

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

MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

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 with the addition of item 10.13 Update of 23-24 Student Attendance Calendar. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel shared that school started the 22nd for South Sutter Charter students. IEM's back to school staff training was a great success. It was 90's themed in celebration of IEM's 25th anniversary, as it formed in the 90's. They were able to do 8 hours of staff training with a wonderful keynote speaker.

Over the summer the IEM Annual Report was published, including info about statistics and figures for each of the schools such as demographics, learning center visitation, resource use, service hours, etc.

Current enrollment is at 2,405 students, with the waitlist under 100 students. There is a current radio advertising campaign featuring a teacher of the month contest and interview time on air.

This year South Sutter began their one-to-one device program. The goal is to have one-to-one devices for students at all grade levels within the next 3 years. There will be a gradual rollout covering a few grade levels each year.

The Board asked about staffing levels for the year, and Cynthia shared that they are well-staffed and have no concerns at this time.

Cynthia was pleased to report that South Sutter was approved for full funding by the state. The state has also extended charter renewals by another year, which means South Sutter's current charter will remain valid through June of 2028.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Maggie Irby shared that she attended South Sutter Charter's Back to School professional development day. It was great to see all the people Cynthia frequently shares about kicking off the school year for their staff. She added that it is a positive thing for South Sutter and Marcum that the charter renewal is extended through 2028. We have a great partnership with South Sutter, and this is a positive for our relationship as organizations.

The school year began on the 23rd. We had a successful back to school night with attendance from about 80% of families who came to preview classrooms and meet teachers. All our new staff members are off to a great start as well.

Daily attendance is starting off rocky. There are lots of illnesses going around, some of which are Covid. We will still send possible Covid exposure notifications as a courtesy. So far only 2 students and 3 staff members have shared a positive test result. There is no current requirement to test. Our overall average attendance is at 89% so far. We are usually around 95% and our goal is to be at 98%. We will encourage Saturday school signs-ups to make up for these missed days of attendance.

We were awarded an ESSER-III summer AESES grant. This will be an additional \$60k to put toward our summer program, which will greatly support funding our new program coordinator position.

We are continuing into year two of the Cal Hope SEL grant. We were awarded \$12k last year and have about the same amount again this year. We have used funds to implement the Choose Love curriculum, invest in Wellness Walk signs, and are continuing to integrate Choose Love with our existing ROAR behavior system. The goal is to keep kids feeling like they belong somewhere – and these funds provide a great opportunity for us to boost the things we are already doing.

We had successful student council elections – representatives from 6-8th grade were elected. We used our historic voting booths that were donated last year for the first time!

Mrs. Brazil is looking for new members for our parent/school site council. There have been few interested people so far. This group provides input on various school plans prior to sending to Board approval.

Recent staffing changes – We lost one bus driver/custodial maintenance staff. We have covered the position from within and have offered a new classroom aide position starting this week. We will continue to look at options for new/substitute bus driver.

The after-school program is going great. Tiffany has been a great asset in leading the programs. Staff are happy with the positive changes she has brought to the program, and there have been lots of fun and new activities planned for the students.

Maggie shared that she will be bringing some fencing proposals to the Board for the newly purchased corner lot. We hope to be proactive in preventing use by potential transients.

Great Labor Day Parade Event – Parents Club put lots of work into the hamburger booth, and the volunteer list was the fullest it has been in a while. Congratulations to our TK/Kindergarten classes for taking 1st place for their float! The event raised a lot of money for Marcum and the other local schools.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.1 Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2023

6.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 9603, 9604, 9658, 9739, 9790, 9828

6.3 Williams Act Report: 0 Complaints

6.4 Approval of Employee Resignation: Jordan Garcia as of 9/08/23

6.5 Enrollment Report:

Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
8	21	20	16	20	18	19	20	23	19	184

Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment

Full Time 17

Part Time 1

Keith Turner moved to approve the consent agenda. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

7. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Update to Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

After the required review of the MIUESD LCAP at Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, there were minor updates to the plan.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Public Hearing for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

MIUESD 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 Opened – 6:42pm

No public comments made. The Board inquired as to whether the listed texts are considered sufficient. Maggie Irby confirmed that the listed texts are sufficient and that we have ensured 25 copies in each classroom.

The Board brought up that there has been controversy in the news over curriculum, and asked what adoption timelines look like for any curriculums families may be concerned about. Maggie Irby shared that our next curriculum adoption will be math, about three years from now. She assured that whenever new curriculum is considered, we invite parents to review it. Review opportunities are posted in Marcum Matters and on our website. There is typically a piloting group of teachers to try out various curriculum options, teachers recommend what they have found to be the best fit for our students, and then our families are invited to review the selected curriculum before bringing to the board for approval.

Public Hearing Closed – 6:44pm

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of Resolution 2023-2024-1 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 Moore moved to approve Resolution 2023-2024-1. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call 5-0.

10.2 Approval of Spring Consolidated Application (Con App) for MIUESD

The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs (e.g. Title I, Title II, and Title III) to county offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California. Based on a prescribed reporting schedule, every local educational agency (LEA) submits specific certified data to document participation in categorical programs and provide assurances that the LEA will comply with the legal requirements of each program. Out of each state and federal program entitlement, LEA's allocate funds for indirect costs of administration, for programs operated by the LEA, and for programs operated at schools.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Spring Consolidated Application for MIUESD. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.3 Cal-Shape Resolution 2023-2024-2

This Resolution authorizes the acceptance of the Terms and conditions and provides the names of the officials authorized to sign the grant agreement for the Cal-Shape grant in the amount of \$50,651.89 to support the maintenance of HVAC units on the MIUESD campus.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Cal-Shape Resolution 2023-2024-2. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.4 Approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 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 auditor.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Unaudited Actuals for 2022-2023. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.5 Approval of Resolution 2023-2024-3 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.

