A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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, Connor Ellenbecker, and Max Wienke. Seubert arrived at 5:34 pm.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, November 8, 2024.

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

Vesely read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Knoeck to deviate from the agenda. Motion carried.

High School Student Council Officers gave an update on past Homecoming and Halloween activities, and the upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting Peyton's Promise. Winter Carnival planning is underway.

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

October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Approval of bills

October receipts

Condition of the budget

Activity fund balances

MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights

Notice of the School Board Election

Approval of Tony Podjaski as 5th grade boys basketball coach

Approval of Hannah Baldeschwiler as 8th grade volunteer girls basketball coach

Approval of Jon Kleinschmidt as volunteer Wellness Center Coach

Resignation of Ryan Winkler as Head Football Coach

Resignation of Paul Tasch as MAES/MVA Custodian

Andy Krautkramer as Winter Site Supervisor

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

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Vesely to approve a McKinney-Vento Criteria Transportation Contract between districts. Yes – Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Miller gave a Fall Sports update.

Mr. Kroeplin and Mr. Beranek shared their visit to the Eleva-Strum Cardinal Manufacturing Program. Another visit is scheduled in February to help with continued planning for a future program in Marathon.

Mr. Wienke shared the MAES/MVA School Safety Drill recently held.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to approve a WPS change of easement for the Village of Marathon Walking Path project at MAES/MVA. Motion carried.

Mr. Wienke informed the board that the Governance Board is moving to monthly meetings. Recent Fieldwork experiences were shared and a parent meeting for the Washington DC trip was held. EL Contract was discussed. Currently the contract will not be renewed due to cost, but they will be looking into possibly hiring a consultant on an individual and daily basis.

Mr. Parks shared the referendum election results.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve the 2025-26 Academic & Career Planning Guide, including the requirement of Employability Skills/Career Readiness course. Motion carried.

Mr. Parks shared concerns regarding the crowdfunding fundraising process for student activities. Mr. Parks will contact other districts and NEOLA for suggestions to update our process and policies.

Mr. Knoeck left the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Board members should contact Mr. Parks by December regarding attendance at the State Convention for registration purposes.

The WASB and School Perceptions Board Development Tool was distributed. Board members and administration are asked to complete the survey in December.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the student transportation MOU with the School District of Athens. Yes – Klumpyan, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by Vesely to approve Zach Anderson as MAES/MVA custodian/cleaner. Yes – Klumpyan, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Seubert to approve hiring Emily Waldvogel for the payroll/HR position. Yes – Klumpyan, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve Curt Miller and Dana Kolbe as shared 7th grade boys basketball coaches. Yes – Klumpyan, Seubert, Vesely and DeBroux. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Wienke gave an update on the Outdoor Classroom benches and the recent Veteran's Day Program.

Mr. Beranek reported on the changes with Educator effectiveness, recent Veteran's Day Program, b.-s.u.r.e. progress, and a staff wellness update.

Mr. Parks reported American Education Week is November 18-22, with a staff meal on the 20th. The District's Social Media Report Card was reviewed, and he shared his upcoming days out of the district.

MVA students shared their Student Coffee Cart project with the board.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Vesely to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Beth Seubert, Clerk