# MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

# MINUTES Wednesday, March 13, 2024

# 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Called to order at 6:07pm.

# 2. ROLL CALL

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

Remove Item 10.3 Due to SCSOS Request to Approve in May. Josh Moore motioned to approve the removal of Item 10.3 from the Agenda. Emily Daddo seconded. Roll Call 4-0.

*Jeff Moore moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

# 4. WILDCAT CONTRIBUTOR AWARD- ANNE HILL

# 5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel shared that an internationally known researcher from Japan came to meet with Jodi and Cynthia at the Learning Center to discuss success of IEM and South Sutter.

South Sutter Charter's Charter Renewal is not due until 2028. Part of the new renewal criteria involves the tier that CDE assigns to the Charter. South Sutter is currently the middle tier which would make it eligible for a 5 year renewal.

*Enrollment is now closed for 24-25. All 551 students who applied were accepted. South Sutter is expected to grow by a couple hundred students next year.* 

South Sutter has started State Testing for 23/24. They started early to work out any kinks. They are planning to meet the 95% participation rate.

All students at South Sutter have their own school issued chrome book, with a plan to update them every three years. Next year those scheduled to get replacements during year 2 and year 3 will get new devices and they may offer an option to upgrade to a different device. *South Sutter offered 143 live classes and 945 students were enrolled in those classes, TK-8.* 

Graduation is coming up on May 21 at The Grounds.

IEM will be hosting their annual conference in Sacramento this summer.

South Sutter will be hiring new teachers for next year, approximately 12-15 teachers. Each teacher is assigned 25-31 students.

# 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Irby introduced Brooke Chan and invited her to address the Board.

Brooke shared that she is a member of Student Council and is expected to attend a School Board meeting. She shared that Student Council has been working hard preparing events and activities for the students. They are looking forward to Pie Day and the Egg drop where they will provide a treat for all students. She also noted that they are starting to plan the Marcum hosted dance and hopes that all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to participate in that.

Mrs. Irby shared that she had attended a Superintendents Conference on Monday of this week and a conference for our accounting software on Tuesday and Wednesday along with Stacey.

 $2^{nd}$  Trimester Report Cards will go home on Friday of this week. It will be a minimum day to allow for any needed conferences.

Spring Break will take place on 4/1-4/5. Camp Marcum will be held during that week for those that signed up.

We have received an update on our open DSA projects and Mrs. Irby will be meeting with our consultants to continue wrapping up these jobs. A couple will require and architect and an inspector to close.

We will be having Summer Camp Marcum sessions in June and then more in late July/August.

# 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: February 14, 2024

- 7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 10941, 10999, 11029, 11079, 11132
- 7.3 Williams Act Report: 0 Complaints
- 7.4 Enrollment Report:

Current Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment

ТК	к	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
8	21	19	16	21	18	17	20	23	18	181

Current Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment
Full Time 17

#### Part Time 1

*Prospective Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment 2024-2025 (confirmed from current students, siblings, and district families that have contacted us)* 

тк	к	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
12	13	20	20	15	20	18	17	20	23	178

Prospective Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment 2025-2025 Enrollment 24

*Jill Bramhill moved to approve the consent agenda. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION None.

#### 9. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### **10. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **10.1** Transportation Plan

CDE requires Local Education Agencies to create an annual Transportation Services Plan in order to receive funding related to transportation. LEAs are required to have the Transportation Services Plan approved by April 1st. This item requires that public comment be available remotely through this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/my/marcumillinois?omn=89374863164

Zoom room will be opened for public comment related to this item only, prior to Board action.

The Board is asked to review the transportation plan as well as any public comments and then approve the plan.

The Zoom Room was opened and remained open throughout the discussion of the transportation plan. No one joined remotely or attempted to participate remotely.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the Transportation Plan. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

#### 10.2 Auditor Engagement Letter 23/24

The district is asked to review the letter from our Auditor, Michelle Hanson, and review and approve the services she will provide as she conducts the MIUSD Audit for 23/24.

*Jill Bramhill motioned to approve the auditor engagement letter for 23/24. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

#### 10.3 J-13 Material Decrease for Attendance on February 9, 12, 13, and 15, 2024

Due to a material decrease in attendance on February 9, 12, 13, and 15, 2024, caused by an abnormal increase of student illness, the district is submitting a J-13 Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions. Education Code Section 46392

provides for crediting ADA when the ADA has been materially decreased in emergency conditions. Form J-13A requires each board member to swear (or affirm) to the statements in Form J-13A and sign the affidavit. The form and affidavit will then be filed with the county superintendent of schools. If the county superintendent of schools approves the request, the form and affidavit will be forwarded to CDE requesting approval. The Board is asked to review the J-13 and approve it.

#### 10.4 Update BP 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance

Update of Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance to ensure that the policy reflects the current expectations related to state and federal nondiscrimination laws as they apply to the district's nutrition programs. The Board is asked to approve the update Board policy and waive the necessity of a 2<sup>nd</sup> read.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the update of Board Policy 3555 as written and to waive the necessity of a*  $2^{nd}$  *read. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

#### 10.5 Second Interim Report BR 2023-2024 9

Local educational agencies are required to file two reports during a fiscal year on the status of the LEA's financial health. The second interim report reflects any changes to projected yearly fiscal status since first interim. The second interim for MIUESD includes a positive certification. The Board is asked to approve the Second Interim Report for MIUESD.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve the Second Interim Report. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

#### **10.6 Increase Preschool Private Pay Rate**

Current rates of \$25 per part day and \$35 per full day are substantially lower than the CSPP Reimbursement Rate of \$34.23 part day and \$55.24 per full day. It is recommended to raise the rates to be more comparable to the reimbursement rate we are receiving from the CSPP program for subsidized families.

*Jeff Moore motioned to approve new rates of \$30 per part day, \$40 per full day, and a sliding scale for extension of subsidized part day to full day at a rate of \$100-\$300 per month. Josh Wanner seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.* 

# **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

Elise Nelson expressed gratitude for having her children be a part of Marcum. She shared that she comes from a family of educators and they are all impressed by what our school offers to her children. She shared that her son misses the cut off day for enrollment at preschool by one month. She wanted to know if the Birthdate cut off was set by the state, the board, or administration. She also asked if the date was set by the Board or administration, is there an exception/waiver to have someone enroll early. The Board permitted Mrs. Irby to respond to the question if the information was readily available. Mrs. Irby shared that administration does set the enrollment date. It has been a December cut off for the last two enrollment cycles and that seems to be a good fit. Due to a variety of factors including student safety and teacher training/expertise, we will be maintaining the December cut off date and not granting exceptions to that for next year. In addition, it is expected that we have already reached capacity for 23-24 enrollment and have a wait list for preschool.

Darren Ferreira commented that he would assume similar expectations are in place about the Transitional Kindergarten cut off date. Mrs. Irby confirmed that was correct. Due to expected enrollment and state requirements the district is unlikely to enroll any TK students outside of the specified enrollment date range.

Bethany Chan commented that she was impressed by how the Board Meetings have progressed over the years.

# **12. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

• March 13, 2024 Library, 6:00pm

# **13. CLOSED SESSION**

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- Student Discipline

# 14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION No report.

# **15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.