

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Jodi DeBroux. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members DeBroux, Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert and Vesely, and administrative staff Rick Parks, David Beranek, Connor Ellenbecker, and Max Wienke.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Friday, September 6, 2024, with a revised agenda posted Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

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

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

Mr. Parks thanked Baeseman Farms for hosting the Beginning of Year Staff Picnic and donations from Menzner Lumber, Color Vision, and Harvest Your Zen.

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

- August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills
- August receipts
- Condition of the budget
- Activity fund balances
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights
- Elizabeth Stai as Spirit Squad Advisor
- Resignation of Sara Sulzer as teacher aide

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

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

Leo Narloch gave an update on his Eagle Scout project at the School Forest. All materials have been acquired and construction has begun this week on an area where students can hang backpacks.

Mr. Kroeplin and four Tech Ed students shared their Aldo Leopold bench proposal for the construction of new benches for the Outdoor Classroom.

Dr. Taryn Stittleburg, founder of Harvest Your Zen, shared the non-profit's mission and updated the board on past year benefits that were held, grants being written, and the donation of four air purifiers and filter packs for elementary classrooms.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumptyan to approve the District Property, General Liability, and Workers Compensation insurance renewals. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumptyan, 2nd by Seubert to post for a High School EL/Health Aide. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ellenbecker reported summer school attendance was high resulting in a 21 FTE count for the district.

Motion by Klumptyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve limited increased hours for custodial time as recommended. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Miller, Athletic Director, shared concerns regarding our Football/Track scoreboard issues and the estimated cost of the repairs. He is also looking into the cost of a new scoreboard.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Seubert to approve girls wrestling as a WIAA high school sport. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wienke explained how schedule changes have been made and the corresponding impact to bus shuttles for the MVA to better serve the students and staff schedules. Adjustments are also being worked on to refresh the expeditions.

Mr. Parks reported the Outdoor Classroom is near completion, with just a few items to finish.

WASB Regional will be held October 1, 2024, with all board members confirming their intent on attending. The WASB State Convention will be held January 22-24, 2025. Those attending will need to be registered in November.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Seubert to approve Pam Heen as MAES/MVA teacher aide. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Klumptyan, 2nd by Vesely to approve George Adams as MVA part-time math teacher. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vesely, 2nd by Seubert to approve Rick Johnson as a cross country coach. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vesely 2nd by Knoeck to hire Ashley Gertschen as JV3 volunteer volleyball coach. Yes – Klumptyan, Knoeck, Seubert, Vesely, and DeBroux. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks reported the number of credits and savings to families with NTC dual credit for 2023-24.

Mr. Beranek updated the board on inservice days and first days of school and a review of the MHS Wellness Plan.

Mr. Parks updated the board on the possible insurance claim for the MAES/MVA freezer malfunction, Wellness Center school year access hours and the sale of old equipment. Bus cameras have been received and installation is in progress. Referendum meeting dates were discussed.

Mr. Wienke reported on the start of the year at MAES/MVA and the preparations for Act 20.

Motion by Klumppan, 2nd by Vesely to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and (f). Any business conducted in closed session or subsequent open session shall conform with the stated agenda. Motion carried. The board went into closed session at 6:22 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth Seubert", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Beth Seubert, Clerk