

MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 9, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Alan Menigoz called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Menigoz, Jill Bramhill, Jeff Moore, Keith Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Taylor (arrived at 6:08pm)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Occasionally an item requiring attention will arrive in the office after the agenda is posted. Items may be added to the agenda with 2/3-majority approval of the board. Items to be added will be made available to the public at the meeting.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the agenda. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

4. WILDCAT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

No Wildcat Contributor Award this month, but Alan wanted to say thank you to the teachers and staff for doing everything they have been doing to keep the kids safe and at school. Their dedication is inspiring.

5. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel addressed the Board and shared that they will be closing enrollment for 20/21 this Friday. South Sutter is looking at a lottery for next year unless the funding model changes. The lottery would be based on students' zip codes. It is the first time in their 16 year history that they have needed to do this. The plan is to do a lottery in the spring, likely in April. South Sutter increased their enrollment by 20% since last February without a funding increase. Cynthia shared that all counties are currently open for in-person meetings with teachers and students. They have been having virtual clubs for students and parents. South Sutter will hold a Town Hall meeting later this month. The Learning Center will open to families next week and open for classes possibly in the spring.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Superintendent Update

Student Council Representative- Mattias Velasquez Mattias shared that Student council prepared dress up days for the students to participate in next week. He also shared that they are looking for ways to still do fun things but keep it safe at school.

Mr. Eggers- Mr. Eggers shared that we recently went from distance learning to in person learning and back to distance learning for a few days due to a water issue on campus. Our instructional staff handled the transitions very well. Today we had a teacher who was not feeling well enough to come in but was well enough to teach, so she taught virtually with support from an aide in the classroom. It was impressive.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Any item on the Consent Agenda may be considered separately at the request of a board member.

7.1 Approval of Minutes: October 12th, 2020

7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 2908, 2953, 2996, 3041

7.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

7.4 Enrollment Report:

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
8	20	20	22	21	21	15	17	17	21	182

**As of 9-8*

Preschool: 22 Total Students

8 Part Time

14 All Day

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda

Jeff Moore motioned to approve. Jennifer Taylor seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 District Reopening Update- All staff and students are back on campus as of 11/2. The kids are great, the staff is great. It's gone really well.

9.2 Strategic Plan Facilities- Mr. Eggers shared that he consulted with Mrs. Pearson and she suggested we look into replacing the areas that need attention in our water system by applying for a financial facilities hardship where the state could pay 60%-100% to replace it if we qualified. Mr. Eggers stated the water issue is fixed for the moment, but if we received this, it would pay for the repair we already did and any other necessary replacements. Mrs. Pearson also directed him to a grant that had up to \$150,000 for recycled materials for a track. Mr. Eggers wants the Board to review the Facilities section of the District Strategic Plan, to prioritize the district facility needs. He said they will spend the next 3 months updating the Facilities section of the plan.

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval/ ratification of employment agreement with Superintendent

Jennifer Taylor motioned to approve the Superintendent Employment Agreement. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda except the Members of the Board or the Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District Staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. As the Board discusses agenda items, audience participation is permitted. The president will recognize those members of the audience who wish to speak. If necessary, each person wishing to speak will be asked to identify himself prior to speaking. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The president shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. Generally, the president will ask board members for their remarks prior to recognizing requests to speak from the audience. At the president's discretion, agenda items may be considered in other than numerical order." Board Policy (Bylaws) 9323

Tami Ortega addressed the Board and acknowledged the hard work in which Jimmie and Maggie have put into bringing everyone back a creating a schedule that works so well keeping the cohorts separate. Kids are happy, but there were a few that wanted to stay...they know themselves and that they are easily distracted. Overall though the majority are happy to be back and interacting with other people, but they do dislike the masks.

Paula Villarreal thanked Tami for bringing Matt to the meeting. She feels it is important that they are here. She thinks the student body dropped the ball in the past and hopes that this participation continues. She also welcomed Josh Wanner to the meeting as a newly elected Board member.

Alan Menigoz welcomed Josh Wanner as well and noted that at the December meeting they would officially recognize him on the Board.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **December 14, 2020**

Open session adjourned 7:30pm

13. CLOSED SESSION

- *Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with labor negotiator
Name of negotiator: Alan Menigoz
Unrepresented employees: Superintendent*
- *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*

14. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- The Board unanimously approved the tentative agreement with Marcum-Illinois Teachers Association for a 3% off schedule bonus.
- The Board unanimously approved a 3% off schedule bonus for contracted classified staff.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.