

MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Alan Menigoz called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Menigoz, Jill Bramhill, Jeff Moore, Josh Wanner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Occasionally an item requiring attention will arrive in the office after the agenda is posted. Items may be added to the agenda with 2/3-majority approval of the board. Items to be added will be made available to the public at the meeting.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the agenda. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

4. WILDCAT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel addressed the Board and shared that enrollment is consistent although down slightly, mostly due to mid-year graduates. South Sutter is currently not replacing those students that leave. They are set up for the enrollment lottery for next year. If the state funding model changes, they have the potential to open up more slots after the lottery closes to those who remain on the waitlist. South Sutter posted their Covid Safety Plan on their website. They are working on updating their LCAP. South Sutter has set up High School Academies for cohorts of students on specific pathways. This will give students and families guidance on what curriculum and courses to select, etc. to get them on their desired pathway. This will be open to 9th graders next year and each cohort will be for about 25 students. South Sutter plans to have 157 graduates at the end of the year and they are planning a virtual graduation ceremony.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Superintendent Update- Mr. Eggers shared that we will need to purchase more Chromebooks for CAASPP to support the secure browser. We have had a Chromebook order out since August but it hasn't been able to be filled. We are looking at new vendors. We recently spent \$25,000 on hotspots which will cover our internet needs through the end of next year. One of our families recently experienced a fire. They are a great family who helps out a lot at school and in the community. The school is doing what we can to help support them.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Any item on the Consent Agenda may be considered separately at the request of a board member.

7.1 Approval of Minutes: January

7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 3297, 3331, 3362, 3405, 3447

7.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

7.4 Enrollment Report:

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
7	20	19	21	19(1)	22	14	16	18	20	176

**As of 2-2*

Preschool: 20 Total Students

7 Part Time

13 All Day

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 School Calendar

9.2 Form 700

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 BR 2020-2021- 7 Interview and Appointment of Provisional Board Member

Keith Turner Appointed as Provisional Board Member.

Vote: 2 for Keith Turner, 1 for David Fales, 1 Abstain

10.2 Approval of 2021-2022 School Safety Plan

Item to be pushed to next meeting. MIUSD will have a committee meet to review and update the School Safety Plan prior to the meeting. Committee will include Board Member Josh Wanner and Board Member Jill Bramhill.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda except the Members of the Board or the Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District Staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. As the Board discusses agenda items, audience participation is permitted. The president will recognize those members of the audience who wish to speak. If necessary, each person wishing to speak will be asked to identify himself prior to speaking. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The president shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. Generally, the president will ask board members for their remarks prior to recognizing requests to speak from the audience. At the president's discretion, agenda items may be considered in other than numerical order." Board Policy (Bylaws) 9323

Paula Villarreal wanted to publicly thank the Board for following the guidelines as written in our waiver. Paula stated that following the guidelines means there is no reason for us to shut down unless the numbers force it. Paula doesn't want to see us lose what we've worked so hard for. She feels we need to follow guidelines.

Alan Menigoz shared that it was great that so many people joined the last Board meeting and that they felt comfortable sharing their opinions. He wanted to thank them for coming and speaking. Alan shared that it is important to hear others' opinions and consider them, then make decisions the Board feels is right for the district.

Tami Ortega addressed the Board and shared that she was proud of so many of her 8th graders for coming on their own and participating in the meeting. She said although some were slightly disappointed in having to wait an additional week to return, they did understand the policy. Tami asked the Board to consider doing online Board meetings as well when we are doing in-person meetings to allow for more participation for students who want to come but might not be able to get on campus at that time. Tami also shared an update from Courtney Brazil. Courtney wanted to update the Board and share that 2 Marcum Teams successfully completed the virtual challenges for Destination Imagination. All teams will move on to the upcoming virtual state competition. Courtney also wanted to acknowledge and thank Staci Emmitt for stepping up and coaching the Rising Stars team.

Maggie Irby addressed the Board and acknowledged Marcum's amazing staff. She noted that the whole staff is incredible and always works so hard to make sure everything is ready for the students and running properly. Maggie also wanted to acknowledge the great work of the teachers this year. They are putting in a lot of work to teach the students in this new way. They have taught and trained themselves and they are always looking for new ways to help their students. Parents from other schools have contacted us asking how we get our teachers to have so much live instructional time. Maggie shared that our teachers have never hesitated in providing the amount of instructional time, but they have fought for it and even provided more than we had originally planned. Although none of our teachers want a lot of screen time or virtual learning, they all recognize the need for teacher instruction and want to provide that for the students. Maggie shared that as an educator it is hard to hear all of the negative descriptions of teachers refusing to return to work or doing very little on distance learning. She wanted the Board to be sure they were aware that those things do not describe our Marcum teachers. They want to be back in person with our students and they are working harder than ever to provide all that our students need both virtually and in person.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **March 8, 2021**

Open session adjourned 7:42pm

13. CLOSED SESSION

- *Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with labor negotiator
Name of negotiator: Alan Menigoz
Unrepresented employees: Superintendent*
- *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- *During the closed session held earlier tonight, the Board adopted a resolution pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21 and authorized the District's Superintendent to notify a teacher of release from his/her probationary position. The vote was 5-0.*

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.