

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 9, 2023, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Eitel, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Keown, Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lake, and Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Grubb was also present.

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

During the open comment session, Pastor Rex Goble thanked Mr. Ross and the board for donating the old window air conditioning units from the high school to their church camp. He then offered a prayer. Ed Pearce thanked the board and administrators for all they do. "You people have done a wonderful job and is the greatest administration in this area. Everyone in the community should be grateful," said Pearce.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the minutes from the January 12th regular session board meeting and the January 12th Athletic Committee Meeting; the treasurer's report; and the bills from the month of January. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes,
treasurer's report, bills

Mrs. Lake told the board that fifth grade teacher Jill Strohm received the VFW's Educator of the Year Award for the State of Illinois.

Mr. Ritchey told the board that the high school celebrated the 100th day of school on January 31 with donuts for everyone. Marshall High School had 15 students selected as Illinois State Scholars. These students were recognized at a recent basketball game. Mr. Ritchey also mentioned to the board that Jill Sisson, an English teacher at the high school, received the annual Illinois State Board of Education Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Keown reported that there would be a Valentine dance at Harlan Hall on Saturday, February 11. Senior night for boys basketball, scholastic bowl, cheerleaders, dance team, and band would be at the boys basketball game on Tuesday, February 14.

Mr. Maxwell mentioned that the Junior High pep band will be playing for the 3A state basketball tournament.

Mrs. Morgan told the board that 100 days of school was celebrated by the kindergarten teachers dressing up as "old" people. She also told the board that Counselor Emily Elpers has been nominated for a Life Changing Award. Kindergarten round-up will be held on February 23rd and 24th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. This is for children ready to sign-up for kindergarten.

Mr. Grubb reported that the district has purchased two trucks and are looking to purchase a tractor. The two school buses that had been on order have arrived.

In his superintendent report, Mr. Ross informed the board that Kaleb Johnson has settled in as the school's full-time resource officer. Off-duty city officers and county officers are continuing to help out. He also mentioned that parent-teacher conferences would be held February 16th and 17th. The Marshall Schools Foundation will be holding their annual Parents' Night Out on March 18th at Rayne Meadow Event Center. Mr. Ross also told the board that our district did not receive the pre-school grant that had been applied for.

Mr. Ross told the board about the 5 Essentials Survey that is required by the State of Illinois. This survey is for students in grades 4 through 12, teachers, and parents. Participation levels by students is one of the components of the school report card and our rating.

Mr. Ross highlighted on the work that Marshall Schools have done with career exploration and career/technical education programming. We have worked closely with the extension office with the I Dream/I Create program for students in kindergarten through 12th grades. One of the goals is to keep students in schools.

Mr. Ross and the board discussed the FY 23 budget. The district has received funds from the Community Partners Grant in the amount of \$650,000 over two years. These funds will be used for summer programs at the elementary schools for academic recovery. Mr. Ross has applied for a maintenance grant in the amount of \$50,000. If approved, the district will have to match the grant. This grant would be used to replace the fencing around several areas of school property. The district has used the Esser III grant funds for new ipads and laptops for all students.

There were some recommendations from the Curriculum Committee to discuss and will be approved at next month's meeting.

Mr. Ross shared ideas for the 2023-2024 school calendar. The MEA will be collecting and submitting input for the calendar. The 2023-2024 school calendar will be approved at the March board meeting.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve a field trip for FBLA to go to the state competition in Springfield to be held April 13-15. All present voted aye.

FBLA trip to state approved

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the professional meeting request for a kindergarten conference and for the Title I teachers to the Illinois Reading Council Conference. All present voted aye.

Kindergarten conference and Title I reading conference approved

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, to approve a volleyball skills and intermural program. All present voted aye.

Approved a volleyball skills/intermural program

Closed Session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (personnel). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint against an employee to determine its validity.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint against an employee to determine its validity.) On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Accepted D. Buchter
Resignation/JH girls BB

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to accept Drew Buchter's resignation as 8th grade girls basketball coach. All present voted aye.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve Stephanie Keown transferring from 2nd grade to 5th grade. All present voted aye.

Approved S. Keown, 2nd
to 5th grade

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve the employment of Amy Gonzales as an elementary special education teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved A. Gonzales,
elementary special ed

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the employment of Katlyn Stokes as a school psychologist for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved K. Stokes,
psychologist

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the employment of Kaylie Homann as the Jr. High and high school art teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved K. Homann,
JH and HS art teacher

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve the employment of Steven Weber Jr. as the high school P.E. teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved S. Weber as
PE teacher

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the employment of Stephen Weber Jr as the high school varsity football coach for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved S. Weber as
HS varsity football
coach

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Adjourn

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education