



Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Meeting
March 17, 2020

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Steve Cook was not present.

Retiree Recognition

Dr. Oates presented Louann Hill, Head Cook at Washington Elementary School, the traditional Unit #2 retirement bell in the District Office earlier in the day and she was recognized at the meeting for her 32 years of service to the District.

Audience to Visitors

No public comment offered.

Closed Session

The Board voted 6-0 to enter into closed session for the purpose of litigation.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes - the minutes from the February 18, 2020 regular meeting.
b. Bills - the February supplementary bills and the March bills for payment as presented.
c. Donations
i. Food pantry donations to MJHS - Angelo Hightower, Regina Biermann, Durenda Fuch, Cleo Robbins, Julie Maze, Randy & Marti Emery, and Jean Walton.
d. IHSA Membership - renew the membership for the 2020-2021 school year.
e. Memorandum of Understanding - Shawnee Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Junior High Mathematics Curriculum

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the purchase of junior high mathematics curriculum (Carnegie Learning Math Solution 2018) as presented.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations (new hires -pending background checks) as presented:

Employment:

Fourth Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Stephanie Oldham.....Physical Education - MJHS
Alyssa WeisensteinScience - MHS



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Third Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Ryan AshmoreEnglish – Extension Center
 Holly Dunderdale.....Science – MHS
 Gus GillispieSocial Studies – MHS
 Paige LiddellKindergarten – Washington
 Adam McKinney.....Science – MHS
 Tim MieldezisPhysical Education – Adams
 Kristina MenckowskiFourth Grade – Jefferson
 Bryce ParksConstruction/Electricity/Welding – MHS
 Catherine Siefert-PearceEnglish – MHS

Second Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Courtney AckermannSocial Worker – JE/LO
 Amber AkesArt– MHS
 Angela Blumenstock.....Math – MJHS
 Ivannia DanielsForeign Language/Spanish – MHS
 Melissa Farley.....Social Worker – JH/Adams
 Ashley Farthing.....1st grade – Lincoln
 DeWayne FowlerAutomotive – MHS
 Janna GillespieAlternative Learning – MHS
 Anne GrahamEnglish/Language Arts – MJHS
 Teresa Grant.....Reading Specialist – Adams
 Ashleigh MazeReading Specialist – Jefferson
 Julie MazeMusic – MJHS
 Cynthia McCarty.....Kindergarten – Jefferson
 Kaleigh MintonScience/Social Studies – MJHS
 Heather Pulley.....Agriculture – MHS
 Reid RoperAdams – Math
 Makane SalernoMath – MHS
 Somer Slone3rd grade – Lincoln

First Year Teachers

Current Assignment

Aubrey McKenzieMath – MHS
 Emily Emery4th grade – Washington
 Sonya ThompsonKindergarten – Washington
 Joshua Mieldizis.....Physical Education – Jefferson/Longfellow
 Stacey Parks5th grade – Longfellow
 Taylor DunningElementary Music
 Catherine JerrellsFamily & Consumer Science – MHS
 Amy Wilson1st grade – Adams
 Brittany (Dickson) Willis.....Guidance Counselor – MHS
 Jaylynn BlumenstockEnglish – MHS
 Scott GimmyForeign Language/Spanish – MHS
 Andrea Harris.....3rd grade – Lincoln
 Katie Perkins5th grade – Lincoln
 Brittany Smith.....1st grade – Jefferson
 Amanda Deatherage.....Kindergarten – Washington



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Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Part-Time Teachers

Current Assignment

Joanna Samples.....English Language Learners (Part-time)

Certified

Sarah Aldridge, Elementary Teacher, assigned to Adams School, effective at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Austin Hammonds, Social Studies Teacher, assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Somer Oglesby, 3rd Grade Teacher, assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, effective at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

MJHS Summer School Teachers: Dan Edwards (Social Studies), Katrina Crain (Math), Cody Maze (Science), Bryanna Ramsey (ELA), and Jason Varner (Math).

Non-Certified

Megan Baker, Secretary (12 months) assigned to Marion High School, effective March 18, 2020.

Mikel Stacey, Custodian assigned to Longfellow Elementary, effective March 4, 2020.

Coaching

Jessie Crabtree, MHS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, effective for the 2019-2020 season.

Shane Smith, MJHS Girls Basketball Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Amy Vickery, MJHS Scholar Bowl Coach, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Resignations

Haley Cure, 3rd grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Jeff Tarlton, MHS Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately.

Jenny Vise, Science Teacher assigned to Marion Junior High School for the 2020-2021 school year, effective immediately.

