



**Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Meeting
May 25, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Steve Cook and John Barwick were not present.

Retiree Recognition

Joseph Bleyer, Board President, recognized the following teachers and administrators for their years of service to the District. He presented each of them with the traditional Unit #2 school bell and thanked them for their service and dedication to Marion Unit #2.

- a. Regenna Biermann: MJHS Science – 21 years (Marion)
- b. Kim Brave: Jefferson Principal – 33 years (24 years Marion/1 year Milledgeville/8 years Highland)
- c. Rick Chapman: MJHS PE – 22 years (20 years Marion/2 years Waltonville)
- d. Wendy Goodman: Jefferson 5th grade – 32 years (27 years Marion/5 years Mt. Vernon)
- e. Kelly Holland: Lincoln Reading Intervention – 32 years (Marion)
- f. Pam Newton: Washington Reading Intervention – 35 years (Marion)
- g. Candace Whitehead: Longfellow 4th grade – 33 ½ years (31 ½ Marion/2 Perryville)
- h. Jackie Wilson: MHS Social Science – 33 years (28 years Marion/5 years Crab Orchard)
- i. Amy Sanders: Assistant Superintendent – 36 years (32 years Marion/4 Pinckneyville)

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered.

Marion Education Association

Kelly Holland, MEA Co-President, invited the Board to the annual MEA Breakfast on June 1st at the MHS Cafeteria. On behalf of her membership and looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year, she requested the Board allow children of teachers who live outside of the district to attend Marion Unit #2. She also announced new officers for the 2021-2022 school year – Kerry Young, Pro Tem President and Amy Vickery, Pro Tem Vice President and wished for a continued positive relationship between the union and the District.

Closed Session

The Board did not enter into closed session.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the April 20, 2021 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the April supplementary bills and the May bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Memorandum of Understanding – Centerstone (Behavioral Health Services)**

Consent Agenda (con't)

- d. Memorandum of Understanding – Centerstone (Family Resource Developer Services)**
- e. 2021-2022 Fundraisers**
- f. Field Trip**
 - a. MHS Music Department**
 - b. MHS Dance Team**

Personnel Recommendations

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

EMPLOYMENT:

Certified

Shawna Moulton, Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Kelsey Rohrer, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Jefferson Elementary, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Jenna Herbst, Math Teacher, assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Amy Kissing, Math Teacher, assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stephanie Uzzle, Science Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elizabeth Graff, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Kimberly Bennett, Elementary Support Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elementary Summer School Administrators/Certified Teachers

Principals: Ashleigh Benson, Kim Burns, Tommy Colboth, Jessica Corzine, John Fletcher, Tom Roper, Lindsay Watts

Kindergarten: Demita Martinez, Abby Childers, Malea Howell, Amber Stanfill, Sonya Thompson, Paige Thorton

1st Grade: Sarah Aldridge, Bailey Anderson, Leah Browning, Melanie Davis, Lauryn Kadela, Ashleigh Maze, Amy Wilson

2nd Grade: Colton Allen, Melissa Bundren, Sarah Francis, Tyra Hill, Miki Stewart

3rd Grade: Emily Culbreth, Melissa Lundgren, Malinee Kraus, Toni Shoukletovich, Somer Slone

4th Grade: Laren Evetts, Jess Landes, Andrew Randolph

5th Grade: Laren Evetts, Casey Holderfield, Michelle Kadela, Angela Randolph, Travis Vickery

Coordinator: Aime Chelin

Special Education: Elizabeth Graff, Rachel Hatton, Kelley Herman-Wager, Sandy Lipper

Reading/Media Specialists: Teresa Grant, Holly Neal, Roxanne Price, Heather Stepter

English Language: Joanna Samples

K-5 Music: Jamie Adams, Taylor Dunning

Counselor: Courtney Ackermann, Cory Bushue, Hassi Loucks, Aileen Stapleton

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

EMPLOYMENT:

Junior High/Adams Summer School Certified Teachers

ELA/Reading Intervention: JH – Amy Vickery (6th grade), Bryanna Ramsey (7th grade), Alana Adkins (8th grade), Bryanna Ramsey (Intervention), Kelley Patterson (Intervention), Adams – Kelly Simmerman (Grades 6-8)

Math/Math Intervention: JH – Mike Kraus (6th grade), Katrina Crain (7th grade), Jason Varner (8th grade), Scott McKenty (Intervention), Adams – Reid Roper (Grades 6-8)

ELA/Math – WCES: Durenda Fuchs

Study Skills: Christina Couty

Counselor: Nicki Ashmore

Science: Cody Maze

Civics/ American History: Adam Disney

Social Studies: Austin Hammonds

High School Summer School Certified Teachers

Biology: Lindsay Robinson

Consumer Economics: Kendra Cagle, Mike Nguyen

Drivers Education: Dean Schulmeister, Jason Dunning, Trebor Hill, Cody Pauls, Marty Cameron, Jeff Tarlton, Eli Baker

English: Megan Tate, Laura Sanders

Life-long Fitness/Strength & Conditioning: Jeff Tarlton

Health: Trebor Hill

Coaching

Bailey Anderson, MHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Lucas Launius, MHS Scholastic Bowl Co-Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Josiah Teal, MHS Scholastic Bowl Co-Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Brittany Willis, MHS Softball Assistant Co-Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 softball season.

