



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting March 19, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

All members present

Example of Educational Excellence

Longfellow second grade teacher, Christy Sullivan, and the following students Ishaan Alur, Cole Anderson, Cailyn Cason, Bentley Drake, Chloe Eoff, Adalynn Fielden, Kyton Hill, Jackson Potter and Caleb Stearns presented a program entitled, Ozobots in Action. Following a brief presentation each student assisted the Board with an Ozobot math activity. The Board very much appreciated the hands-on presentation and the enthusiasm shown by Mrs. Sullivan and her students. This is another example of all the ‘great’ teaching and learning taking place in Unit #2 classrooms.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered

Closed Session

No closed session needed

Consent Agenda

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda.

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the February 19, 2019 regular meeting and closed meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Ed Stroh Woodmen Life Insurance to Jefferson – U.S. Flag
 - ii. Dr. Richard Puckett Estate on behalf of MHS Class of 1962 to MHS - \$100,000.00
 - iii. Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. to MHS - \$311.58 for supplies
- d. **IHSA Membership** – renew the membership for the 2019-2020 school year.
- e. **Music In Our Schools Month Proclamation**

Mrs. Elizabeth Byassee-Shore, MJHS Choir Teacher, expressed her appreciation for the Board approving the month of March as Music in Our Schools month. She thanked the Board for their ongoing support of the music department. This support has allowed Unit #2 students to be a part of a district wide music program with a high standard of excellence.



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Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the following first, second, third and fourth year teacher list as presented.

Table with 2 columns: Fourth Year Teachers and Current Assignment. Rows include Lisa Clark (Math - MHS), Lauren Cacioppo (English - MHS), Abby Childers (Kindergarten - Longfellow), Elizabeth Hileman (English - MHS), Laura Hobbie (Science - MJHS), Kim Miller (Nursing - MHS), Emilie Turner (English - MHS), and Casey Holderfield (Fifth Grade - Washington).

Table with 2 columns: Third Year Teachers and Current Assignment. Rows include Sara Baker (Physical Education - MHS), Nicole Ashmore (Social Worker - MJHS), Joseph McMahan (Spanish - MHS), Sara Gordon (Social Worker - MHS), Megan Tate (English - MHS), Heath Blumenstock (Credit Recovery - MHS/Adams), Kendra Cagle (Consumer Science - MHS), Derek Bennett (English/Language Arts - MJHS), Trebor Hill (Drivers Education/Health - MHS), Stephanie Oldham (Physical Education - MJHS), Elizabeth Mitacek (Elementary Interventionist), Michelle Kadela (Third Grade - Washington), and Alyssa Weisenstein (Science - MHS).

Table with 2 columns: Second Year Teachers and Current Assignment. Rows include Ryan Ashmore (English - Extension Center), Heather Dailey (Kindergarten - Washington), Holly Dunderdale (Science - MHS), Gus Gillispie (Social Studies - MHS), Paige Liddell (Kindergarten - Washington), Adam McKinney (Science - MHS), Tim Mieldezis (Physical Education - Adams), Kristina Menckowski (Fourth Grade - Jefferson), Bryce Parks (Construction/Electricity/Welding - MHS), and Catherine Siefert-Pearce (English - MHS).

Table with 2 columns: First Year Teachers and Current Assignment. Rows include Courtney Ackermann (Social Worker - JE/LO), Amber Akes (MHS - Art), and Angela Blumenstock (MJHS - Math).



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

First Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Ivannia Daniels	MHS – Foreign Language
Melissa Farley	Social Worker – JH/Adams
Ashley Farthing	1 st grade – Lincoln
DeWayne Fowler	MHS – Automotive
Janna Gillespie	MHS – Alternative Learning
Anne Graham	MJHS – English/Language Arts
Teresa Grant	Reading Specialist – Adams
Ashleigh Maze	Reading Specialist – Jefferson
Julie Maze	MJHS – Music
Cynthia McCarty	Kindergarten – Jefferson
Kaleigh Minton	MJHS – Science/Social Studies
Heather Pulley	MHS – Agriculture
Rae Lynn Reynolds	Director of Nursing/MHS Health Careers
Reid Roper	Adams – Math
Makane Salerno	MHS – Math
Somer Slone	3 rd grade – Lincoln

Part-Time Teachers

Current Assignment

Joanna Samples	English Language Learners (Part-time)
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The Board voted 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented.

EMPLOYMENT:

Certified

Stacey Parks, 5th Grade Teacher, assigned to Longfellow Elementary School, effective at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

MHS Summer School Teachers: Lindsay Robinson & Adam McKinney (Science), Laura Sanders (English), Kendra Cagle (Consumer Economics), Jason Dunning (Health), Cody Pauls & Dean Schulmeister (Driver Education) and Kyle Quigley (Social Studies).

MJHS Summer School Teachers: Dan Edwards (Social Studies), Cody Maze (Science), Bryanna Ramsey (ELA), and Jason Varner (Math).

Non-Certified

William Atwood, Probationary Custodian assigned to Marion Junior School, effective March 19, 2019.

Coaching

Brody King, Bass Boat Captain, effective immediately.

