



**Superintendent Summary  
Board of Education Meeting  
April 20, 2021**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

All board members present.

**Board Member Recognition**

John Barwick, Board President, recognized Brandi Bradley and B.W. Bruce for their years of service to the Board. Joseph Bleyer, Board Vice President, presented Ms. Bradley and Mr. Bruce with the traditional Unit #2 school bell and commented on their time of service together. Again, a very special thank you to our outgoing Board members for their service and dedication to Marion Unit #2.

**Audience to Visitors**

No public comment offered.

**Marion Education Association**

Kelly Holland, Marion Education Association Co-President, welcomed the newly elected Board members. On behalf of her membership and looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year, she requested the Board suspend pay to play for all student athletes and allow children of teachers who live outside of the district to attend Marion Unit #2.

**Marion Education Association & Marion Board of Education Contract Extension**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the contract extension between the Marion Education Association and Marion CUSD #2 Board of Education as presented.

**Closed Session**

The Board did not enter into closed session.

**Certification of Election Results**

Amanda Barnes, County Clerk, has certified that she has canvassed the returns of the Consolidated General Election held on April 6, 2021 from each county of the Marion Community Unit School District #2. The total votes and those candidates who have been elected to office are as follows:

	<u>Johnson Co.</u>	<u>Williamson Co.</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Steve Cook	1	710	711
Marc Henshaw	1	688	689
Brice Wesley	1	558	559

### **Appointment of President Pro Tempore and Secretary Pro Tempore**

President Barwick requested that Dr. Keith Oates serve as President Pro Tempore and Monica Lynn serve as Secretary Pro Tempore.”

### **Adjournment Sine Die**

President Barwick stated: “Inasmuch as there is no further business to come before this board, a motion for adjournment sine die is needed:

**Joseph Bleyer:** *Mr. President, I move we adjourn sine die.*”

**Brandi Bradley:** *“Second.”*

**President:** *All in favor of the motion to adjourn sine die signify same by saying ‘aye’.*”

At 6:09 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

### **Call to Order by President Pro Tem – New Board of Education**

President Pro Tem, Dr. Keith Oates, called the meeting of the Marion CUSD #2 Board of Education to order.

### **Administration of Oath of Office: Keith Oates**

President Pro Tem, Dr. Keith Oates requested the entire Board please stand and repeat the Oath of Office in unison.

### **Election of President**

Superintendent Keith Oates then proceeded to act as chairman *pro tem*, asking for nominations for the office of president. Steve Cook nominated Joseph Bleyer. As there were no further nominations, nominations for the office of president were closed. Joseph Bleyer, being the only candidate nominated for the office of president, was declared elected by acclamation and the secretary was directed to so record in the minutes. The chairman pro tem turned the meeting over to Joseph Bleyer.

### **Election of Vice-President**

President Bleyer then asked for nominations for the office of vice president. Steve Cook nominated John Barwick. As there were no further nominations, nominations for the office of vice president were closed. John Barwick, being the only candidate nominated for the office of vice president, was declared elected by acclamation and the secretary was directed to so record in the minutes.

### **Appointment of Secretary**

The Board voted 7-0 to appoint Monica Lynn as Secretary of the Board of Education.

### **Appointment of Treasurer**

The Board voted 7-0 to appoint Kim Watson as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

### **Designate Secretary’s Representative**

The Board voted 7-0 to appoint Keith Oates as designated Secretary’s Representative.

### **Establishment of Date & Location of Meetings**

The Board voted 7-0 to establish the dates and locations of the next fiscal year’s meetings.

### **Appointment of Committees**

Members were not appointed at this meeting.

