

The regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, in the MAES/MVA Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Jodi DeBroux. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux, and administrative staff Rick Parks, David Beranek and Ryan McCain. Seubert was absent.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

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

A number of District citizens questioned the COVID plan for the upcoming school year. President DeBroux informed the citizens that it is an agenda item and will be addressed at that time. A question was also raised regarding where board meeting agendas are being posted and requested they be available on the website. Mr. Parks will look into publishing the agenda on the Marathon School District website. A question was asked regarding Critical Race Theory being taught in the district. Mr. Parks said our curriculum is aligned with the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Mission Statement.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

- June 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- June 9, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes
- June 17, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- June Receipts
- Condition of the Budget
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights
- Notice of Annual Meeting

Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy Kurtz, Village Administrator, explained the request and need for an easement along NN north and east of MAES/MVA for utilities as part of the current building project. Thoughts were also shared regarding a walking path and tunnel and who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of both. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to allow the village a utility easement along NN north and east of MAES/MVA. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Laila Smith, a current senior at MHS, addressed the board regarding consideration of initiating a weighted GPA system for high school students taking college classes. After a discussion, there was no motion made on the request for a weighted GPA.

Mr. Parks shared the COVID related Q & A website information for the 2021-22 school year. After discussion, a few answers will be added and clarified. The information sheet will also be mailed home to parents.

The District Health Report for the 2020-2021 school year that was prepared by School Nurse, Lara Beranek, was reviewed.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to purchase a new copier for MAES/MVA and one for the MHS building. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed a retirement longevity clause for contracted support staff. With the impact of recent new hire starting wages, an adjustment in longevity benefits was shared as an equitable compensation option for long-time staff. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Vesely to give Mr. Parks authority to adjust the longevity benefits for contracted support staff. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Knoeck to approve a procedural change for staff non-paid leave requests to be the same for all employee groups. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks, Mr. Beranek and Mr. McCain reviewed the updates and changes to handbooks. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the 2021-22 Handbooks as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed the recommended budget development document and explained changes to various accounts for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the 2021-2022 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Edgar School District and the Marathon School District for Art Teaching Services. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks shared information for supplemental compensation options for all staff. The board agreed supplemental compensation with an amount to be determined at a later date following ESSER II funding determination and budget.

Eddie Ikert, Summer School Administrator, reported the 1st session of summer school ends this week with 250 kids in attendance. The upcoming 2nd session has 200 students registered. He also commended the custodial staff for their hard work cleaning around all the classrooms of students during summer school.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve Jackie Hanke as the District MCCDEB designee replacement for Jodi DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Knoeck to approve the Fall Coaching Contracts as presented. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McCain reviewed the options for the Expeditionary Learning Service Contract. His recommendation was to go with the minimal contract with monies possibly being used from Title IV to offset costs. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to approve Option C of the Expeditionary Learning Service Contract. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. McCain shared with the board the reasons and options of securing a grant writer for the new Charter School Grant. The board approved the continuation of feasibility discussions for possible securing of a grant writer with an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Parks requested that two student summer maintenance workers be hired to replace one that was not able to fulfill the position and to help as the staff is short help this summer. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve two student summer maintenance workers. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Knoeck, to approve the 2020-2021 Seclusion and Restraint Reports for both buildings as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve the Act 55 Notice requirements. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2021-2022 Notice of Student Academic Standards was reviewed. This was tabled until non-core classes are included in the notice.

Mr. Beranek reported that Registration Days at the High School will be held August 3rd and 4th from 2-7 PM. Start of the School Year mailing will go out this week. Student Council returned from their leadership camping trip with many new ideas for the upcoming school year.

Mr. McCain also announced Registration Days for August 3rd and 4th and parent mailing to go out next week. Plans are being finalized for the Back to School Inservice and staff have been participating in the summer book study, working on curriculum and CREW structuring is being finalized.

Mr. Parks reported 20 students were served by the Brighter Smiles program last school year.

Mr. Parks reviewed the Annual Meeting agenda with the board.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the Notice of Budget Hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.



Jodi DeBroux, President



Beth Seubert, Clerk