A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 Ryan McCain.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, April 8, 2021, and a revised agenda posted Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

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

Gumtz read the Marathon School District Mission and Vision Statements.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2021 Board Retreat Minutes

Approval of bills

March receipts

Condition of the budget

Activity fund balances

MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights

Nicholas Barnes as a volunteer assistant baseball coach

Resignation of Lisa Freund as District Bookkeeper

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

Representative Spiros gave a brief legislative update. Additionally, with the Capitol being closed due to COVID, Representative Spiros came to the Marathon District and presented to the 4th grade class earlier this week. He then presented Mr. Gumtz with a citation for his 21 years on the Marathon School Board and Mr. Beranek was presented a citation for being awarded Wisconsin High School Principal of the Year.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Mroczenski gave an update on the Physical Education Program at the high school. Both have made changes in curriculum and activities within the program to help increase student involvement and will continue to make updates to the benefit of the program and students.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve teacher, support staff, and administrative compensation increases for 2021-22 and to approve changes for district payroll and high school office staffing as recommended and presented. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the 2021-2026 bus transportation contract with Fischer Transportation, Inc. as presented and recommended. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, and Seubert. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Gumtz abstained).

Mr. Parks shared information the MCSE consortium is gathering regarding 2021-22 health insurance plan costs from their bidding process. More information is needed and will be brought back to the May meeting.

Mr. Beranek shared a COVID update. Planning has begun for an outside picnic in May for yearbook signing and games. FBLA's Helping Hands will assist with the event. Seniors will be attending a movie day for their class trip. Awards Night and the Senior Athletic Night will be held in-person with limited attendance. Graduation will be held outside with limited, assigned seats. Mr. McCain reported the 8th grade Promotion Ceremony will be held during the day on Wednesday, June 2nd. It was also recommended that current COVID protocols be followed during Summer School.

Election results were reported, with Beth Seubert and Paula Vesely being elected to the school board. Jodi DeBroux, board Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to both.

Mr. McCain reviewed the list of summer school courses that are being planned for distribution to families for class sign-up. He also mentioned that aftercare will be provided. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve summer school courses as presented. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the annually updated 2020-21 Township Talking Points handout. The handout will be mailed to each municipality for their Annual Meeting and, if requested by a municipality, Mr. Parks and/or board members will attend to review the data.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the ACT 143, High School Safety Report. Motion carried 5-0.

The MVA Charter Board met and discussed the renewal of the MVA Charter Contract. The governance board affirmed their decision to move forward with updating the contract for a 5-year length to be brought to them for approval and then present it to the District School Board for approval.

Mr. Parks shared the District Goals as had been discussed at the recent school board retreat. Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the 2021-22 District Goals. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to approve 2021-22 teacher contract renewals with the addition of a new 5th grade teaching position as presented. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

The revised Administrator evaluation tool was tabled to the May meeting.

Mr. Parks shared that he received a request to ask the school board for any board member interested in serving on the Boundary Appeals Board. It was decided that should any board member be interested, they should contact Mr. Parks this week.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the administrative contracts. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve student summer maintenance workers as recommended. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McCain reported that eleven "Captain of Character" students were honored last week along with the entire school staff being recognized as well. A mock tornado drill will be conducted on Thursday this week to coordinate with the State mock tornado drill. FORWARD testing will begin next week, as will Human Growth and Development sessions.

Mr. Beranek reported ASPIRE testing is underway for grades 9 and 10. The musical held a dress rehearsal today with seniors in the auditorium and other classes viewing it live-stream. Musical participants are able to purchase 4 tickets, with 160 people in the auditorium per show. The show will also be live-streamed for the public.

Mr. Parks shared that there will be WASB Reorganization of the Board and New Board Member trainings. Work has begun for improving the MAES softball field. With more people in this area, safety for the pond area is an increased concern. Information will be brought to the May meeting for addressing this area. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7. And, the total ESSER money distribution criteria is being discussed yet at the State level. We hope to know soon on the full amounts that will be allocated for Marathon so an implementation plan can be developed.

Motion by Gumtz, 2nd by Seubert to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

John L. J. Brown Jodi DeBroux, Clerk