Retirement

The Board voted 5-1 to approve the following retirement recommendation: Stan Stout, Math teacher assigned to Marion High School, 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.



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Tentative 2019-2020 Amended Budget

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the tentative 2019-2020 amended budget as presented.

Inter-Fund Loans

The Board voted 6-0 to authorize Superintendent Dr. Keith Oates to direct Treasurer Patrick Brown to loan, if necessary, amounts between existing funds, as provided in the Illinois School Code for customary expenditures, including but not limited to, payroll, utilities and regular monthly expenditures.

Bids/Proposals

The Board voted 6-0 to award the natural gas bid to Constellation New Energy for the price/therm of 0.266 for the time period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023.

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the lease agreement for Marion Junior High School Chromebooks to American Capital as presented.

The Board voted 6-0 to award the bid for the proposed Marion High School – Miscellaneous Accessibility Renovations – Phase 3 (Project # 19042) to Ross Construction, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$568,000.00.

2020-2021 School Calendar

The Board voted 5-1 to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

Technology Report

Final preparations for Spring 2020 IAR and ISA Testing.

Weekly set up for Securly accounts for parents.

PublicSchoolWorks account updates – District-wide.

Monitoring use of new Promethean ActivPanels at Lincoln, Washington and Longfellow.

Student data preparation for new Academic Sessions for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Setup of new employee accounts.

Responded to 84 Technology Requests.

Creation of Google accounts for new students.

Monthly ISBE mandated attendance reports for all Pre-K thru 12th Grade.

Continue troubleshooting and helping with new VR/AR headsets.

District-wide Technology Asset Inventory daily update

Projector maintenance at all 7 buildings.

On-going District-wide network monitoring.

Continuous Chromebook and tablet repair for Grades K thru 5.

Completed Teacher Course Assignments/Student Course Assignments for Sem 2 for all 7 buildings.

Maintenance Report

Buildings

Adams School has had some warranty work done-rebuilding some roof drains.

Jefferson/Pre-K will be having some fencing upgrades done to bring them into compliance.

High School has had the fencing replaced around the perimeter of the multi-purpose field with a stronger fence.



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Maintenance Report (con't)

Custodial

Building Custodians are continuing to keep our buildings clean and disinfected.

Maintenance

Maintenance continues on work orders, preventive maintenance items as well as emergency situations.

Spring break-some ceiling tile work, light painting, plumbing, kitchen equipment repair and door repair was done.

Sports Complex

Our Sports crew has started getting the fields ready for our spring Baseball, Softball and Track seasons.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Oates praised Kyle Hartwell and Unit #2 food service staff for stepping up and providing over 400 grab & go meals to needy students on Tuesday. Teachers for preparing on-line learning activities and constructing take home packets available today. Building secretaries for making essential calls to many of our most in need families and helping to coordinate essential tasks. Nurses for making calls to families who needed to pick up medication. Custodial and maintenance staff for continuing to keep our facilities clean. Jerry Stanley and the technology team for providing quick technical assistance and communication to staff and student families and our entire Unit #2 administrative team for providing positive leadership and direction.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Student Special Recognition

Sports

Marion High School

Basketball – MHS Boys Basketball Team won the Class 3A Regional Championship on Friday, March 6, 2020. Jackson Connor became the all-time scoring leader for MHS basketball.

Track & Field – Dyson Roye broke the MHS Track & Field Indoor pole vault record with a vault of 13'5.5". Josh Schmid broke the MHS Track & Field Indoor shot record with a throw of 55' 7.5".

Wrestling – Gaige Owens finished in 6th place at the IHSA State Wrestling finals. He is the first Wildcat wrestler to medal at State since 2013 and has 48 wins which is a new MHS record.

Clubs/Extracurricular

Marion High School

Ethics Club – MHS Ethics Bowl team members: Charlotte Arnold, Sophia Arnold, Chris Atlee, Tessa Bradley, Penelope Gordon and Robyn Thomas recently qualified for Nationals by winning the Ethics Bowl Regional at SIU-E.



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Assistant Superintendent Report (con't)

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Adams School

Illinois Secretary of State Poster Contest – Allie Parks, 7th grade student, won the Grade 6-8 category of the Illinois Secretary of State's Life Goes on Organ/Tissue Donor Poster Contest, as well as the overall winner of the contest. Her poster will be displayed in Secretary of State Offices across the state and will be honored at a ceremony held in Springfield.

Treasurer's Report

The District is 66.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of February 29, 2020. The Education Fund expenditures are at 66.84% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 62.17%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 65.85%

Adjournment

The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.