

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in the High School Cafeteria. 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, and Gumtz, and administrative staff Rick Parks, David Beranek and Ryan McCain. Seubert arrived at 5:34 PM.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, February 5, 2021.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

A high student addressed the Board regarding the information he informally gathered regarding students returning to a 5 day week. He informed the Board that the parents are in favor of returning 5 days though teachers and students are not in favor.

The board took a brief break so that a picture could be taken for the high school yearbook.

Gumtz read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

The High School Student Council is planning for Winter Carnival activities for next week Monday and Tuesday. Movies and games will be held, with students participating following safe distancing guidelines, and live streaming available for others to view..

MAES/MVA Student Council held a Great Kindness Challenge last week. Dress-up days and door decorating contests were held. The week was centered around creative ways to show kindness. A hygiene drive for the homeless is being organized. Officer elections were held last week.

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

- January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

- January 13, 2021 Closed Session Minutes

- Approval of bills

- January receipts

- Condition of the budget

- Activity fund balances

- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights

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

Cally O'Leary, choir director, updated the board on plans for the upcoming musical. Rehearsals have started with the vocal portion and full cast rehearsals will be held in March and April. Social distancing and mask requirements were discussed. This will continue to be monitored. A discussion was also held regarding in-person audience and live-streaming. It was agreed that

allowing limited in-person audience with live-streaming also available would be positive for families and community.

A district COVID-19 update was given. A committee has been formed to explore the option of students returning to 5-day schooling. Parents also voiced concerns regarding their students not being in class on Wednesdays and the classes they are missing because of the double bus routes. A survey was completed with the teaching staff regarding the return to 5 days, and a parent survey is being developed by the committee and will be sent out in about a week to gather parent input.

Mr. Parks shared the revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and School District. The previously suggested changes were made to include the wording baseball and softball, and the length of the agreement was adjusted to a 25-year agreement. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to accept the agreement. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Beranek shared a draft of the 2021-2022 sectioning and staffing. Final counts will be available for the next meeting. Mr. McCain also shared 2021-22 MAES and MVA sectioning and staffing. MAES will have 3 sections for all grades, with the exception of grade 5 which currently has 2 sections. Due to the high number of 5th grade students, there was a request to consider having 3 sections in grade 5. This will continue to be monitored and discussed at future meetings. MVA is currently working on their schedule. Music teachers are looking into adding a general music class as a way of focusing on engaging more students. Music staffing will stay the same.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the May/June 2020 Bus Contract Addendum as presented and recommended. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to adjust the 2021-22 school year calendar to lineup inservice days at the end of trimesters. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McCain reported the MVA board will meet March 15th to discuss the future of the Charter School and there will be a representative from the Wisconsin Charter School Resource Center in attendance to answer questions.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve 2021-22 Shared Service Contracts with CESA 9 and CESA 10 as presented and recommended. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed a request to replace the laser engraver in the Technology Education department. The current one is no longer working and is not able to be repaired. The new equipment will be used by both the high school students and MVA students in the future. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to approved purchase of a laser engraver for the

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

Mr. Parks shared comments on the recent WASB Convention sessions that were attended virtually. Lia Klumpyan reported on the Delegate Assembly actions that she attended virtually.

Mr. Parks will be meeting with the Neola representative February 24, 2021 to review more sections of policies. The goal is to have the new policies to the board by April.

A reminder, a board retreat will be held March 13 at 7:00 am in the High School Library.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the 2021 spring coaching contracts as recommended. Motion carried 3-0. Seubert and Knoeck abstained.

Mr. Parks had been contacted regarding vaccination priorities and vaccination clinic dates for school staff. After further conversations, a date for vaccines has not yet been finalized.

Board members who would like to attend the Annual Legislative meeting in Medford, March 1st, should contact Mr. Parks for registration. Three members are allowed to attend in-person per the request of the Medford School District.


Mr Parks informed the board, Marathon will not receive the TEACH Grant this year, but thanked Mr. Jacobson for his good work in preparing the application. The Foundation will provide snacks to staff on February 24, and the district will provide meals in March and May. Marathon will receive approximately \$290,000 from the ESSER II grant to help with COVID expenses according to the information received from the DPI.

Mr. Beranek reported scheduling for the 2021-22 school year is underway. Winter Carnival will take place next week. Girls Basketball has advanced to the second regional game and boys basketball will begin WIAA play next week. Jared Sweno has qualified for the State Wrestling Meet to be held this Saturday.

Mr. McCain reported the Spelling Bee was held this past week, with four students advancing to the Regional level next Tuesday, which will be done virtually. Staff members nominated nine students as Captions of Character. Summer school planning has begun.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and (f) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and, deliberating and conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Any business conducted in closed session or subsequent open session shall conform with the stated agenda. Roll call: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried 5-0. The board went into closed session at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to adjourn from closed session. Roll call: Yes - 5, No - 0.
Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Jodi DeBroux, Clerk