### **Closed Session**

The Board did not enter closed session.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the March 1, 2021 special meeting and March 16, 2021 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the March supplementary bills and the April bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
  - i. Williamson County Heartland Rotary to Adams School – playground communication sign valued at \$150.00
  - ii. Legence Bank to MHS \$250.00 for 2021 Homecoming
  - iii. Hospice of Southern Illinois to Longfellow Elementary – pull-ups for the Strive classroom valued at \$75.00
- d. **Participation in 2021-2022 Programs**
- e. **IHSA Membership**

## **Marion CUSD #2 COVID-19 POC Antigen On-Site Rapid Testing Program**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the participation in the State of Illinois BinaxNOW Rapid COVID-19 on-site testing program at no cost to the District.

## **Personnel Recommendations**

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

### **Employment:**

#### **Certified**

Natalia Rios, Elementary Support Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Coaching**

Malcom Berry, MHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Track Coach, effective immediately.

Jason Dunning, MHS Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

Jason Varner, MJHS Boys' Basketball Head Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 season.

#### **Leave of Absence**

Laren Evetts, a medical leave of absence beginning April 6, 2021 and ending May 4, 2021, using accumulated sick leave.

#### **Reassignments**

Anne Parker, reassigned from Jefferson Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher to Elementary Student Support Teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Sally Pearce, reassigned from Washington Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Washington Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Chuck Williamson, reassigned from Marion Junior High Assistant Principal to Marion Junior High Principal, for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Resignations**

Kyle Avripas, Maintenance employee, effective April 2, 2021.

Laura Hobbie, Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

### **Resignations**

Adam McKinney, MHS Scholastic Bowl Co-Coach, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Isaac Rankin, Custodian assigned to Marion Junior High, effective April 16, 2021.

Catherine Siefert-Pearce, MHS Scholastic Bowl Co-Coach, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Retirement**

Miki Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 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.

### **MHS Graduation Policy**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the reduction of two elective credits as per graduation requirements for the Class of 2021.

### **Curriculum Adoption**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the Junior High School Social Science and High School Social Science Curriculum proposals as presented.

### **Bids & Proposals**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the maintenance truck bid as presented.

### **Depository Banks**

The Board voted 4-0-3 to authorize the following banks as depositories for the 2021-2022 school year:

Peoples National Bank	Fifth Third Bank	Southern Trust
U.S. Bank	Farmers Bank	Legence Bank
Banterra Bank	Bank of Herrin	First Southern Bank
Regions Bank	First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	Liquid Asset Fund

### **Illinois Department of Transportation Right Away Agreement**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the IDOT Right Away Agreement as presented.

### **Technology Report**

Assisting in the planning for technology grant expenditures.

Follow up on E-rate invoices submitted for reimbursement.

Submitted all Form 471's for E-rate for FY21.

Troubleshooting Amplify login issues for students.

Assisting on PowerSchool SIS for Registration and Student Management System.

Weekly update of Securly accounts for parents.

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

Monitoring of the new Zone Director and all new access points at Marion High School.

Extensive work on redesign of the district web site.

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

Setup of new laptops for WCES.

Received and processed 91 Tech Work Requests.

Projector troubleshooting - repair and/or replace.

## **Technology Report (con't)**

Uploaded monthly attendance for all buildings, Pre-K, Echo, StarQuest and WCES Speech Only students.  
Weekly ISBE/SIS update of McKinney-Vento for Homeless population.

Daily email account creations for new students. Wireless troubleshooting and fine tuning.

Addressing online security measures at all buildings.

Preparation and monitoring of all wireless systems at all buildings for IAR and ISA testing.

## **Maintenance Report**

### **Buildings**

All buildings are scheduled to have annual testing of backflow preventers later this month or early May.  
Planning summer work and paint projects for all our schools.

### **Custodial**

Building custodians continue with day to day operations, cleaning and disinfecting all our schools as well as help with any athletic events if needed. Custodians also try to keep up with outside trash.

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance crew continue with work orders, HVAC issues, preventive maintenance items, roof leaks, plumbing issues, helping with set up and tear down of events as needed along with any emergency issues that may arise.

The sports complex crew is staying busy with mowing and weed control along with keeping up with sporting events.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Oates presented the Board with updated COVID information and was pleased to report Unit #2 did not have any instructional staff affected by the virus.

