

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

**MINUTES  
Monday, April 17, 2023**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Jeff Moore, Jill Bramhill, Keith Turner, Josh Wanner, Emily Daddow  
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.

*Jeff Moore moved to approve the agenda. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

**4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL**

Cynthia Rachel will presented the monthly report for South Sutter Charter School.

*South Sutter Charter has opened the waitlist for the 23-24 school year. They also recently approved a 10% salary increase and lowered the reimbursable gas milage limit for teachers.*

*In support of a goal to have 100% of students be literate by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, they are seeking to develop a literacy lab and hire a coordinator.*

*Summer school is being offered for high school students this year, with a focus on any student achieving below grade-level or in need of credit recovery.*

*Graduation will take place at The Grounds in Roseville again this year, on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia welcomed any Board members interested in attending to join.*

*At the end of April/start of May, there will be a meeting of LCAP leaders to gather feedback and work towards updating South Sutter's Local Control Accountability Plan.*

*Melissa Gonzalez, the Assessment and Accountability Admin, joined Cynthia and provided a presentation of South Sutter Charter's Dashboard and Local Assessment results. Last year South Sutter administered the CAASPP assessments remotely. Recognized needs for streamlining Secure Browser access has led to the exploration of a day one device plan/proposal that would make accessing other necessary programs simpler for students and families as well.*

*There were 72 students that opted out of the 2021-2022 state assessments, and that did impact SSC's overall participation rate and resulting schoolwide scores in ELA and Math. These opt outs were primarily due to parents who are opposed to state standardized testing. South Sutter Charter has been working to promote alternative avenues for parent voices to be heard and educate families on the negative impact opt outs have on the school.*

*For local assessment data, South Sutter's iReady results showed double digit growth in Tier 1, particularly in math. There was also a reduction in students requiring tier 3 interventions.*

*The Board inquired about the overall impact of the opt outs, and what avenues they were utilizing to communicate the harm to the school with parents. Melissa shared that they center the communication with in Talking Points, Governing Board meetings, and Parents' Council. The primary goal is empowering parents to speak up as peers when they encounter comments on social media or in personal conversations. Melissa also described the LOSS (Lowest Obtainable Scaled Score) issued to any student not tested below a 95% participation rate. The ultimate risk is that academic indicators are considered heavily in the charter renewal process, and any opt outs below 95% have a negative impact on those academic indicators.*

#### **5. STUDENT LEADERS' REPORT**

No report.

#### **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Maggie Irby shared that we are back from Spring Break, and our annual egg drop entries took place right before break. There were great prizes from Ms. Lori, and many awarded house points! Student Council did a great job providing a spring treat, pudding/Jell-O in a cup. The treat was better than ever, and the students were very efficient with their planning, assembling, and distribution.*

*We have sent out our flyer for Camp Marcum, taking place at the end of July and early August. This will be the first of the 30 extra, 9-hour days of the Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP). We are looking at some fun field trips for the attendees. Jeff Moore inquired whether there was a minimum number of students that needed to enroll. Maggie shared that there is no enrollment minimum, but we will limit spots for staffing purposes.*

*We began Summative ELPAC testing for our English Learners. There are both one on one and computer-based components to the assessment. Only a few students remain who need to finish up. Jeff inquired about who proctors the testing. Maggie shared that we use Karen Bowen (contracted) and Mrs. Brazil to facilitate the assessment.*

*The intercom system was installed over break. The system seems to be picking up some other radio frequencies. We are waiting for another equipment piece to connect all the clocks, which should arrive soon.*

We purchased another storage container for the after-school program. It has been located on the back side of the cafeteria building. Parents Club also purchased a storage container that is located in the same area. They are planning to paint the container so it is no longer orange.

5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going on the Canoemobile field trip to the Cosumnes River Preserve tomorrow. This will be our third year attending the trip and we have several parents that are attending.

Shady Creek is coming up next week. Mrs. Brazil is attending as the admin. High school cabin leaders are all lined up and students have been divided up with buddies into cabins.

Mid-trimester 3 progress reports will go home this coming Friday.

Our CAASPP kickoff assembly will take place next Friday to amp up for state testing that will take place the first week of May. We award students with medals for levels improved, standard met, and standard exceeded on last year's assessments.

Lots of year-end field trips are coming up and we have begun making plans for PK and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduations.

