

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, in the High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by President Brian Gumtz. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz, and administrative staff Rick Parks, David Beranek, and Sarah Budny.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, November 8, 2019.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Mission Statement.

MHS Student Council representatives gave an update on the upcoming Winter Carnival on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> being planned. A dance will be held in the high school gym. Several members helped at the Literski Benefit which was a huge success.

Motion by DeBroux, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Knoeck to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- October 31, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills
- October receipts
- Condition of the budget
- Activity fund balances
- Construction bills
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights
- Annual Notice of The School Board Election (with amended date)
- Connie Stieber as Volunteer Costume Room Advisor
- Mandy Wright as MVA Assistant Forensics Advisor

Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Three students presented a proposal for initiating a Spirit Squad at the high school. The squad would perform at home games only and all advisors would be volunteers for the first year. Motion by Seubert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knoeck to move forward in the planning of a Spirit Squad. Motion carried 5-0.

Advisors and a student who participated in the Safe School Ambassadors Program updated the board on their recent two-day training held in Edgar. Twelve students were selected to participate. The students were trained on how to step in and help other students when needed. This program is paid through the DPI grant received by the MCSE consortium school districts.

Mr. Miller updated the board on the success of the past fall sports season and reviewed participation numbers for the winter season.

Mrs. Budny gave a Charter School update. The MVA governance board will be meeting in December. MVA was awarded a Beyond Pencils Grant for \$3,000. This money will be used to

pay for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class to travel to the Milwaukee area for their field work. They will visit the Civil War and Black History Museum, staying overnight at a school. Fundraisers to support the Washington DC trip are in progress. Buffalo Wild Wings held a fundraiser night and Kurt 'n Jo's will be giving 10% of their earnings on Wednesday evenings towards the trip.

Mrs. Budny explained a request to reorganize the MVA and support the effort to write a Charter School Expansion Grant. The reorganizing would entail moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the Charter School. The board requested more information about the request and MVA achievement data be brought back to a special meeting before addressing the request.

The board revisited community access for hall walking and gym use. Access to the hall walking will begin immediately, everyday from 4:30-7:00 AM. Gym access will be determined after policies and security measures are reviewed and needed changes are established.

Mr. Miller gave an update on the Health Human Growth and Development Committee. Lara Beranek, school nurse, developed the committee made up of a variety of community members, including business owners, parents, staff members, and clergy. Mr. Miller teaches the curriculum to freshman during their health class.

Mr. Parks reviewed with the board the District's tax levy history from the past years through the present 2019-20 school year.

Mr. Parks explained the option of using unassigned OPEB fund to offset the 2019-20 budget. Motion by Knoeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Klumpyan to use OPEB fund monies to offset the 2019-20 budget. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks gave a construction update. Most of the sidewalks are completed, but will be checking on some discoloration. Painting is nearly done and looks very nice. Logos for both buildings have been ordered. Some items have been installed in the kitchen, and lockers have been reordered after the wrong ones were sent. The current plan is to move into the new area during Christmas break.

A discussion was held regarding the MAES/MVA addition dedication. It was decided to discuss at the December meeting when the time schedule for the building was closer to being confirmed.

Data on spring breaks and a calendar survey were shared. It was decided to move the September Inservice date later in the year. Two calendars, one with a spring break and one with a fall and spring recess, will be brought to the December meeting for approval.

Mr. Beranek and Mrs. Budny reviewed the State Report Cards and building data with the board.

Board members should contact Mr. Parks for registration purposes, if they are interested in attending the State School Board Convention in January.

Motion by Seubert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Klumpyan to appoint Jodi DeBroux as MCCDEB Representative. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed options for future Strategic Planning efforts for the District. He will get more information from outside groups/individuals who may help facilitate the planning process.

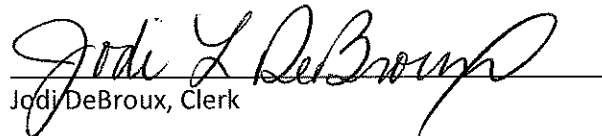
Mr. Parks explained the need for adding a teacher aide position for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom due to high enrollment numbers and for our English Language learners. Motion by Seubert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Klumpyan to add a teacher aide. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Budny gave a MAES update. PTO has new officers and has had great support from parents and teachers. They are looking at a program called Watch Dogs which are Dads in school. Christmas programs will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Student Led Conferences and Celebration of Learning will be held next week.

Mr. Beranek updated the board on the recent Safety meetings. Emergency bags are in place at the high school and Fire Station. The Crisis Team will hold a meeting this Monday night for parents regarding suicide. A representative from Wisconsin High School E-sports shared information with Mr. Beranek and Mr. Adam Jacobson about the competition. They will be looking into more information on the program. All-Marawood Conference Music Festival was held in Spencer this year and was an outstanding concert.

Mr. Parks shared the Annual Legislative Meeting in Medford will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Veteran's Day Program was held this past Monday and many compliments were received regarding the students' attentiveness and behavior. Yoga and Painting classes will be offered for staff. American Education week is next week. Pizza will be provided for both buildings on nights when Parent-Teacher Conferences are held.

Motion by Knoeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeBroux to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

  
Jodi DeBroux, Clerk