



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting November 19, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

All Board members present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Washington Elementary first grade teacher, Christy Johnson, and the following students Millie Blue, Carter Bradley, Xander dePoincy, Easton Emery, Lucian Freyer, Alayna Havener, Madalyn McMurtry, Savannah Skelton and Jacob Via gave a presentation on the Bee Bots Early Robotics Program. Following a presentation by Mrs. Johnson, each student assisted Board members with a Bee Bot coding activity. The Board very much appreciated the hands-on presentation and the enthusiasm shown by Mrs. Johnson and her students.

Audience to Visitors

Crystal Rowatt – Communication to parents regarding a MHS issue.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the October 7, 2019 special meeting, the October 15, 2019 regular meeting as well as the closed session meeting minutes and the minutes from the October 24, 2019 special meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the October supplementary bills and the November bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Kroger to Jefferson – school supplies
 - ii. Pit Road Racing to Jefferson – spirit wear shirts
 - iii. Crystal Crites to Jefferson – books
 - iv. Heartland to Jefferson – candy bags for parade
 - v. Marion Kiwanis Club - dictionaries
- d. **Field Trips**
 - i. MJHS Choir
 - ii. MHS Foreign Language Department
- e. **Elementary School Compact & Parent Engagement Policies**
- f. **Lindenwood University Field Placement & Student Teacher Agreement**

Proposed 2019 Levy Resolution

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the Proposed 2019 Levy Resolution as presented.



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Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 7-0 to approve following personnel recommendations as presented pending background check:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Susan Krapf, Part-time Elementary Instrumental Music Instructor, effective November 4, 2019.

Mark Wayer, Part-time Elementary Instrumental Music Instructor, effective November 4, 2019.

Non-Certified

Shelly Dunaway, Part-time Interim Director of Nursing, effective October 21, 2019.

Rachel Garrett, District Bookkeeper, effective April 1, 2020.

Coaching

Jessie Crabtree, Volunteer MJHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Mykel Gary, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

RESIGNATIONS

Elizabeth Oliphant, Aftercats assigned to Jefferson Elementary, effective November 7, 2019.

Randi Pinkston, Nurse assigned to Marion Junior High, effective December 30, 2019.

Raelynn Reynolds, District Nursing Supervisor/Health Careers Teacher, effective October 16, 2019.

RETIREMENT

Lisa Ragan, Head Cook assigned to Jefferson Elementary, effective May 21, 2020.

The Board voted 6-1 to approve following retirement recommendation:

RETIREMENT

Nancy Smolak, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Jefferson Elementary, intent to retire on June 1, 2023 or the last day of the 2022-2023 school year and implementing the terms of the most recent contract agreement with regards to the TRS adjustments.



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Technology Report

Arranged for Promethean ActivPanel demos at Washington and Longfellow
Weekly setup of Securly accounts for parents
Assisted in EdTech Camp at MHS
Responded to 91 Technology Requests
Assisted in Security camera adjustments and installations
On-going Google account creations for new students
District-wide Technology Asset Inventory - Daily update
Updated Service and Support for our Ruckus Wireless Zone Director
Digital projector maintenance at all 7 buildings
Guest wireless network and Securly

Maintenance Report

Buildings

We are in the planning stages for summer work. We are planning on replacing the roof at Lincoln Elementary - it is currently in the design process. In December, we will have a bid opening to determine cost.

Custodial

Custodians are staying busy with day to day operations, cleaning and disinfecting our schools, and helping with set up and tear down of events.

Maintenance

Maintenance crew is staying busy with work orders, preventive maintenance items and any emergency situations that may develop as well as helping with set up and tear down of events.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Oates reported that the Marion Unit #2 Foundation Tailgate raised \$4,700.00 and recently awarded \$12,000.00 in Unit #2 teacher grants. He made the Board aware of the Rotary Christmas Dinner on December 6, 2019 that is expected to raise over \$20,000.00 for the Wildcat Way Fund.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Sanders updated the Board on the Williamson County Learning Camp that Marion CUSD #2 hosted on October 25, 2019. This workshop was attended by over 600 Williamson County teachers and administrators. She was proud to report that Unit #2 teachers and administrators comprised half of the presenters for the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Learning Camp and Michael Bonner, a nationally known author, speaker and educator was the keynote speaker.

