



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting April 16, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Steve Cook and Courtney Womick - Absent

Board Member Recognition of Service

Board Vice-President Joe Bleyer presented Board President Mike Absher with the Marion Unit #2 Recognition Bell for his service to Unit #2 between 2011-2019. The Board thanked Mike for his service to the students and staff of Marion Unit #2.

Example of Educational Excellence

Julie Maze and Elizabeth Shore, MJHS Music teachers, updated the Board on the new music curriculum implemented this school year. Mrs. Maze and Mrs. Shore were accompanied by six music students, Reece Anthony, Cooper Banks, Karissa Cline, Coy Halleran, Maddyn Kraus, and Carter Lang. The students demonstrated a game about rhythmic patterns and led Board members in a STEM activity playing digital bongos using Chromebooks. The Board also participated in an interactive component of the program with a sing along from *The Lion King*.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered

Closed Session

No closed session needed

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the March 19, 2019 regular meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the March supplementary bills and the April bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Anonymous to Washington – supplies valued at \$1525.40
 - ii. Cornerstone Church Russell Home Team to MJHS – donation to MJHS Pantry
 - iii. Ed Stroh/Woodman Life to Adams – meals for staff
 - iv. Alpha Delta Kappa to Jefferson – teacher supplies
 - v. MHS Student Council to Jefferson – backpack & supplies
 - vi. Nancy Sutman to Jefferson - clothes
- d. **Participation in 2019-2020 Programs** – renew the membership for the District's participation in the federal and state funded programs and to authorize the administration to prepare and submit the necessary applications.



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Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations.

EMPLOYMENT:

Certified

Ryan Ashmore, MHS Summer School Teacher, effective for the summer 2019 term.

Taylor Dunning, Elementary General Music Teacher, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Catherine Jerrells, MHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Sarah Stowers, MJHS Assistant Principal, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Amy Wilson, First Grade Teacher assigned to Adams School, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Introduction of New Faculty Members

Becky Moss, MJHS Principal – Sarah Stowers

Joey Ohnesorge, MHS Principal – Catherine Jerrells

Amy Sanders, Assistant Superintendent – Taylor Dunning & Amy Wilson

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following employment recommendations:

EMPLOYMENT:

Coaching

Mike Kraus, MHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Tim Mieldezis, MJHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kaleigh Minton, MJHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, for the 2019-2020 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Melanie Davis, First Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, a maternity leave of absence beginning August 12, 2019 and ending approximately November 1, 2019 using accumulated sick leave.

REASSIGNMENT:

Sonya Thompson, Adams School 1st grade to Washington Elementary Kindergarten, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

RESIGNATIONS:

Cololnel Lance Hafeli, MHS JROTC Instructor, effective May 31, 2019.

Paige Liddell, MHS Cheerleading Coach, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 season.

Emily Patterson, MHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately.

Melissa Phipps, Longfellow Elementary School Nurse, effective April 30, 2019.

Chuck Sierens, MHS Hall Monitor, effective April 3, 2019.

Depository Banks

The Board voted 4-0-1 to authorize the following banks as depositories for the 2019-2020 school year (this action is taken on a yearly basis):

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

The Board tabled First Southern Bank as a depository bank for conflict of interest reasons until the May 21, 2019 Board meeting.

Auditor Engagement Agreement

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the Auditor Engagement Agreement with Kemper CPA Group for the following three years: 2018-2019: \$18,050; 2019-2020: \$18,325; 2020-2021: \$18,595.

2019-2020 School Calendar

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the following dates for the 2019-2020 school calendar: August 12 & 13 Teacher Institute Days, August 14 (First Student Attendance Day), September 2 (Labor Day – No School), October 14 (Columbus Day – No School), November 11 (Veterans Day – No School), November 27-29 (Thanksgiving Break – No School), December 23 – January 3 (Christmas Break – No School), January 20 (Martin Luther King Day – No School), February 17 (Presidents Day – No School), March 9 – 13 (Spring Break – No School), April 10 & 13 (Easter Break – No School), and May 25 (Memorial Day – No School).

Note: The Illinois General Assembly is currently debating guidelines for school district calendars. We anticipate having 2019-2020 calendar guidelines once the General Assembly adjourns May 31st. The Board will finalize the complete 2019-2020 calendar at the June 18, 2019 regular Board meeting.



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Board Policy Review

Policy adoption at the May Board Meeting.

Technology Report

Monitoring mandated state testing: IAR, ISA and SAT

Finalized MHS Main Door security.

Filed E-Rate Form 471's for FY2019

Continue to work with WCES to update and correct Special Education and Pre-K student data.

Completed new district and school boundary maps.

Final plans for on-line Kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 SY.

Continuing to work with Blackboard on the new Unit #2 App and communication tool.

New teacher and staff account setups for the 2019-2020 school year.

Working with 15 software vendors and Clever to set up Single Sign On for the 2019-2020 SY.

Responded to 101 Tech Requests.

Deployed new Windows 10 desktops at Jefferson, Longfellow, Washington, Lincoln and Adams.

Preparations being made to deploy new machines at the Jr. High and High School and District Office.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Longfellow, Washington and Lincoln - we have added or in the process of adding additional chain link fencing and gates so that their playgrounds can be secured during school hours.

Architects have completed our bleacher inspections at Adams, Washington, Jr. High and High School.

Custodial

Our custodians continue cleaning and sanitizing our schools along with set up and tear down of events.

Mowing

Our mowing crew is working on getting all our grounds in shape and manicured.

Maintenance

Continue to convert lighting fixtures over to LED.

Maintenance assisting with set up and tear down of events if needed.

Sports Complex crew currently doing field prep for baseball, softball and track events.

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

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is scheduled for April 24 – April 26, 2019 as the District Office.



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

Student Special Recognition April 2019

Academics

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Spanish – MHS has been selected to present their project “World Language Lab Instruction” at the TECH 2019 Conference at the State Capitol Building in Springfield.

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball – Jackson Connor was selected to the 2019 SICA All South Basketball team.

Wrestling – River Flute, Lydell Hoskins, Gaige Owens, and Landon White were selected to the SICA All South Wrestling team.

Clubs/Extracurricular

Marion High School

Art – Congressional Art Awards: Arah Creamer – 2nd place and her work was selected to hang in Congressman Bost’s Belleville office, Chloe Dover – 3rd place and her work was selected to hang in Congressman Bost’s Carbondale office, and Isabella Hayes received honorable mention.

Art – JALC Art Competition Winners: Reed Absher – 3rd 2D Art, Jordan Bloodworth – 2nd Photography, Anna Creviston – 2nd Drawing, Adria Downs – 3rd Drawing, Shylan Holderbaum – 2nd Sculpture, Austin Palmer – 1st Photography, Cameron Patterson – 1st Ceramics, and Reagan Woods – 3rd Photography.

Art – Ana Cuartas has received a Gold Medal and an American Visions Medal in the Photography Category for her piece titled “Spiral” from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. This is one of the highest levels of achievement in this event and her work will be part of an exhibit held in New York.

Marion Junior High School

Choir - the 6th grade choir received a First Superior rating and the 7th/8th grade choir received a First rating at IGSM District 3 Organization Contest.

Treasurer’s Report

The District is 75% of the way through the fiscal year as of March 31, 2019. The Education Fund expenditures are at 72.94% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 73.83%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 75.83%.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.