

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

Monday, September 13, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Alan Menigoz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the agenda as read. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

4. WILDCAT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD:

None.

5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel addressed the Board and shared that the charter school has reopened enrollment. They have been able to accept students as soon as they apply. After a request for clarification from Alan, she explained that the original waitlist had been exhausted, and that there is additional space because of families' rapidly changing plans creating a fluctuation in enrollment numbers. The Board questioned whether there was a maximum to enrollment, to which she explained that the charter school felt comfortable with an additional 100-150 students above the October 2020 enrollment numbers.

They recently recognized their 2021 Education Specialist of the Year, Barbara Sanders. The in-person staff meeting in August was a success, and on site covid testing went smoothly. She shared how nice it was to put new faces to names after not meeting in person for so long.

The charter school is preparing for staff to be Covid tested weekly to ensure mandate compliance by October. They are looking into having tests shipped to individual staff members for use. There is concern surrounding cost and potential shortages of tests.

The charter school is working on updates for AB130, as well as AB167 that was passed last week. AB167 requires the school to make efforts to reengage with students not attending virtual sessions at a rate of at least 60%. The charter would like to focus this attention on students struggling academically.

Reports from iReady student assessments identified that South Sutter students did not demonstrate learning-loss from last year. These reports compare to iReady clients state

and country wide. The students are doing better than the national average and are also showing consistent growth over time.

There is an upcoming virtual field trip to the Mystic Seaport Museum. The staff benefits cap is being increased by \$150 per month.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In person Back to School Night was successful with a 60-70% turnout, like a typical year. Families were pleased to have the opportunity to safely meet with teachers and see the classrooms before the first day of school. There were no problems with parents trying to come on campus the first day of school.

We have reopened the morning care program this year. It is going well. Enrolled students are dropped off and checked in at the front of the school. We are currently serving about 35 students in morning care and 80 afterschool, which has also been running smoothly thus far.

Since school started, we have had 33 short term independent study contracts. A majority of these short-term independent studies have been for family-related Covid close contacts. This is more contracts in the first few weeks of school than we typically have in an entire school year. The new independent study guidelines expect the work provided to these students to be nearly identical to the work being done in class as opposed to just "comparable" as has been the expectation in the past. This is challenging for teachers as their planning timelines are influenced by changing student needs and need to differentiate instruction. The teachers have been doing their best to keep these students caught up. Originally, AB130 didn't specify whether schools would receive ADAA funding for students on independent study, but AB167 has clarified that funds will be received for those students if the work is completed.

So far, we have had 2 positive Covid cases on campus. One student, with seven identified close contacts, and one staff member, with no identified close contacts. Six of the close contacts chose to participate in modified quarantine and one chose independent study. Parents who chose modified quarantine for their student felt it was important to have kids in school. We had not received our shipment of rapid tests yet, so the parents acquired their own for these students for the duration of their modified quarantine.

We just received the shipment of 1,000+ Binax antigen tests. These will be used primarily for weekly testing of unvaccinated staff members (about 50% of staff), but will also be made available to families if requested. We have not been charged for these tests, and it is anticipated that CDPH will cover the cost. The only potential cost for the district will be for the program that tracks the test results, but there is a possibility that CDPH will cover that too.

There is a shortage of substitute teachers, so we have been covering staff absences in-house so far. Some staff members have zoomed in to teach while students were supervised by a paraprofessional.

House challenges are going well, with the Black House currently in the lead. Mrs. Ortega led student council elections. We were able to have in person election speeches again, but the assembly was held outside to stay compliant with our Covid safety guidelines.

Classes are currently allowed to go on field trips, if the same guidelines used at school are followed. We are not allowing parents to attend or chaperone with the class at this time, but we are sending classroom aides along instead.

GATE is being offered this year, and dates have been planned by Mrs. Ortega. Mrs. Brazil is reviewing data to qualify new students for the program. Eligible 4th and 5th graders will be notified soon.

Students have been grateful for shade structure that maintenance installed above the picnic tables between the library and cafeteria. We have also placed cones in front of school in response to parent concerns about visibility during pick up time. The cones seem to have resolved the issue, so we plan to stripe those edge areas to improve the visibility and prevent accidents.

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: August 11, 2021

7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 4564, 4566, 4651, 4698, 4730

Mrs. Irby addressed requested Board clarifications on a county SELPA line item, two separate amounts for the third solar payment, an additional bus repair cost, a Fletchers Plumbing charge, and a positive credit related to the newly installed shade structure.