Jeff Moore moved to approve Resolution 2023-2024-3. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.6 Approval of Resolution 2023-2024-4 to comply with the Education Protection Account

The monies received from the Education Protection Account shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36 and the spending determinations on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the governing board.

Jeff Moore moved to approve Resolution 2023-2024-4. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.7 Approval of Increase to Substitute Teacher Pay Rate

It is recommended that the Board approve an increase to the Substitute Teacher Pay Rate in order to increase the likelihood of coverage for teacher absences. Current Sub Pay rate is \$175 (7.5 hrs) full day, \$90 part day (4 hrs); \$190 per day for 10+ consecutive school days (starting at day 10). It is recommended that MIUESD increase the Sub Rate to \$200 (7.5 hrs) full day, \$105 part day (4 hrs); \$225 per day for 10+ consecutive school days (starting at day 10).

Emily Daddow moved to approve the Increase to Substitute Teacher Pay Rate. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.8 Approval of Increase to Classified Saturday School Stipend

It is recommended that the Board approve an increase to the Classified Saturday School Rate in order to increase the likelihood of coverage for this ADA make up opportunity. Current Classified Saturday School Stipend is \$125 (5 hrs). This stipend has not been updated to reflect the last two classified raises. It is recommended that MIUESD increase the stipend to \$150 (5 hrs) per Classified Saturday School Session.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Increase to Classified Saturday School Stipend. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.9 Approval of Cafeteria Rate Increase for Adult Meals

The School Nutrition Program has updated the Adult Meal Pricing Tool as of August 2023. Current minimum adult meal price is \$5.67 per lunch and \$3.62 per breakfast per the update of the Tool. Marcum is currently charging \$4.00 per lunch and \$3.00 per breakfast. MIUESD must increase the price for adult meals to meet the minimum listed on the Adult Meal Pricing Tool. It is recommended that MIUESD approves the increase

of the Adult Meal price to the current minimum adult meal prices (\$5.67 per lunch and \$3.62 per breakfast) and that it approves automatically adjusting the adult meal price to the minimum adult meal price as the Adult Meal Pricing Tool adjusts.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Cafeteria Rate Increase for Adult Meals with automatic future adjustment per the Adult Meal Pricing Tool. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.10 Approval of using General Fund to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for Snack Expenses Not Covered by the National School Lunch Program and/or Universal Meals

The National School Lunch Program nor Universal Meals will reimburse the cafeteria fund for expenses related to providing afterschool snack for students. Cafeteria Fund expenses related to the cost of Snack are not a permissible expenditure of Cafeteria Fund dollars. It is recommended that MIUESD approve the use of General Fund dollars to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for snack expenses not covered by the National School Lunch Program or Universal Meals.

Keith Turner moved to approve the using General Fund to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for Snack Expenses Not Covered by the National School Lunch Program and/or Universal Meals. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.11 Approval of using General Fund to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for Milk Expenses Not Covered by the National School Lunch Program and/or Universal Meals.

The National School Lunch Program nor Universal Meals will reimburse the cafeteria fund for expenses related to providing milk only for students with their meals from home. Because milk alone does not qualify as a reimbursable meal, it is not reimbursed by the Universal Meal Plan. It is recommended that MIUESD approve the use of General Fund dollars to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for student milk expenses not covered by the National School Lunch Program or Universal Meals.

Jeff moved to approve using the General Fund to reimburse the Cafeteria Fund for Milk Expenses Not Covered by the National School Lunch Program and/or Universal Meals. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll call 5-0.

10.12 Approval of Interdistrict Transfer Students to Marcum-Illinois

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 2023-2024 school year, there are 104 inter-district transfers.

Jill Bramhill moved to table the approval of the 104 Interdistrict Transfer Students to Marcum-Illinois. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

10.13 Approval of 2023-2024 Student Attendance Calendar.

The originally identified date for our staff development, non-student attendance, day was October 9th. An error on the final calendar that was distributed to parents made scheduled this day for October 16th. The Board is asked to approve the calendar that has been distributed which includes October 9th as a student attendance day and October 16,

2023 as a non-student attendance day for staff development date so that no changes must occur for families who already planned for this communicated date.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the update to the 23-24 Student Attendance Calendar. 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

Darren Ferreira shared that he was present and hopes get more involved.

Emily Campouris proposed that the Board consider building volunteer hours into our interdistrict transfer applications as a support to our school culture. People who do not live in the community don’t always understand the importance of events like the Labor Day Parade. She feels this would create extra helping hands and foster community camaraderie as well.

Tiffany DeAlba shared that DEN is going great. The first Saturday Camp Marcum day is coming up in October and Camp Marcum will also be open on October 16th for the professional development day. Shannon Butler is giving cooking lessons to the students on early-release Mondays. Today, 5th grade got to make grilled cheese sandwiches and learn about their history. Shannon will cycle through grade levels, teaching them how to make various age-appropriate snacks and foods. DEN also held a ro-sham-bo house challenge today, with silver as the winner. There is an upcoming ELOP staff development team building at Shady Creek at the end of October.

Jill Bramhill shared that she was approached by two 7th grade boys requesting a divider between the urinals in the boys bathroom for increased privacy.

Keith Turner asked about the door repair for the girls bathroom – which is expected to be delivered sometime this week.

Jeff Moore shared that he is very impressed as a parent by the new 7th grade teacher.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **October 9, 2023, 6:00pm**

13. CLOSED SESSION

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.