

The regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, in the High School cafeteria. 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, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux, and administrative staff Rick Parks, Dave Beranek, and Ryan McCain.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, September 3, 2021.

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

District parents and community members addressed the board with concerns regarding the COVID guidelines of the district, including quarantine timeline of students, the stress and anxiety it is causing, and the need for virtual learning when students are quarantined. A virtual learning option was requested. Parents also asked the board to reconsider a mask mandate, especially at the elementary level.

DeBroux read the Marathon School District Mission Statement.

Curt Miller and high school students gave an update on the Freshman Jumpstart Day held for all freshman and new students on September 1, 2021. The students are members of the Safe School Ambassadors Program. They gave tours, answered questions and helped the students feel comfortable in the high school setting.

MHS Student Council is planning Homecoming activities for the week of September 20th. Games, dress up days, and a dance on September 25th is being planned.

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

- August 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- August Receipts
- Condition of the Budget
- Activity Fund Balances
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights

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

Summer School participation was reported at 25 FTE, which was noted to be comparable to previous years.

Open Enrollment limits were discussed due to additional alternate open enrollment requests received. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to adjust the Open Enrollment limits. Motion failed 3-2.

The Long Range Strategic Planning timeline was reviewed. Meetings will be held October 1st and 2nd and November 12th and 13th at the Marathon Village Hall. The committee will be a diverse group, made up of approximately 20 people. Those interested are asked to contact Mr. Parks. A teacher representative from each grade level will also be on the committee.

Mr. Parks informed the board that the school has received information that our food vendors are having problems filling orders. Lunch menus are subject to change on a short notice and substituted for other available options.

Hours for the Wellness Center will be 4:30-7:00 am and 5:00-10:00 pm, and weekends from 4:30 am - 10:00 pm during the school year. Members will be allowed to walk the halls from 4:30-7:00 am only.

The board will schedule a tour of the new Little Lions Child Care facility. Mr. Parks will set up a time within the next few weeks.

Mr. McCain gave an MVA Charter School update. The Governance Board will be meeting next week. Leadership Teams have been working with the Grant Writer. Planning for the Washington DC trip continues, and the MVA Fun Run was a success with 48 participants in the 5K and 26 kids participating in the 1K.

Beth Seubert attended the CESA 09 Annual Meeting. Programs that are offered and participated in were shared, many of our staff are involved in these programs.

Board members will attend the WASB Fall Regional Meeting on October 13, 2021. Those interested should contact Mr. Parks for registration. The regular board meeting will be moved to October 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve Emily Altmann as 1.0FTE MAES/MVA Counselor and Juelette Higuera as 0.75FTE MAES/MVA Counselor. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to approve Christene Mergen and Blair Erdman as MAES teacher aides. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

The food service position was tabled due to lack of applicants.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Knoeck to approve Morgan Wirkus as JV2 Volleyball Coach. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Knoeck to approve parent transportation contracts. Yes- Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve Musical Volunteer Contracts as presented and the authority to add additional volunteers as needed. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to approve district participation in the Fall 2021 DPI administered High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey as in the past years. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Sternberg shared a request for the pep band to perform with the Edgar and Stratford bands at a Milwaukee Bucks game in Spring 2022. The board gave permission to move forward with the planning.

Mr. McCain reported the start of the school year went very well. The Data Retreat Day was a success with 91% of the staff attending, identifying needs to support students. Building

Leadership teams are also meeting. Students out on quarantine will either pick up school work to complete or will also have virtual/recordings be available depending on the student grade level. MVA students' work will be posted on Schoology, with live-streaming for core classes. Aftercare has 40-50 students enrolled daily.

Mr. Beranek thanked those who helped with the Freshman Jumpstart Day. The day was also featured in the Milwaukee Journal. Teacher Inservice Days and Data Day went very well. Homecoming activities and dance are being planned. The math teaching position has been filled. Picture retake day is scheduled for September 20th. Quarantined students in high school will find their schoolwork posted on Schoology as well as many of the teachers will be live-streaming. Teachers are also required to reach out to both students and parents regarding their schoolwork during absence due to quarantine.

Mr. Parks thanked all parents for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns. The board and administration will continue to monitor and update protocols that are best for our students. He also shared that two books were donated to the high school library featuring John and Carolyn Sonnentag. The Business Office is in the process of going paperless for most employee paperwork. Foundation Grant Applications are available. The building door alarms, part of the School Safety Grant, have been activated. The ESSER dollar amount is supposed to be available late September to early October.

Mr. Parks also informed the board that if they would like a survey to parents regarding COVID protocols, a special meeting will be needed to review.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Seubert to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.



Beth Seubert, Clerk