## **Assistant Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Sanders recognized Nikki Travelstead, MHS Certified Nursing Assistant Teacher, for the great work she is doing leading the CNA program. All of her students passed the CNA exam despite the challenges faced pursuing a career in healthcare during a pandemic.

## **Student Special Recognition**

### **Academics**

#### **Marion High School**

**CNA** – Nikki Travelstead, Certified Nursing Assistant Teacher, reported all of the CNA students passed the CNA exam. Congratulations to the following students: Savannah Belanger, Rodney Childers, Lory Cox, Skye Craig, Rachel Daun, Makenzie Green, Brehnn Huddleston, Taylor King, Karissa Lindsey, Brianna Parkis, Macy Parks, Carlie Plercy, Anna Schipper and Aubrey Vogt.

**English** – The following students won awards at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual John A. Logan Writing Contest: Drama – Kellen Colson, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Megan Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Heaven Lawrence, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Poetry – Hope Ziegler, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Song Lyrics – Ashleigh Biggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Daniel Bell, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

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

**Band** – MGSMA Solo Contest results: Students receiving a “First Superior” rating were Maddie Montgomery, Grace Roper, Kara Odum, Lana Orrill, Emilee Pritchard, Noelle Tillery, Lea Wong and Cydnee Wood. Students receiving a “First” rating were Addison Arnold, Dan Brame, Kaeyah Chin, Eli Ellis, Ellianna Glover, Molly Johnson, Ehren Neikes, Molly Odum, Avery Randolph, Charli Smith, Lanique Smith, Nik Smith, Brody Smoot, Emma Sprague, Lela Springvloed, John Tanner, Gwen Weaver, Harlan Whiteford, Rylan Williamson, Charley Woodsum, and Jenna Woods.

## Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

### Student Special Recognition

#### Academics

##### Marion High School

**Choir** – MJHS Mixed Choirs received a Silver (Excellent) rating at the Worldstrides Virtual Music Festival.

**Choir** – IGSMA South District 3 Solo & Ensemble Virtual Contest results: The following students received a Division I (Superior) rating: Rylan Williamson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade (alto saxophone) and Jenann Woods, 8<sup>th</sup> grade (voice). The following students received a Division I (Excellent) rating: Rylan Williamson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade (piano) and Molly Hellen, 6<sup>th</sup> grade (voice).

#### Sports

##### Marion High School

**Basketball (Boys)** – The following players were selected to the 2020-2021 South Seven All-Conference Team: Second Team – Rayzhaun Bardo and Trevor Jackson, Honorable Mention – Jordan Cook and Venson Newsom. Trevor Jackson has been named to the 2020-2021 SICA All-South Boys Basketball Team.

**Basketball (Girls)** – The following players were selected to the 2020-2021 South Seven All-Conference Team: First Team – Jerzy Bittle, Second Team – Gracie Connor, and Honorable Mention – Maegan Dillon.

#### Extra-Curricular/Clubs

##### Marion High School

**FBLA** – Virtual State Conference Winners: Shaelen Hudson placed 10<sup>th</sup> in Healthcare Administration, Rece Roper placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Organizational Leadership and Emily Jones & Victoria Shore placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Broadcast Journalism and qualified for Nationals.

**Student Council** – Bailey Long and Presley Barnett, MHS Juniors, brought the MJHS Wildcat Pantry over 100 boxes of cereal. This is the second time this school year that MJHS has received a delivery from MHS Student Council. This food item is always on of the top choices when students "shop".



### Teacher Special Recognition

Jim Childers, MJHS Band Teacher, has been invited to present a session titled “Enhance Expression with Efficient Listening; Small Doses, Big Results” at the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference. This is the world’s largest instrumental music education conference drawing approximately 18,000 attendees to Chicago from all 50 states and as many as 48 different countries annually.

#### Treasurer’s Report

The District is 75% of the way through the fiscal year as of March 31, 2021. The Education Fund expenditures are at 69.65% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 75.49%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 72.48%.

#### Adjournment

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.