

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

**Monday, February 14, 2022**

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

Called to order at 6:11pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

**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.

*Keith Turner motioned to approve the agenda as modified to delete the training in closed session. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

**4. WILDCAT CONTRIBUTOR AWARD- ARRA LEWIS**

Jeff Moore awarded Arra Lewis the Wildcat Contributor Award for her many contributions to our school campus and community.

**5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL**

Cynthia Rachel was not able to attend this evening but provided the monthly report from the charter school. Maggie Irby summarized that South Sutter Charter School's Enrollment is steady. The report shared that they are working on their Local Control Accountability Plan and described their use of ESSER funds. The report also shared student supports being provided in advance of CAASPP testing, as well as various upcoming field trip and enrichment opportunities.

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

Mattias Vasquez shared that Valentine Grams sold out, so student council had to purchase more carnations to fulfill all the preorders. Valentine Grams sold for \$1 each for a flower and optional note. The money raised will go to student council funds. The council is currently saving up for campus purchases and more extravagant dances.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Maggie Irby provided a Covid update summarizing Covid cases and close contacts on campus. The recent surge of cases seems to be reducing and attendance has improved significantly over the last two weeks. Alan Menigoz questioned how the absences may impact ADA for next year. Maggie shared that the state will likely continue to hold

harmless, but we are continuing to use Independent Study to hopefully regain the attendance. More information will come soon.

There has been a huge increase in the number of students utilizing short-term independent study. AB 130 requires teacher check-ins and guided lessons after 15 cumulative days of independent study, so we are closely tracking those numbers to ensure compliance. While our primary focus is on in-person instruction, we also work to provide quality independent study for students. In the past, it was typical to complete around 30 independent studies in a school year; we are already up to 170 so far this year. The typical requirement has been to provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice prior to going on independent study, but quickly changing needs and student quarantines have required teachers to assemble independent study worth within just 1-2 days.

In January students completed their Winter MAP assessments. Mrs. Brazil is going through the data and meeting with each teacher K-8 to identify gaps and plan interventions. We are also ordering supplemental math program for intervention during tech time. We additionally will be piloting a supplemental ELA program with 2 teachers who have classes with greater need for support in this area.

Marcum's House system is loved by all and has been a wonderful source of friendly competition. It creates an instant connection with all of our students. Mrs. Brazil works with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade house leaders to plan competitions and service opportunities.

So far, our two completed Saturday School opportunities made up 54 absences. Another opportunity is planned for the 26<sup>th</sup>, and the theme will be bugs.

There is a new counselor on campus every other week, plus a monthly roaming day. The counselor can come on-call when needed as well. So far students have responded positively with her. Se'nyce White, the previous counselor, has been rehired to work remotely creating virtual lessons that teachers can use during social-emotional time in the morning.

Facilities update includes the successful ordering of carpet. There were no price changes on the initial estimate, and classroom install is being scheduled for this summer.

Maggie shared her recent discussion with the solar company representative. He offered an extension on our installation warranty. We are still having problems with the system. We asked the company for support last April and it was never provided. She is awaiting another response. The representative mentioned that the solar system installed was a smaller system than originally proposed and offered this as a potential reason for the energy deficit. After additional details were provided, he did acknowledge that something was in fact wrong with the system. Maggie will be contacting Jimmie Eggers for information regarding the installation of a smaller system than was originally proposed. Alan Menigoz requested the solar representative be invited to come speak at a board meeting. He questioned and is concerned about whether change order was correctly implemented.

The Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) provides about \$50,000 in funding for this school year. This year will be considered a planning year, and the funds will roll to next year where we will also receive an additional \$50,000 in funds. The purpose of the funds is to support before and after school care programs. These funds are required to support service for 180 school days, plus 30 additional 9-hour days. This program would need to be up and running next year. Staff salaries necessary to implement the program would use essentially the entire amount of allotted funds. The county is offering to run a consortium model if we are interested. This option may be potentially more financially enticing to our district. It may also provide the potential for more authentic enrichment opportunities that wouldn't be affordable otherwise. The program's intention is to serve students who receive free/reduced lunch (about 38% of our current student population), but we would open the program to all students. The program is also only meant to cover grades Tk-6<sup>th</sup>, but we would try to open it up to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> as well. A survey will be sent to families to gauge interest.

