

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 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 Bob Sabo offered a prayer. Ronnie Holcomb, a Marshall Jr. High student, spoke to the board regarding the length of the lunch times. He told the board that students that have the early lunch period only have 10 minutes to eat and most of that time is standing in line. They don't have enough time to eat. He asked the board to consider lengthening the early lunch period to 20 minutes, same as the second lunch period. Mr. Ross and Mr. Maxwell will meet with Ronnie and discuss this situation.

Ronnie Holcomb/Jr.
High lunch times

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023 board meeting, the minutes of the curriculum meeting, treasurer's report, and the bills. 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

In their administrative reports, all the principals thanked their staff for helping with the power outage that occurred on Friday, March 3. The MHS ACES Team (Academic Challenge for Engineering and Science) earned a 2nd place finish at the Lake Land College regional and will be advancing to the sectional challenge at Eastern Illinois University. Mrs. Morgan reported that there were 54 kids that attended the kindergarten screenings. Mr. Ritchey also told the board that FFA week had been held recently and that Mrs. Crouch does a really good job with that.

Mr. Grubb informed the board that the district had purchased a tractor, and it has already been put to good use.

Bob Abernathy (Vocational teacher for the ECCEL program), Delana Parker (teacher), and some ECCEL students spoke to the board about the progress they've made this year.

Mr. Ross touched on several topics. He mentioned that the district has the I Dream/I Care program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Eighth graders have a career exploration class, 11th graders have a work ethics class, and the ECCEL program is at a regional level. Mr. Ross expressed his thanks to the administrators, staff, and students for helping things go smoothly during the power outage. He told the board that there's a new law that is requiring board members to have trauma

information training. The district has signed off on a certification of completion with Honeywell. The high school fire alarm system will be updated this summer. Mr. Ross mentioned that are several scholarship opportunities and dual credit offerings that are listed on the school's website.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, no; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved 2023-2024 school calendar

The first day for students will be August 15, 2023. Christmas break will be December 20 through January 3 and a spring break was added and will be March 29 through April 8. May 23 will be the last day of school (May 31 would be the latest).

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the curriculum committee proposals as presented. All present voted aye.

Approved curriculum proposals

The proposals are: students will be allowed by bypass physical science if they take both physics and chemistry; elective separate classes on cyber crime and cyber security will be added to business classes.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, to approve the purchase of a scoreboard for McNary Gym as presented. 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 purchase of scoreboard for McNary Gym

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve the amended 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. All present voted aye. The last day for students and teachers will be May 23.

Approved amended calendar for 2022-2023

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve a resolution to add territory to the Clark County Enterprise Zone as presented. 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 resolution/Clark County Enterprise Zone

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve a field trip for the jr. high fundraiser reward trip to Busch Stadium on April 19, 2023 as presented. All present voted aye.

Approved JH field trip to St. Louis

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the following camps: Sarah Morgan for a volleyball skills camp May 30-June 3; and Steve Weber for a high school football camp June 5-7.

Approved volleyball and football camps

Mr. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, 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 lodged against an employee to determine its validity. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr.

Closed session

Crews, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, 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 8:30 p.m.

Approved T. Carver's maternity leave

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve Tammy Carver's maternity leave. All present voted aye.

Approved C. Newell's resignation

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve Cindy Newell's resignation request as south school library aide. All present voted aye.

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve Becky Farrell's resignation request as North Elementary Friendly Helper's sponsor. All present voted aye.

Approved B. Farrell's resignation/NS Friendly Helpers

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve Jake Hoult's resignation request as part-time music teacher at South Elementary. All present voted aye.

Approved J. Hoult's resignation

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to employ Angel Sanders as an elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 employment of Angel Sanders as elementary teacher 2023-2024

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to employ Kate Douglas as an elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 employment of Kate Douglas as elementary teacher 2023-2024

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to employ Jill Sisson as the elementary principal at South Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 employment of Jill Sisson as South principal, 2023-2024

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