Ashlyn Strobel, MHS Head Color Guard Coach, effective immediately.



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Coaching

Austin Browne, MHS Drumline Instructor, effective immediately.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Angie Blumenstock, MJHS Math Teacher, a maternity leave of absence from approximately April 29, 2019 and returning at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year using accumulated sick leave.

Heath Blumenstock, Adams 8th grade Algebra/HS Credit Recovery Teacher, a paternity leave of absence from approximately April 29, 2019 through May 3, 2019 using accumulated sick leave.

REASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

Hassi Loucks, MHS Guidance Counselor to Adams School Guidance Counselor.

RESIGNATIONS:

Blake Hampleman, Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Jillian Mallady, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Introduction of New Faculty

Lindsay Watts, Longfellow Principal, introduced Stacey Parks, Longfellow 5th Grade Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board voted 6-1 to approve the following retirement recommendations as presented.

RETIREMENTS:

Jennifer Lincoln, 1st grade teacher assigned to Washington 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.

Rhonda Melton, Kindergarten teacher assigned to Washington Elementary School, intent to retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Bids/Proposals

The Board voted 7-0 to award the miscellaneous accessibility renovations - Phase 2: MHS Project to Samron Midwest Contracting for the base bid amount of \$276,084 and alternated bid #1 in the amount of \$96,290 and alternate bid #3 in the amount of \$170,159 for a total bid amount of \$542,533 as presented.



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Inter-Fund Loans

The Board voted 7-0 to authorize Superintendent Keith Oates to direct Treasurer Pat Brown 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.

Technology Report

Final preparations for state mandated testing (IAR) for grades 3 thru 8.
Coordinating the installation of security for the main door at MHS.
Finalizing E-rate Form 471's for E-Rate FY 2019.
Continue to assist with staff accounts for Google Classroom and Hapara.
Continue to work with WCES to update and correct Special Education and Pre-K student data.
Preparing deployment plan for new Windows 10 Desktops
Review and finalize new district and school boundary maps.
Working with Power School for on-line registration issues.
Google Play Store and iTunes setup for new Marion CUSD # 2 app
New teacher and staff account setup for the 2019-2020 school year.
Preparing to start the new ISBE mandated monthly attendance reports for all (7) buildings.
Responded to 131 Tech Requests.
8 new DHCP servers installed and now running the 2019 Server Software.
Continuing to repair/replace of classroom projectors.
Assisting with security cameras at all buildings.
Deployed new desktops for the CAD class. They are now able to run the newest version of Autocad.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

We are continuing to collect estimates on summer projects for our schools such as flooring, asphalt sealing, locker painting, and fencing.
Maintenance crew continues with work orders, preventive maintenance items, help with set up and tear down of events as well as any emergency items.
Sports Complex - we are preparing the facility for Baseball, Softball and Track seasons.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Oates reminded the Board and audience about the upcoming annual Unit #2 Foundation Dinner/Auction event on April 25th at Kokopelli. This is a great event to help raise money for our teachers and students.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition March 2019

Academics

Marion High School

English – John A. Logan Contest results:

Poetry: Judges Preference – Jordan Bargo, Robyn Thomas



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Academics

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English – John A. Logan Contest results:

Poetry: Third Place – Fallon Heady, Second Place – Ashton Randolph,
First place – Alex Wagner

Song Lyrics: Judges Preference – LJ Mitchell, Dagan Guidry, Third Place –
Alexandria Bell, Second Place – Island Martin, First Place – Hogan Sloop

Personal Essay: Judges Preference – Alex Wagner, Clair Treece, Second Place –
LJ Mitchell

Fiction: Third Place – Caleb Peterson,

Drama: Judges Preference – Riley Gooch, Sidney Follis, Caleb Peterson, Third
Place – Jordan Bloodworth, Jordan Bargo, Second Place – Kaylee Rivett, Bailey
Warner, Ashley Evans

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball – South 7 Girls Basketball All Conference Honors: McKenzie
Orange -2nd team, Jordan Turner and Daishen Wolaver – Honorable Mention

Basketball – Rayzhaun Bardo advanced to the Mascoutah Sectional 3 point
contest

Clubs/Extracurricular

Marion High School

Art – Little Egypt Arts Association award winners are:

Special awards: Mika Beno, Kassidee Gabby and Jessica Tran

3rd place: Ana Charts

2nd place: Anna Creviston and Sophia Davie

1st place: Quinton Patterson

Marion Junior High School

Choir – IGSMA – South District 3 Solo & Ensemble Contest winners:

Jefferson School: Rylan Williams I (Excellent)

Jr High:

Vocal Solos: IS (Superior) Isabella Mings, Michalee Smith-Clevenger, Addisyn
Adams

I (Excellent) Tristin Blumenstock, Riley Roan, Ella Hudspath

Duet: II (Good) Adelynn McCarty, Isabella Arrendondo

Jazz Choir: IS (Superior)

Women's Choir: IS (Superior)



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Treasurer's Report

The District is 66.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of February 28, 2019. The Education Fund expenditures are at 64.63% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 69.68%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 68.11%. A report with estimated minimum wage/future costs/impact was distributed to the Board members for their review.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39.