REASSIGNMENTS

Bailey Anderson, reassigned from Elementary Student Support Teacher to Washington Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Cindy McCarty, reassigned from Jefferson Elementary Kindergarten to Jefferson Elementary 2nd Grade, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stephanie Oldham, reassigned from Marion Junior High Physical Education Teacher to Marion Junior High Assistant Principal, for the 2021-2022 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Kevin Burgess, Crossing Guard assigned to Marion Junior High, effective May 28, 2021.

Aubrey Carrington, Math Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

RESIGNATIONS

Kara Cline, After Cats Coordinator, assigned to Lincoln Elementary, effective March 15, 2021.

Courtney Griffith, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Jefferson Elementary, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Mike Horn, MHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 season.

Lindsay Robinson, Science Teacher assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Miki Stewart, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Personnel Recommendation

The Board voted 4-1 to approve the approve the following retirements as presented:

RETIREMENTS

Marcheeta Parks, Cashier assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, effective May 31, 2021.

Megin Rice, Science Teacher assigned to Marion High School, intent to retire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.

Health/Life Safety Amendments

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the approve and submit the Health/Life Safety Amendment as presented for the Lincoln Elementary Roof Replacement and to approve the approve and submit the Health/Life Safety Amendment as presented for the Marion High School Sewer Replacement.

Technology Report

Additional planning for technology grant expenditures.

Finalized Spring EBF enrollment numbers

Update DataLink for Blackboard API for application updates.

Completed 486 Forms for E-Rate FY 2021.

Preparing for Kindergarten Registration.

Additional technology planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

Adding new Securly accounts for parents.

Monitoring of the T-Mobile Hot Spots to students/families.

Working with T-Mobile for new Hot Spot contract for the 2021-2022.

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

Weekly webinar in regards to the SOPPA laws. (Student Online Personal Protection Act)

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

Monitoring access point and wireless systems at all 7 buildings.

Monthly attendance data uploaded to ISBE for all buildings, Pre-K, Echo, StarQuest and WCES Speech only students.

Daily monitoring of security cameras at all buildings.

Technology Report (con't)

Extensive work on redesign of the district web site.

Continue to work with vendor for the install of security cameras at MHS greenhouse and practice fields.

Setup of new devices for High School admins.

Received and processed 74 Tech Work Requests.

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

Daily email account creations for new students.

Addressing online security measures at all buildings.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Lincoln School HVAC and Door Project - we are starting to pack some items in the Media Center and other areas to get ready for the work to begin as soon as school is out.

Parking lot projects - all our schools are being scheduled to accommodate summer school activities.

Custodial

Our building custodians are busy with disinfecting and cleaning all of our buildings inside and out, along with helping on the day to day activities, sporting and end of year events set up and tear down.

Warehouse crew is staying busy with delivering of supplies while trying to keep our school grounds mowed and manicured.

Sports Complex

Our sports complex crew is staying busy keeping all our baseball and softball fields ready for practices and games, also provide any set up and clean up needed for track, tennis and soccer.

They also help with any maintenance items as they can.

Maintenance

Maintenance crew is staying busy with work orders, preventive maintenance items, roof leaks, plumbing issues, and any emergency situation that may come about.

Buildings are transitioning the HVAC from heat to cool, we are trying to stay on top of any issues. We are also helping set up and tear down events if needed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Oates reported MHS had a fantastic graduation night and was glad to see a return to normalcy with scholarship and award programs being held. He also presented the Board with updated COVID information and was pleased to report Unit #2 did not have any certified staff affected by the virus. He reported the District received a \$3,600.00 donation to the Wildcat Way Fund from John & Amy Sanders in recognition of Amy's 36 years of service in education.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Sanders announced Kindergarten registration is currently underway for the Class of 2034. She also reported as a response to the negative impact of COVID 19, the District provided Night School at MHS which targeted Seniors at risk of not graduating due to lack of credit and provided them an opportunity to recover needed credits. She also discussed Camp Cats Summer School for K-12 students.

