

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021**

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 22, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mr. Cook, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Eitel, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross along with administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Morgan, along with Mr. Engerski, were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Macke swore in the newly elected board members.

Mr. Macke, "In as much as there is no further business to come before this board, a motion for adjournment Sine Die is needed." Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to adjourn Sine Die. All present voted aye.

Adjourn Sine Die

Mr. Cook nominated Mr. Crews to serve as president pro tem.

Officers elected

Mr. Cook nominated Mr. Macke to serve as board president. All present voted aye. Mr. Macke nominated Mr. Crews for board vice-president. All present voted aye. Mr. Macke nominated Mrs. Hendrix as board secretary. All present voted aye. Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to appoint Ruth Lisella as recording secretary and Molly Richardson as treasurer. All present voted aye.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to hold the board meetings the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. temporarily at the Jr. High School, 806 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and to return to the Unit Office, 503 Pine Street, when appropriate.

Board meeting times and place approved

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Melissa, that the Marshall C-2 School Board is a continuing entity and all policies and procedures created previously are still in place. All present voted aye.

Approved all previous policies/procedures

The following committees were approved:

Committee members

Athletic Committee: Logan Eitel, Jacob Gard, Gayle Rayhel

Curriculum Committee: Dan Crews, Logan Eitel, Dave Macke

Facilities Committee: Bill Cook, Jacob Gard, David Macke

Finance Committee: Bill Cook, Melissa Hendrix, David Macke

EIASE Board: Dan Crews, Jacob Gard (Alternate)

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills from the month of March. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Minutes, treasurer's report, bills approved

Mr. Engerski reported that Rob Kesler, who takes care of the schools trash, is hauling every load over by Indianapolis now. About 95% of all waste is recycled.

In his superintendent report, Mr. Ross discussed the following items:

- Currently there is one staff member in quarantine (close contact outside of school setting); 15 students out (close contact outside of school setting); 5 students out with close contact within school setting. Covid Numbers
- 75% of school staff have been fully vaccinated
- High School volleyball and football have finished their season
- Jr. High School track is in progress
- High School track, softball, and baseball will be starting soon
- Jr. High Academic Awards: Monday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., McNary Gym \* Award Nights
- Jr. High Athletic Awards: Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., McNary Gym \*
- MHS Academic Awards Night: Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., McNary Gym \*
- MHS Athletic Awards: Will be scheduled by the coach of each sport \*
- Class of 2021 Baccalaureate: Sunday, May 23, 2:00 p.m., McNary Gym \* HS Baccalaureate
- Class of 2021 Graduation: Friday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., Bush Field (weather permitting)/McNary Gym (if not able to be held outside) \*\* HS Graduation  
Graduation Parade
- Class of 2021 Graduation Parade will follow graduation at 8:15
- Graduation will be livestreamed by WMMC

\*Each student will be issued a minimum of 4 tickets. Additional tickets will also be distributed for those with proof of full vaccination.

\*\*For outside graduation: each student will be issued a minimum of 4 tickets for grandstand or bleacher Seating. Additional grandstand or bleacher seating tickets will also be distributed to graduates for family or guests with proof of full vaccination based on remaining space available. General admission for other guests, friends, and public for standing room along the fence and lawn seating will be allowed. For indoor graduation: each student will be issued a minimum of 4 tickets. Additional tickets will also be distributed to graduates for family or guests with proof of full vaccination based on remaining space available.

- Prom will be held on Saturday, May 15 (non-school event) Prom
- Last day of attendance for students will be May 19 (high school students not taking finals, the last day will be May 14 Last day of attendance for students
- Summer school will be offered for those who need credits (4/5 weeks, 3-4 house a day) Summer school

Mr. Ross commented, "While no one knows what next school will look like, if remote learning is still needed, it will be offered to students who are at risk or have family at risk. A medical note will be required."

Mr. Ross and Mr. Engerski presented for consideration the lease of 5 replacement busses for the 2021-2022 school year. They will present the cost for leasing 5 busses and also a lease/purchase option at next month's meeting.

Discussed bus leases

The Facilities Committee will be setting a date prior to the June board meeting. The Facilities Committee will be presenting a recommendation to the whole board a project scope regarding air quality and ventilation at MHS along with other energy efficiency measures to be implemented in the summer of 2022. The Facilities Committee would also revisit ideas regarding an enclosed breezeway from MJHS to MHS and a cafeteria expansion.

Facilities Committee to set meeting date

Mr. Ross received a letter from Marshall Police Chief, Chris Smithson regarding the school resource officer for Marshall Schools. Officer Speros will be unable to return in the fall. The police department is currently looking for a replacement, but may not have one in place for the beginning of the school year. "We are grateful to Chief Smithson and Officer Jaeger for giving us daily coverage this year in Officer Speros absence," added Mr. Ross. Mr. Macke commended the Marshall Police Department for always having an officer in the schools even when they were short on officers.

School Resource Officer Situation

The annual discussion for membership in the IHSA was discussed. In the past this membership has been at no cost for the district. However, this year the IHSA has implemented a fee structure for the next 3 years due to financial losses due to Covid. The district cost for 2021-2022 will be \$1250 based on our enrollment. The fee for 2022-2023 will drop to \$625 and in 2023-2024 will be \$313. Some board members felt that the IHSA didn't handle the Covid situation well and the student athletes were the ones hurt by this.

Discussed IHSA membership and dues

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve the IHSA membership and dues. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, nay; Mr. Gard, nay; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, nay.

Approved IHSA membership and dues

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the following summer camps as presented: volleyball camp June 1-5p; Girls basketball camp June 7-11, and a boys basketball camp June 14-18. All present voted aye.

Approved volleyball, girls and boys basketball summer camps

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) (personnel) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)(negotiations). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr.

Closed Session

Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

The following actions was voted on in closed session: Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the resignation of Lindi Ferris as an early childhood teacher affective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. All present voted aye. Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve Jeff Whitmore's resignation as the Jr. High softball coach. All present voted aye. Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, secondeded by Mr. Gard, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The board adjourned at 7:33 p.m. from closed session.

Accepted L. Ferris  
resignation as the end  
of the 2020-2021 year

Accepted J. Whitmore's  
resignation's as JH  
softball coach

Adjourn

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education