

**MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 18, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Keith Turner

**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 as written. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.*

**4. WILDCAT CONTRIBUTOR- Stacey Schwall**

Alan Menigoz read the award for Stacey Schwall. She has served in many positions at Marcum throughout over 23 years. She is meticulous, organized, and creative with the special touches that she adds to make our students' experience special.

**5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL**

Cynthia Rachel shared that the enrollment lottery was completed last month. 157 students are currently waiting for a placement – close to 200 have already been offered initial spots.

The virtual job fairs were successful, and they have 50 applicants for open positions. The charter school is currently interviewing for the Director of Academics position. There were 33 applicants, and 9 are being interviewed.

South Sutter is hosting their first curriculum conference in May. There will be two keynote speakers who are well-known in the homeschool community and 53 sessions available.

The A-G Completion grant was approved, which will be used to fund an A-G coordinator position. The goal is to promote enrollment in approved A-g courses and demystify the A-G requirements.

State testing has been completed, and the charter school met the required participation rate. There is traditionally a higher number of students in special education who are opted out of the test, so that participation rate is still being calculated.

Next year's HS CTE Pathway will focus on 3D printing, and it will be available to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

Graduation will be in-person on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Roseville Fairgrounds. This is a larger venue that will accommodate social distancing with a limited number of tickets per family.

South Sutter Charter has approved a 10% increase to the base compensation for all employees. Teachers will also be provided with new MacBook Pros over the summer.

#### **6. STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None.

#### **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Senator Pan decided to remove his bill sponsoring a student vaccine mandate from consideration at this point. His reasoning is that not all students have access to vaccination at this point, so the current focus will be to ensure there is access. Governor Newsome will not move forward with the planned mandate at this time. It has been pushed off until the 23-24 school year (which allows personal/religious exemptions).

We have had three positive Covid cases on campus since last month. Two were related, and none of the close contacts became symptomatic or tested positive. The state provided an abundance of Covid tests, and one was sent home with each student before Spring break. We have a large supply at school still, and CDPH offers to send more on a monthly basis as needed. Dr. Luu has issued a warning that she feels there will be another surge with the variant Omicron-B.

We had 130 egg drop participants. The entries were very creative, and it was fun for the whole school to be able to watch it live, outdoors.

There are lots of upcoming field trips. Parents Club approved a doubling of the field trip budget to make up for not being able to go on any field trips last year. So far the Live Scan fingerprinting and Covid testing of volunteers has gone smoothly.

This year, state testing will take place in one week instead of two. We will conduct a trial test to ensure the bandwidth can handle all the classes (3-8) at the same time. We will be providing free breakfast and snacks all week for each of the classes testing.

The Governor is also making changes to SELPA funds. SELPA funds will now go directly to individual school districts. We typically combine our SELPA funds with other schools in the county to offset costs, which is a benefit as a small school district. Mrs. Irby joined other superintendents to send a letter to Governor Newsome advocating for an option that would allow us to continue pooling funds.

There have been no applicants for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher opening next year. Mrs. Irby has extended the application deadline to the end of the month, and she is reaching out to various entities to try to recruit some applicants.

Mrs. Irby plans to schedule a visit with Cynthia at South Sutter Charter to review records. This review would be annual to ensure compliance. She will also be attending a regional charter meeting and attending a charter oversight conference in June.

Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be an in-person, outdoor event. The team is currently brainstorming ways to share out the traditional slideshow.

There is a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade barn-themed dance tentatively scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Browns and Pleasant Grove students will be invited to attend. A graduation dance and/or skate night are also being discussed. Browns is hosting a track meet for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, and Pleasant Grove is considering a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade softball tournament. Pool day will be just one day this year instead of two.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**8.1 Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2022**

**8.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 5921, 5962, 6007, 6009, 6027, 6078**

**8.3 Williams Quarterly Report (January- March): 0 Complaints**

**8.4 Enrollment Report:**

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment\**

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
7	17	19	20	22	23	22	20	18	16	184

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment\**

**Full Time 16**

**Part Time 8**

*\*As of 4/6/22*

*Projected Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment for 2022-2023*

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10	19	16	19	21	21	23	20	20	20	188

*Projected Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment for 2022-2023*

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*Josh Wanner motioned to approve the consent agenda. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.*

**9. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10.1 LCAP Survey Results**

The Board reviewed family responses to the LCAP survey, with comparisons to the 20-21 survey. The survey gathered input from families on participation, communication,

valued input, safety, transportation, etc. The Board also reviewed a summary of student responses regarding safety, involvement, learning, bullying, and connectedness.

### **10.2 South Sutter Charter School 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report**

Maggie Irby shared that the South Sutter Charter School's 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report indicates that they will be able to meet all obligations for the upcoming years while maintaining adequate reserves.

### **10.3 Superintendent's Evaluation**

The Board was provided with a template to evaluate the superintendent, allowing time for individual review before collaborating on the evaluation next month.

### **10.4 Preschool Fees- Consider sibling discount**

Maggie Irby shared that a few families have expressed interest in a preschool tuition discount should a family have multiple students enrolled in preschool at the same time. This would make the opportunity for siblings to attend preschool more affordable. Discussion included the desire to support families while still being fair. The idea of an annual preschool scholarship or maximum fee was brought up for consideration as well. Additional options will be brainstormed and researched.

### **10.5 2020-2021 Audit Finding Corrective Action**

Maggie Irby re-informed the Board of an audit finding regarding instructional minutes. The appeal process has begun and is ongoing.

## **11. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **11.1 Instructional Materials Adoption Public Hearing**

Public hearing for instructional materials adoption was opened at 7:39pm. No comments were provided. Public hearing closed at 7:40pm.

## **12. ACTION ITEMS**

### **12.1. Instructional Materials Adoption**

*Courtney Brazil shared the pilot process that occurred for both TCI (K-5) and IQWST (6-8). She shared her positive personal experiences with both the curriculums, as well as the feedback of other teachers that piloted lessons and reviewed the material previews. Both curriculum samples were made available for public viewing. The Board inquired as to how potentially sensitive topics are covered, and Courtney shared that both curriculums approached all topics in scientifically age-appropriate way. The most sensitive topics, such as family life, are covered as a part of 8<sup>th</sup> grade health as opposed to in science.*

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the adoption of TCI Science for grades K-5 and IQWST Science for grades 6-8. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.*

## **13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

"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 Villareal shared that she is extremely proud of her daughter, Stacey Schwall, for her integrity and dedication to this school. She feels the same way about Maggie and Courtney, the current administration team. She has never seen such honesty and commitment to making this school great, and she is extremely proud of them. Paula feels Marcum is in the best place it has ever been. She feels secure, because they want everything done right the first time and they will do whatever necessary to make it happen. Paula expressed appreciation for the Board as well. She appreciates their questioning of things to ensure every decision made is best for the kids.

Josh Wanner, a first-year parent at the preschool, expressed his appreciation for Tiffany and Christina. They go above and beyond in many ways. They have come to t-ball games and the students just love it.

Maggie Irby shared that there is a new collaboration between preschool and the TK class. Students with high-level abilities are spending some time each day in the TK classroom for ELA centers. This is also providing time for extra support to be given in preschool.

#### **14. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- **May 9, 2022**

#### **15. CLOSED SESSION**

- *Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with labor negotiator  
Name of negotiator: Maggie Irby  
Unrepresented employees: Certificated Employees/Classified Employees*
- *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*

#### **16. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No report.

#### **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:24pm.