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Chemistry – MHS had three Chemistry students take the local Chemistry Olympiad test. Two of the students, Peyton Odum and Ben Parks qualified to move to the next level. Ben Parks placed 2nd out of all the students taking the test through SIUC and earned a \$1,500.00 scholarship from the Chemistry Department.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Academics

Marion High School

Child Care – The seniors of the Child Care class have completed their Early Childhood Education Credential (Level One) within the Illinois Professional Development System, Gateways to Opportunity. Due to their completion of three dual-credit courses, shadowing



within the Marion District and teaching within Kiddie City, the students can automatically receive a 15 credit hour scholarship per semester through the Gateway Scholarship Program. Child Care students may use the scholarship to receive an Associate, Bachelor's, or Master's degree in ECE/CD. Seniors students are: Alexis Basi, Joanna Carrico, Kellen Colson, Kristin Cooper, Gabriella Cox, Aaron Curry, Tori Evans, Hayley Hoffman, Megan Holmes, Madison

Hood, Sophie Kwasniewski, Kirsten Miller, Bella Morris, Hydie Musgrave, Paige Newlin, Shelby Sprague, Taneil Ramirez, Stephanie Rodriguez, Alexandria Skuta, Montana Stroud, and Abby Thompson.

Computer-Aided Drafting – MHS has had its first group of students to graduate from Rend Lake College with their Certificate in Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD). The students are: Noah Gray, Kaleb Jordan, and Dyson Roye. Elsa Butler, Kaleb Jordan, and Zack Andolsek completed the OSHA 10 Certification this semester. This certification is a professional-level certification through OSHA, and it is a requirement to work on many commercial, industrial, and construction jobsites.

Illinois State Scholars – The following students have been named 2021 Illinois State Scholars: Tessa Bradley, Corey Bruce, Kristin Cooper, Andrew Diefenbach, Penelope Gordon, Fallon Heady, Shaelen Hudson, Trenton Logsdon, Benjamin Parks, Taneil Ramirez, Ashton Randolph, Jacob Reichert, Rece Roper, Anna Schipper, Victoria Shore and Jeremiah Warner.

Spanish – Illinois State Board of Education Seal of Biliteracy Test results: The following students received the Seal of Biliteracy: Gil Aguilar, José Chaires, Penelope Gordon, and Jacob Reichert. The following students received Commendation towards Biliteracy: Moriah Arnold, Kristin Cooper, Maegan Dillon, Alexis Edwards, Alexis Gray, Shaelen Hudson, Ariana Hunziker, Ava Lewis, Kirsten Miller, Taneil Ramirez, Ashton Randolph, Rece Roper, Natalee Spiller, Robyn Thomas, Abby Thompson, Jeremiah Warner, and Trea Wright.

Top Six Seniors – Class of 2021 Top Six Seniors are:

1. Rece Roper
2. Penelope Gordon
3. Shaelen Hudson
4. Ashton Randolph
5. Tessa Bradley
6. Fallon Heady



Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Cheer – Alexandria Skuta has been named to the 2021 SIU Saluki Spirit Team.

Football – MHS Football received the 103.5 ESPN/CIL-FM Southern Illinois Healthcare Team of the Year Award. Hunter Simmons has been named The Southern Illinoisan Football Player of the Year and has made the IHSFCA 5A All-State Team.

Tennis – South Seven All-Conference Honors - Caleb Flesch and Alex Gott (2nd Team), and Kaleb Jordan (Honorable Mention).

Track & Field – Collin Beers & Dyson Roye are the first Marion vaulters over 15 feet in over 30 years. Dyson is tied for 2nd all-time at Marion with 15 feet 6 inches.

Volleyball – South Seven All-Conference Honors: 1st Team – Haylee Lambert and Dylann Torres, 2nd Team – Bailey Williams and Ava Wong.

Extra-Curricular/Clubs

Marion High School

FFA - The MHS FFA has been selected as a Gold-rated Chapter in Illinois and will compete in the National Chapter Rating at the National FFA Convention in October. Senior members, Aubree Ketring and Drake Allison will receive their State FFA Degrees at the State Convention on June 4th. This is the highest degree a member can be awarded at the state level. Lydia Phelps placed 4th in the State in Ag Education CDE and she placed 3rd in the Prepared Public Speaking CDE.

Illinois Principals Association Recognition

Jady Smith and Jacob Reichert received the Illinois Principals Association Recognition Award.



Teacher/Coach Special Recognition

Darren Lindsey, MHS Wrestling Coach, has earned his 100th career win as head coach.

Rani Walker-Gross has been selected to receive the Distinguished Graduate Student Award within Educational Leadership for work completed within our school district. She will be featured in the Graduate Scholar.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 83% of the way through the fiscal year as of April 30, 2021. The Education Fund expenditures are at 79.35% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 82.86%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 80.59%.

Miscellaneous and/or Discussion

Mr. Bleyer invited everyone to the retirement celebration for Amy Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, on May 26, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the MHS Auditorium Lobby. He also reported the start date of the 2021-2022 school year as August 9 for teachers and August 11 for students. The 2021-2022 school year is planned to have a return to a normal school schedule.

Adjournment

The Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.