We received our shipment of 90 new Chromebooks that were paid for using the emergency connectivity funds. These will replace our oldest chromebooks currently in the K-2 classrooms.

A press conference today communicated that the mask mandate should have an end date. There is to be an update announced on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. The state is currently evaluating criteria for changes to the mask mandate.

An enrollment survey was sent to families regarding their plans for next school year given various potential scenarios including a possible vaccine mandate. Maggie summarized the data collected and shared comments received.

**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: January 10, 2022**

**8.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 5491, 5531, 5566, 5579, 5624, 5668**

**8.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints**

**8.4 Enrollment Report:**

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment\**

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
6	17	20	20	22	22	22	19	18	16	182

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment\**

**Full Time 16**

**Part Time 7**

*\*As of 2/7/22*

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the consent agenda. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

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

None.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10.1 LCAP Mid-Year Update**

The district is required to update the Board on the progress within the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) so far this year. Included in the update is Mid-Year LCAP Update, the Budget Overview for Parents Update, and the LCAP Supplement. This update will also be posted on our website for educational partners to access.

### **10.2 Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**

All California employers are required to have a site-specific COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) that includes safety procedures to reduce the risk of exposure for employees to an identified pandemic.

### **10.3 700 Forms**

Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability.

## **11. ACTION ITEMS**

### **11.1. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (“Reopening Plan”)**

The district is expected to review and update this plan every 6 months. The Board reviewed the plan as an information item last month. The plan was sent to all parents for review and they were given the opportunity to provide feedback; it was shared with Site Council as well and they were given an opportunity to provide feedback there too. Feedback will be shared with the Board prior to the vote.

*Maggie Irby shared input from the Site Council regarding the timing of testing visitors/volunteers.*

*Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

### **11.2. Comprehensive School Safety Plan**

All California public schools, kindergarten and grades one through twelve, must develop a comprehensive school safety plan, per California Education Code sections 32280-32289.5. This plan has been reviewed and recommended by the Marcum-Illinois School Site Council.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

### **11.3 Reduction in Force Resolution- Instructional Aide/Paraprofessional BR 2021-2022-6**

Due to uncertainties related to enrollment for 2022-2023, it is recommended that the district approve a Board Resolution for Reduction in Force of 2 Instructional Aides/Paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the Reduction in Force Resolution BR 2021-2022-6. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

**11.4 Reduction in Force Resolution- Certificated Elementary Teacher  
BR 2021-2022-7**

Due to uncertainties related to enrollment for 2022-2023, it is recommended that the district approve a Board Resolution for Reduction in Force of 2 Certificated Elementary Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

*Keith Turner motioned to approve the Reduction in Force Resolution BR 2021-2022-7. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.*

**12. 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

Emily Campouris asked if there is a current mask policy and whether there can be personal exemptions for masks. She also stated that other local school districts have voted for no masking and asked if our board was open to pursuing a similar path.

Jeff Moore clarified that during public comment the board is not able to respond but reassured that the board is closely listening to every comment shared.

Alan Menigoz shared that as a public entity, schools must abide by state mandates. The school must also maintain good standing to ensure insurance protections.

Emily Campouris shared that her child has an IEP for speech, and she feels that her needs are not being met due to the facial covering requirements. She expressed that trying to learn to read and speak through masks is extremely challenging. She stated that on rainy days, children are unmasked for only 15 minutes during indoor lunch, which is hard for a parent to endure. She noted that in the enrollment survey data that was shared, the option for independent study, should the vaccine become required for school entry, did not include the charter school. The option to seek education through the charter school may impact the school’s projected numbers for next year.

Maggie Irby provided clarification that she did not include any families that indicated a preference for independent study in the count for potential enrollment next year in the survey results that were shared. Families that indicated they were interested in independent study were counted in the families we should not plan on returning.

Alan Menigoz shared that he recently saw two students at a Super Bowl party whom he asked about the Souper Bowl canned food drive. He believes the Houses are an awesome thing that our school does, and it was a great conversation starter. The system makes students feel welcome and included regardless of any potential shyness.

**13. HOUSE CHALLENGE**

The Board was given a House challenge where they had to transfer marshmallows to a takeout container using only a straw. Keith Turner transferred the most marshmallows and earned 100 points for Black House. Jeff Moore transferred the second most marshmallows and earned 50 points for Silver House.

**14. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- **March 14, 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**

Nothing to report

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

8:35pm