



## Marion Community Unit School District # 2

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### **Superintendent Summary Board of Education Meeting August 18, 2020**

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Roll Call**

All Board members present

#### **Audience to Visitors**

Lori Simmons, Unit #2 parent, asked the Board for an explanation of what the school year/day would look like. Mrs. Sanders, Assistant Superintendent, took the opportunity to explain the daily schedule for elementary, junior high and high school students.

#### **Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000**

The Board voted 7-0 to call the public hearing to order.

John Barwick, President, as Hearing Officer asked if any residents, taxpayers or other interested persons attending the hearing desired the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed Bonds. He asked for them to please stand so that they may have the opportunity to make those comments or statements and no one expressed any comments to the Board.

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the public hearing.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. **Minutes** – the minutes from the July 21, 2020 regular meeting and July 24, 2020 special meeting.
- b. **Bills** – the July supplementary bills and the August bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Memorandum of Understanding** - ROE #21 & Marion CUSD #2
- d. **Donations**
  - i. Wal-Mart to Adams School – H. Blumenstock Scholarship value \$1,250.00
  - ii. Crab Orchard Library to Marion Unit #2 – Donated gift bags for the staff containing hand sanitizer, a highlighter and a snack.

#### **Board Policy Adoption – Press Plus Issue 104**

The Board voted 7-0 to adopt the following board policies as presented: 2:220, 2:220-E9, 7:40, 7:190, 7:340, 7:345, 4:180, and 6:190.

#### **Interfund Loans**

The Board voted 7-0 to authorize the treasurer to make interfund loans, if necessary, between existing funds, as provided in the Illinois School Code (105ILCS 5/10-22.33) for customary expenditures, including but not limited to payroll, utilities, and other regular monthly expenditures for fiscal year 2020-2021.



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### **Line of Credit**

The Board voted 7-0 to authorize the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to obtain a line of credit with Peoples National Bank in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Educational Fund purposes in anticipation of the local property tax extensions for the Education Fund for the year 2020, by the Board of Education of Marion Community Unit School District Number 2, Williamson and Johnson Counties, Illinois and approve resolution and attached documents as presented.

### **2020-2021 Tentative Budget**

The Board voted 7-0 to adopt the tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

### **Personnel Recommendations**

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

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

##### **Certified**

Teresa Whitecotton, Social Worker assigned to Washington Elementary, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

##### **Coaching**

Jenna Fletcher, Marion Junior High Volunteer Cheer Coach, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Joy Travelstead, Marion Junior High Volunteer Cheer Coach, effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

##### **Non-Certified**

Designate the Technology Director to serve as the Privacy Officer, who shall ensure the District complies with the duties and responsibilities required of it under the Student Online Personal Protection Act.

#### **RESIGNATION**

Holly Powell, Nurse assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective August 13, 2020.

#### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Dawn Jackson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher assigned to Washington Elementary School, a twelve week leave pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act using accumulated sick leave.

Danielle Walston, MHS Health Careers Teacher/District Nurse Supervisor, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately September 17, 2020 and returning to work on December 10, 2020 using accumulated sick leave.

### **2020-2021 First Semester School Calendar**

A 2020-2021 school calendar for the first semester reference was included in the board packet. This calendar is a simple one-page reference sheet to show the first semester only.



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**2020-2021 Enrollment Update** – Mrs. Sanders provided the Board with the most recent enrollment information. Current enrollment for the District with the total number of students enrolled as 100% remote learners was provided.

### **Board Policy Review – Press Plus Issue 105**

Review policies this month and vote in September.

### **Director of Nursing Report**

Danielle Walston, Unit #2 Director of Nursing, updated the Board on current Illinois Department of Public Health and CDC Guidelines for COVID-19.

### **Technology Report**

Weekly set up of Securly accounts for parents.  
Assisted with On-site registration at MJHS for Kindergarten and at MHS.  
Assisted all buildings with student scheduling for the 2020-2021 SY.  
Rebuilt InformationNow calendars for new school year attendance.  
Processed all Unit # 2 data for all new and returning students thru On-Line Registration.  
Re-establishing outside wireless access point at all 7 buildings to assist remote access.  
Re-configured all Unit # 2 desktops for printing to new copiers.  
Assisted with collection of high school Chromebooks.

### **Maintenance Report**

#### **Buildings**

Lincoln – The new section of roof is getting finishing touches such as flashing, gutters and downspouts installed.

All schools – Annual inspections on fire extinguishers, kitchen range hoods and fire alarm devices were performed and PPE supplies have been distributed to all buildings and classrooms.

#### **Custodial**

Custodians are putting the finishing touches on all our schools along with disinfecting areas that are used daily.

#### **Sports Complex**

Sports Complex crew has started maintaining and keeping Softball, Baseball and Cross Country areas ready for practices along with mowing and any maintenance items.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**



#### **Student Recognition**

#### **Clubs/Extracurricular**

#### **Marion High School**

**FFA** – Marion FFA is a Gold-rated, premier chapter in Illinois. The Marion Chapter will compete in the National Chapter Rating in August.

#### **Adams**

Allie Parks, 2019-2020 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student, is the Grand Prize Winner of the Illinois Secretary of State 2020 Organ and Tissue Donor Poster Contest. In addition to a plaque, she received a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble, as well as an Illinois Blue Book with her name engraved on it.



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### **Treasurer's Report**

The District is 8.33% of the way through the fiscal year as of July 31, 2020. The Education Fund expenditures are at 6.95% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 4.83%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 7.02%.

### **Closed Session**

The Board voted 7-0 to enter into closed session for Personnel, the purpose of 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 and Collective Negotiating Matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

### **Marion Education Association & Marion CUSD #2 Contract**

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

### **2020-2021 Non-Union/Non-Certified Staff Raises**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve salary increases for non-union/non-certified positions and salary adjustments for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

### **2020-2021 Administrative Raises**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve a 3% raise for all administrative positions and certified salary adjustments for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

### **Adjournment**

The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m.