

A special joint meeting of the Marathon City School Board and the Village of Marathon City was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Jodi DeBroux. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, Klumpyan and DeBroux, and administrator Rick Parks, along with Village Board members.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

District Administrator, Rick Parks, led a presentation and discussion for the school district. He presented a packet to the Village Board that shared information regarding open enrollment students, staff requirements, aids received for open enrollment versus resident students, and capacity challenges to limiting open enrollment. District perspective concerns were shared regarding operation costs and staffing that is driving costs up. The District operates with 40-50% state aids. The District sets their open enrollment limits in January for the following year. Since the 2017-18 school year, the District began limiting open enrollment numbers. The district is nearly at capacity at this time. An additional concern shared pertained to the rate of new housing and the possibility of additional enrollment impact. The District has excellent academic results and offers a good educational foundation for students due to the lower class sizes of about 15 students in grades K-5th grade.

Village Administrator, Andy Kurtz, shared a powerpoint packet with the School Board discussing past Executive planning sessions, budget, housing status, challenges, and the impacts of economic development and growth as well as TID and TIF. The Village is 73.45% funded by property taxes and state aid. Levy limits are limited to net new construction. He shared the statewide averages for net new construction as compared to the Village. It was also mentioned that the shared revenues from the State of WI have declined since 2001 and the Village receives 50-70% less than neighboring communities. Challenges facing the village include funding projects for economic development through tax levy, general obligation debt and Tax Incremental Financing. He shared the status of the Village housing shortage. Mr. Kurtz also provided an overview of Tax Incremental Districts (TID) and Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) for the School Board.

It was decided administrators and presidents of each board will meet bi-annually to review topics and the possibility of future combined meetings.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.



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Beth Seubert, Clerk