton Allen.....	2 nd grade – Adams
Emily Culbreth.....	3 rd Grade – Washington
Jennifer Deacon.....	Science – MJHS
Natalie Dunk	Art – MHS
Austin Hammonds.....	Social Studies – MJHS
Joel Kirby.....	Band – MHS
Michelle Kissing	Kindergarten – Washington
Melissa Lappin	English – MJHS
Lucas Launius	Social Studies – MHS
Scott McKenty	Alternative Learning Classroom – MJHS
Sumer Oglesby	3 rd grade – Lincoln
Brandi Sauerhage	Reading Interventionist – JH
Aileen Stapleton.....	Social Worker – Longfellow
Josiah Teal.....	Social Studies – MHS
Adrienne Trainor.....	Math – MJHS
Danielle Walston.....	Health Careers – MHS
Teresa Whitecotton	Social Worker – Washington

Part-Time Teacher

Current Assignment

Joanna Samples	English Language Learners (Part-time)
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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Bailey Anderson, Elementary Student Support Teacher, effective at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Lauryn Kadela, Elementary Student Support Teacher, effective at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Coaching

Sam Childers, MHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 season.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Mark Adkins, 4th Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, extend leave of absence through the end of the 2020-2021 school year using accumulated sick leave.

Dawn Jackson, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, extend leave of absence through the end of the 2020-2021 school year using accumulated sick leave.

Cody Pauls, Physical Education Teacher assigned to Marion High School, a two-week paternity leave of absence beginning April 15, 2021 and ending April 29, 2021 using accumulated sick leave.

RESIGNATION

Emily Emery, 4th Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Inter-Fund Loans

The Board 7-0 voted 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.

2021-2022 School Calendar

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.

Technology Report

Assisting in the planning for technology grant expenditures

Daily monitoring of DataLink for Blackboard API for application updates.

Daily monitoring all student and staff data for Amplify on-line curriculum.

Making preparations for district web site re-design and upgrade.

Extensive Technology planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

Weekly update of Securly accounts for parents.

Daily monitoring of SysCloud to ensure daily backup of all Unit #2 Google accounts.

Network hardware upgrade at (4 Elem schools)

New Zone Director and all new access points at Marion High School.

Wireless troubleshooting and fine tuning.

Daily processing of broken/damaged Chromebooks for Adams and all Elem buildings.

Received and processed 103 Tech Work Requests.

Projector troubleshooting. Repair and/or replace. On-going.

Daily email account creations for new students.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

The MHS Football field lighting project is complete and the old yellow building under the football stadium has been removed. We were able to install new sewer pumps and reroute the sewer lines for the fieldhouse restrooms and dressing rooms.

Custodial

Building custodians are staying busy with day to day operations as well as cleaning and disinfecting our facilities. They are also helping with set up and tear down of events and are working to keep trash picked up outside our buildings.

Maintenance

Maintenance Crew continues with work orders and preventive maintenance items.

Sports Complex and Grounds crew are gearing up for outdoor sports and starting to get our grounds ready for spring fertilizing and mowing.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Oates presented the Board with updated COVID information and was pleased to report another decline in the number of faculty, staff and students affected by the virus. He stated he was happy to see the district heading in the right direction and student athletes competing again.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Sanders informed the Board March 15 – March 19 is homecoming week and the week will conclude with a parade on Friday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. She acknowledged Marty Cameron for all her hard work making this week possible. She reiterated Dr. Oates by saying she was happy to see students back in action and thanked them for their patience with change during this school year. She also thanked parents, community and staff for adjusting to the changes and coaches for a job well done.

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Art – Illinois Art Education Association annual state-wide poster contest grand prize winner is Kennadee Gabby. Her poster will be on display virtually at the National Art Education Association convention and will be included inside the annual IAEA Mosaic publication.



Choir – The following students scored a 1st at the IHSA Contest: Addisyn Adams, Michalee Clevenger, Kanye Gunn, Kirin Hutson, Abby Koerber, Victoria Shore and Grace Walen.

Sports

Marion High School

Bowling – Kayla Anderson was named to the 1st All-Conference team and Taylor McAllister was named to the 2nd All-Conference team at the 2021 South 7 Bowling Tournament.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Cheer

MHS Cheer placed 3rd in the Game Day Division at the IHSA Virtual State Competition.



Dance – IDTA regional and sectional results: JV team placed 1st in kick three weeks in a row and Varsity placed first in both Pom/Dance and Kick. IDTA State Competition results: JV – 1st place in Kick-15th title for the JV program. Varsity placed 1st in Kick and 3rd in Pom/Dance. This is 16th state Title for the Varsity team.



IHSA sectional results: Varsity team placed 3rd and qualified for state competition.

The following girls met the criteria as IDTA Scholar Athletes: JV – Addisyn Adams, Emma Carter, Adelyn McCarty, Hannah McNichols, Kyleigh Newton, Nevaeh Nguyen, Caverly Oates, Abby Simpson and Ellie Varner. Varsity – Adrianna Baysinger, JoAnna Carrico, Ariana Hunziker, Audrey Ide, Emily Jones, Graycee Mofield, Victoria Shore, Abby Thompson, McKennah Williams and Kathryn Wofford.

Guard – MHS Guard placed 3rd in Tall Flag at IDTA State Virtual Competition.



Sports

Marion Junior High School

Basketball – MJHS Boys Basketball won the SIJHSAA Class L Regional Championship.



Dance – MJHS Dance team placed 1st in Kick and Pom/Dance at the IDTA State Virtual Competition.



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Marion Junior High School

Volleyball - MJHS Volleyball Team won the SIJHSAA Region 2 Regional Championship.



Extra-Curricular/Clubs

Marion High School

Ethics Bowl – The team won both a regional tournament and a playoff match against another regional tournament winner to qualify for Nationals for the second year in a row. Marion is one of only 24 teams in the entire nation to make it this far. The team is undefeated for two years running. The starting five, are seniors Charlotte Arnold, Sophia Arnold, Tessa Bradley, Penelope Gordon and Robyn Thomas.

FFA – On February 23, Marion FFA competed in the Section 24 Proficiency Contest in which students maintain a record book of their supervised agricultural experiences. Levi Tanner (Grain Production) and Lydia Phelps (Fruit Production) advanced to compete at the section level. On February 25, Lydia Phelps competed in the Section 24 Prepared Public Speaking Contest. She earned 2nd place and will advance to district level in April.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 66.67% % of the way through the fiscal year as of February 28, 2021. The Education Fund expenditures are at 62.01% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 69.91%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 62.36%.

Adjournment

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.