



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting August 13, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Brandi Bradley was not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Heather Pulley, MHS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor, along with the FFA Officers Aaron Baltzell, Ashleigh Biggs, Rachel Daun, Calista Hill, Aubree Ketring and Zoe Pierce shared with the Board a power point presentation highlighting the FFA program. The MHS FFA Chapter is nationally rated and has 86 members.

Audience to Visitors

The following parents expressed their concerns about open enrollment at Adams School and their desire for their children to attend: Cassie Miles, Brody Harding, Tasha Burnett, Cassie Steinsultz, Kristi Madinger and Heath Blumenstock. Demita Martinez, Adams School Kindergarten teacher shared her vision of Adams School and her aspiration for growth of their school. Tasha Burnett spoke in regards to the Digital Literacy Program at Adams School and requested the Board discuss the program at the September board meeting. Cassie Stiensultz mentioned the new LGBTQ legislation passed by the State of Illinois and requested parents are informed before the students are taught the material.

Consent Agenda

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. **Minutes** - the minutes from the July 16, 2019 regular and closed meeting as presented.
- b. **Bills** – the June supplementary bills and the July bills for payment as presented.

Board Policy Adoption

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the following board policies as presented: 2:110, 2:140, 2:140E, 2:240, 3:60, 2:230, 4:20, 5:180, 6:40, 4:90, 5:35, 5:40, 5:130, 6:340, 6:110, and 7:170.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented pending background check:

EMPLOYMENT

Certified

Amanda Deatherage, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Coaches

Caroline Fletcher, Marion Junior High Volunteer Cheer Coach, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

EMPLOYMENT

Coaches

Sydney Spiller, Marion Junior High Cheer Coach, effective at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Non-Certified

Micaela Allred, Media Aide assigned to Adams School, effective August 12, 2019.

Susan Bush, Cook assigned to Washington School effective August 14, 2019.

Deshawn Shouts, Hall Monitor assigned to MHS, effective August 14, 2019.

Charles Winstead, Noon Supervisor assigned to Jefferson, effective August 14, 2019.

RESIGNATIONS

Heather Dailey, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary, effective August 8, 2019.

Laura Hobbie, MHS Girls Basketball Coach, effective July 31, 2019.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cody Pauls, MHS Strength & Conditioning Teacher, a paternity leave of absence beginning approximately October 7, 2019 and ending on October 21, 2019 using accumulated sick leave.

RETIREMENT

Non-Certified

Louann Hill, Head Cook assigned to Washington Elementary, effective February 28, 2020.

The Board voted 5-1 to approve the following retirements:

Carole Childers, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, 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.

Jim Childers, Band Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, 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.

Jenna Fletcher, 7th Grade English Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High, 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.

Anne Parker, 2nd Grade Teacher assigned to Jefferson Elementary, 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.



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Water Line Easement Agreement with City of Marion

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the Water Line Easement Agreement with the City of Marion as presented.

School Resource Officer Agreement with City of Marion

John Barwick reported that Marion Unit #2 is in discussion with the City of Marion as well as the Williamson County Sheriff's Department placement of a School Resource Officer in each building.

2019-2020 Tentative Budget

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the tentative budget for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Technology Report

Completed training for new Blackboard Notification System.
Completed training for new Marion CUSD # 2 app.
New Marion CUSD # 2 app is complete and waiting on iTunes and App Store approval.
Finalizing all vendor accounts with Clever and Single Sign On (SSO).
Completed the setup of 90 new desktops for the MHS Business Labs.
Re-setup of teacher desktops after summer building work.
Inventoried and assigned new tablets to be deployed right after school begins.
Successfully setup and completed on-line registration for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
On-going district-wide technology asset inventory. By building...by classroom. 90% completed
Preparing retired technology equipment for recycling.
Responding to Tech Requests, phone calls, e-mail and texts.

Maintenance Report

Longfellow Roof

Roof project is complete.

Lincoln Flooring/Asphalt

We were able to remove old carpet from 10 classrooms and replace with floor tile.
We also were able to have the blacktop parking lot and basketball court sealed and restriped.

Custodial

Custodial crew has been busy all summer getting all of schools cleaned, shined and ready for the new school year. Washington, JH East and West, Adams and Wilson Gym floors have all been sealed.

Paint Crew

Summer paint crew has visited most of our buildings now, they still are doing some last minute touch ups.

Sports Complex

Our crew is getting the baseball and softball fields at Complex and Adams ready for fall sports, along with mulching areas in planters and landscape areas at all schools.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Oates reported the District had a great opening day with Unit #2 staff. Several groups of employees were recognized including new and retiring employees. He also thanked Steve Cook and Farmers State Bank for providing breakfast and coffee bar for opening day as well as administrators and teachers for their hard work preparing for the 2019-2020 school year.



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Assistant Report

Mrs. Sanders reported registration went well and thanked everyone for their hard work getting ready for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 8.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of July 31, 2019. The Education Fund expenditures are at 6.58% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 7.40%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 7.39%.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Pat Brown, Chief Financial Officer, stated electric and gas rates have dropped and he will be researching and presenting quotes for extensions to the District's current contracts at the September Board meeting.

Adjournment

The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.