Student Special Recognition

Academics

Marion High School

Art – Harrisburg Art Competition results: Team 1 – Received Teachers Choice Award. Team members are Anna Creveston, Madison Hood, Andrew Diefenbach, and Mikaela Seresbeno. Team 3 – Received 1st place. Team members are Kennadee Gabby and Kassidee Gabby.



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Cross Country – Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams placed second overall in the South Seven Conference. The following girls received all-conference honors: Isis Williams placed 10th overall and made second team all-conference and Mari Ray placed first and earned a spot on the all-conference first team. Mari Ray finished 4th overall at the Highland Regional and advanced to the Decatur Sectional. The following boys received all-conference honors: Logan Morgan and Benja Stone both made the second team. The cross country boys advanced to the Decatur Sectional as a team.

Football – MHS football ended their season with an 8-2 overall record, South Seven Co-Champs and made the playoffs for the 15th consecutive year.

Football (Freshman/Sophomore) – The Freshman/Sophomore football team finished the season with a perfect record (7-0). Wildcat football went (15-1) as a program during the regular 2019 season.

Tennis (Girls) – Girls tennis team finishes with its best season in program history with a 24-1 record and 4-0 in South Seven play. The girls also captured their first-ever conference title along with earning back-to-back sectional titles. Nicole Szidik earns the title of Sectional Champion and Margaux Bruce was the runner-up making them both state qualifiers. IHSA State results: Margaux Bruce won a round in the consolation bracket and Nicole Szidik made it through the first round but fell in the second; moving her to the back draw. Nicole advanced to round five before falling to Richmond. These two ladies earned Marion's highest team finish of 15th place (79 schools) at the State Finals. Nicole Szidik finishes the season 26-2 (those losses came at the state finals). She ends her high school tennis career by moving into the All-Time Leading Scorer for the girls' program. She was also named to the Girls Tennis Second Team All-State. She is the only tennis player to have been name to two All-State teams during her high school career.

Marion Junior High

Cross Country (Boys) – Dylon Nalley won the SIJHSAA Class L Boys State Cross Country race with a time of 9:53.9. Cade Parks finished in eighth place. As a team the boys finished in 10th place overall.

Cross Country (Girls) – Kara Odum was the top finisher for the girls team with a fourteenth place finish. The girls team finished in 15th place overall.



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Clubs/Extracurricular

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Choir – The following students were named to the Illinois Music Association Choir:

Senior Chorus: Isabella Mayer and Emily Parks

Senior Vocal Jazz 1 Ensemble: Jack Graham and Victoria Shore

Senior Orchestra: Jack Graham

Concert Band: Julia Futch

Model UN – Southeast Missouri Conference results: Our delegate to the Social and Humanitarian Committee of the General Assembly, Victoria Shore representing Argentina, won First Place. McKenzie Winchester, representing the United States in the Security Council won Third Place. Additionally, Benjamin Parks won First Place and Madison Hood won Second Place in the essay contest addressing the problem of “Migration and Climate Change”. Benjamin Parks also won Second Place for his entry in the flag contest with his representation for the Czech Republic.

Marion Junior High School

Band – The following band members were selected by audition to participate in the ILMEA District 6 concert or jazz festivals:

Concert Festival – Heeley Taylor, Skye Mausey, Gwen Weaver, Abigail Simpson, Isuri Liyange, Noah Reed, Kaydence Kelly, Charley Woodsum, Jacen Johnson, Will Thomas, Nevaeh Nguyen and Lana Orrill.

Jazz Festival – Abigail Simpson, Anna Graham, Eli Springvloed, Lily Stark, Kaydence Kelly, Mattingly Richart, Jenann Woods, Jacen Johnson and Will Thomas.

Choir – The following Junior High Choir members made ILMEA District 6 ensembles:

Vocal Jazz: Addisyn Adams, Parker Bradshaw, Mia Fernandez, KyLee Howard, Elly Mohr and Eli Rafe.

Junior Chorus: Addisyn Adams, Mia Fernandez, Elly Mohr, Eli Rafe and McKenna Walters.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 33% of the way through the fiscal year as of October 31, 2019. The Education Fund expenditures are at 32.16% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 31.83%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 33.70%.



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Closed Session

The Board voted 7-0 to enter into closed session for the purpose of (1) 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 body 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 (2) Personnel, 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.

Personnel Recommendations

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

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Keith Oates, Superintendent, contract as presented through June 30, 2023.

Joey Ohnesorge, Marion High School Principal, contract as presented through September 30, 2023.

Adjournment

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.