7.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

7.4 Enrollment Report:

Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
6	18	19	20	21	22	25	19	18	19	187

Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment

Full Time 16

Part Time 7

**As of 9-8-21*

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Public Hearing for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

MIUSD receives funds from the state for textbooks and instructional materials. According to Education Code 60242.5, the district is required to hold a public hearing before the eighth week of school and adopt a resolution attesting that the District has sufficient textbooks.

Public hearing began at 6:43. No comments from the public were presented. Public hearing closed at 6:44.

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of Resolution 2021-2022-1 for the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

The Board is required to attest that the District has sufficient textbooks before the eighth week of school.

Jeff More motioned to approve. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.2 Approval of Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Plan was updated to reflect stakeholder input. Plan will be revised/updated every six months to ensure compliance.

The only changes to what was presented at the last board meeting include the district providing (and financially supporting) tests for students as needed, and for the weekly testing of unvaccinated staff members. Jeff Moore asked for clarification as to whether language from the mandate requiring the testing needed to be included, to which Superintendent Irby stated the mandate acts on its own and does not need to be written into this specific plan, because we must comply regardless.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.3 Approval of Updated Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP) was updated to be compliant with new guidelines and regulations.

The only changes to what was presented at the last board meeting include more specific guidelines to be OSHA compliant. This includes the current mandate language and outlines trainings to be completed.

Alan Menigoz received clarification that there is no set timeline for updating this document, but it can be amended or changed as new guidelines and or mandates come.

Josh Wanner motioned to approve. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.4 Approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2020-2021

The 20-21 Unaudited Actuals are submitted for Board approval. This is the final calculation of revenues and expenditures, which will be audited by the District's independent auditors.

Jeff Moore asked Alan Menigoz to speak to his opinion of deficit spending based on his experience on the board. Alan explained that some of the spending this past year was one time (i.e. Covid measures, solar installation, etc.). The estimated deficit expenditures

usually begin high, and ultimately ends up much lower. Considering added expenditures for Covid, this spending is very reasonable. Historically we have always erred on the side of caution until the final numbers come through. Even after the spending, we still have a projected ending balance of 1.3million in the bank. He expressed comfort with this result. Superintendent Irby added that we spent more than we received in Covid-related support funds to ensure students could be safely on campus last year.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.5 Approval of Updated Classified Salary Schedule

Salary schedule has been updated to reflect January 2022 minimum wage increase and to add the new position of EL/Academic Intervention Para to Range 3.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.6 Approval of Resolution 2021-2022-2 to comply with the Gann Amendment

Each year school districts & other public agencies must certify that it did not exceed a limit imposed on appropriations for each fiscal year. This limit, called the "Gann Limit", is calculated on a base year of 1978-1979 & adjusted each year by changes in per capita personal income growth.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.7 Approval of Resolution 2021-2022-3 to comply with the Education Protection Account

The Education Protection Account (EPA) provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with general purpose state aid funding pursuant to Section 36 of Article XIII of the California Constitution. The EPA funding is a component of an LEA's total LCFF entitlement as calculated in the Principal Apportionment.

Funds for LEAs and Community Colleges – details what it was spent on – mostly salaries.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.8 Approval of Inter-district Transfer Students to Marcum-Illinois UESD

Per the Marcum-Illinois Inter-district Transfer Agreement, school administrators make the initial decision regarding the application for inter-district transfer, however the Governing Board shall give final approval for all intra/inter-district agreements.

For the 2021-2022 school year, there are 112 inter-district transfers.

Alan Menigoz discussed what a testament this is to how great our school and the people who work here are. Students come to us from all over the region, which helps our budget. Very few of our own students have transferred out of district, however we support anyone's desire to do what they feel is best for their student. Regardless of how students enter this district, we graduate them the same and provide a high quality education to all.

Keith Turner motioned to approve. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

11. 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 Villarreal expressed gratitude to the board for offering the superintendent-principal position to Maggie Irby. She spoke of her positive qualities: Maggie is concise, informative, and she never drops the ball. Paula expressed how proud she is of Maggie and how impressed she is with how she has run the board meeting.

Keith Turner thanked the Marcum staff and community for helping their family during this difficult time. He feels the school has been amazing to them.

Tami Ortega thanked the Marcum family for their support of Chris and the Younger family in their time of need as well. She reported that our new public relations officer, Colby, is now on the morning announcement videos and he is doing a wonderful job.

Alan Menigoz thanked everyone for coming. He expressed gratitude for the current program, the office, the teachers; he senses there is lots of buy in and effective communication. He also thanked everyone for making it a great transition over the last several months, and he is looking forward to the future.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **October 11, 2021**

13. 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*

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board requests that Superintendent Irby begin discussing an adjustment to the certificated salary schedule with the teachers’ association.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:36pm.