**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: March 13, 2023**

**7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 8420, 8476, 8524, 8556**

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

**7.4 Enrollment Report:**

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment*

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
10	19	16	20	21	19	22	24	20	19	190

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment*

**Full Time 18**

**Part Time 5**

*Projected Enrollment 2023/2024*

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment*

	TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
	9	20	20	16	20	20	18	23	23	20	189
Waitlist		7	3	5	3	5	5	8	3	4	43

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment*

**Full Time 14**

**Part Time 6**

**Waitlist 6**

*\*As of 4/13/23*

*Keith Turner moved to approve the consent agenda. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

## **8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Choose Love SEL Curriculum Overview**

*Courtney Brazil presented information on the Choose Love for Schools curriculum that has been piloted by Marcum this spring as part of the CalHOPE Social Emotional Learning Grant. The Board wanted to ensure it was clearly communicated that this is not a sex-ed program, based on the name. Mrs. Brazil is open for appointments to review the curriculum with any interested families and is confident in the content being strictly related to mental wellness based on neuroscience and social-emotional guidelines and standards.*

### **9.2 Edmentum Online Program Overview- Summer Support for Students**

*Courtney Brazil presented Edmentum's Exact Path program that has been used by teachers this year to support independent interventions that still target unique student needs. The program integrates with the NWEA MAP assessments, and it will be available for students to access over summer to extend their learning with a challenge and/or work on any identified skill gaps.*

### **9.3 MIUESD Strategic Plan 2023/24-2027/28- First Read**

*Maggie Irby shared that most of the Strategic Plan remained the same. She reviewed changes to the vision/mission which were previously simple and accurate, but the new ones better encompass the true values of our school. Maggie reviewed the continued focus areas and changes to any related goals. The main goal changes were in the area of facilities and included seeking updates to playground structures, fencing for the field, and upgraded video surveillance. These priorities were identified through the surveys completed by educational partners.*

*Jeff Moore asked if we should consider adding longer-term goals to span the five years of this proposed plan, considering the listed goals have the potential to be completed within a year or so. Jill Bramhill suggested adding the goal of seeking opportunities to install a track on the field.*

*The Board discussed how they can meet their obligation to visit the campus, and the procedures around that. The Board requested a schedule of invitations to visit campus and a tracking system to ensure accountability for themselves. Clarification was provided that the Inter-District Policies section has an asterisk because it is a non-standard category specific to our unique enrollment at Marcum. The Board also expressed that they were very happy with the updated mission and vision statements.*

## **10. ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Fencing Project**

*Three bids were presented to install fencing around North and East side of field. The Board discussed the benefits of working with a small, local business that has done fencing work for our school in the past. Jeff Moore verified that the Board wants to move forward with the fence installation at this time.*

*Jeff Moore moved to approve the fencing bid provided by Twin Rivers Fencing. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

### **10.2 Preschool/TK Playground Project**

*Two bids were presented to demo the existing play structure and surface and install a new 2-5 year old play structure with shade component and a new rubber surface. Maggie Irby shared that an updated preschool playground was very highly rated on the facility input survey and has been a repeated discussion through out the years at Board meetings. The update would ensure the all playground structures were more age-appropriate for those utilizing them, especially as we move TK to sharing that playground with preschool. Fiscally, funds are available at this time and we would be able to offset some of the cost using ELOP funds. The existing structure is old, small, and has few options to keep students engaged.*

*The Board inquired as to whether the current structure is a safety concern. Maggie Irby explained that the current structure is safe under outdated standards that were issued when the unit was purchased and installed. There are deficits due to its age that are continuously addressed to maintain safety.*

*The Board expressed concern about the large price when compared to the size of the impact. Some brainstormed ideas included looking for other small pieces to add to the existing structure/playground area, limiting to a certain budgeted amount, swapping the sandbox for grass and a playhouse, setting money aside over multiple years to save up for the new structure, looking into any grant opportunities that may offset the cost, looking at smaller structure options. The Board would like to hear more feedback from the preschool teachers on their perspective of the existing need and concerns driving this update.*

*Jeff Moore moved to table the Preschool/TK Playground Project, to seek additional information and bring it back in the future as an information item. Emily Daddow 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 Villareal commended Jill Bramhill on how she encourages her daughter to read and the broadening of her vocabulary that has resulted. Paula is so proud of Ruby's recent participation in the county spelling bee.*

*Paula also expressed gratitude to Katie and Steve Mintz for their recent work helping to clean up the preschool garden.*

## **12. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- **May 8, 2023**

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

- Superintendent's Evaluation-Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Designated Representative – Board President  
Unrepresented Employee – Superintendent
- Certificated Employees/Classified Employees Salary Schedules Update  
Conference with labor negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Superintendent, Maggie Irby  
Unrepresented employees- Certificated Employees/Classified Employees
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- Inter-District Transfers- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Status Review

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

*Jeff Moore moved to approve a 10% salary schedule increase for certificated staff members effective at the start of the 23-24 school year, that was accepted by the Marcum Teachers' Association. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

*Jill Bramhill moved to approve a 6% salary schedule increase for classified staff members effective at the start of the 23-24 school year. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

*Jeff Moore moved to approve the 10% salary schedule increase for certificated staff be also applied to the assistant principal/director of student services salary schedule, effective at the start of the 23-24 school year. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

*Keith Turner moved to approve the 6% salary schedule increase for classified staff be also applied to the preschool salary schedule, effective at the start of the 23-24 school year. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.*

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.*