

**MARCUM-ILLINOIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 13, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Called to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Moore, Jill Bramhill, Keith Turner, Josh Wanner BOARD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Menigoz

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.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the agenda as read. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel shared that South Sutter Charter School is beginning to plan for next year's lottery process to open enrollment earlier this spring. It will occur in mid-March instead of May. They have also discussed collecting paperwork from students on the waitlist in advance of their acceptance so that their starting the program is not unnecessarily delayed.

The charter school has added a federal programs page to their website, and they are currently working on the mid-year LCAP. The internal board also recently reviewed the first interim budget report.

Students are taking their mid-year iReady assessments. There are also clubs, a mental health webinar, and engagement opportunities both online and in person for the month of December.

South Sutter Charter recently hired a new parent support person and has teaching positions available as well.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Maggie Irby shared that we had two cases of Covid on campus last week, that were isolated instances. Those two cases had 9 close contacts, and all close contacts opted to be tested so that they could participate in modified quarantine. No positive cases resulted from the close contacts. This brings our total to 7 cases for this year, 4 student and 3 staff.

This year there will be no in-person winter program. A virtual winter program will be live streamed on Facebook on Wednesday 12/15 at 9am. Classes will perform one at a time in the gym. Parents have expressed that they miss the in-person experience, but are grateful we are doing something. Parents club will still be holding a virtual auction and will split the proceeds between all classes for their Shady Creek and 8th grade trip funds.

Parents Club is also planning a free, winter wonderland drive-through event for the community on Tuesday 12/21. There will be lights and treat stations. There will also be a separate fundraiser for the Younger family that is not associated with Parents Club.

Universal Transitional Kindergarten is coming. Entry requirements are changing, but our entry qualifications are already in line with the coming transition. The state is planning TK entry for all students who are age 5 by September 1st by the 2025-2026 school year. Each school year will be a gradual addition of months to move toward this new age-entry date. There will also be additional requirements such as classes capped at 24 students, 1:10 teacher ratio, and TK teachers will need to be certified with 24 Early Childhood Education units in addition to a valid California multiple subject credential. We are currently prepared to meet all of these requirements; the only concern is enrolling enough students to keep the program financially stable.

There is an ELOP funding initiative to financially support before/after school care programs. The state’s desire is for all schools to offer after school programs, but additional requirements come with the additional funding. Requirements include 9 hours of care offered daily for 180 school days and 30 intersession days, a 1:20 ratio, offered to all students but 50% of students receiving free and reduced lunch must attend. Currently, the additional funds offered do not make sense for us financially this year, but the funds can be rolled to next year and we can use the rest of this year to plan for meeting the additional requirements. Non-compliance with the initiative would be a potential audit finding.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.1 Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2021

6.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 5139, 5187, 5242, 5445, 5266, 5267, 5330

6.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

6.4 Enrollment Report:

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment**

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
6	18	19	21	22	21	24	19	16	18	184

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment**

Full Time 16

Part Time 7

**As of 12/9/21*

Josh Wanner motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

7. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. MIUSD Draft Calendar for 2022-2023

Maggie Irby presented a tentative calendar for the next school year. The calendar will be sent to staff for feedback and will be compared to the high school calendar and approved at a future date.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Project to Replace Classroom Carpets

The MIUSD had requested quotes to replace the carpet in classrooms noted on the FIT report as not in excellent condition. Three proposals have been collected for the Board to review. Proposals are from Home Depot, S & G Carpet, and Twin Cities Floor Covering.

The Board expressed preference for the quote from Twin Cities Carpet as a small, local business that was reasonably priced. There was concern for a potential price increase since the project will not be completed until this summer. Any change to the quoted amount will be brought to the Board as an informational item.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the proposal from Twin Cities Carpet. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

9.2 Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan

The Educator Efficiency Block Grant provides funding for county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools for professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals that work with pupils, and classified staff that interact with pupils. Funds are allocated based on FTE and recipients must prepare a plan for expending the funds between 2021-2022 and 2025-2026. Expenditures will be reported to CDE in 2026.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

9.3 Vaccine Mandate Resolution BR 2021-2022 4

Board Resolution calling for state officials to recommend and not require the Covid-19 Vaccine for Students and Staff.

Josh Wanner questions the inclusion of the last two paragraphs that discuss that Marcum will follow the law if it comes down to it. If it is only a statement, are there any legal ramifications to not including it? Maggie Irby explained that the current resolution

was legally reviewed and recommended for multiple area schools' use. The Board discussed that there is no way to confirm any potential legal ramifications without paying our own legal team to review the document with changes made. Jeff Moore wants the Board to consider whether it is worth the financial cost to have our lawyers look at changes to the document. He pointed out that ultimately the focus is on the Resolutions section at the end, as opposed to the Background section with the subsection being questioned.

Jill Bramhill expressed a desire to include specific data in the resolution to reflect the actual impact that a vaccine mandate would have on our school from parent survey results. Maggie shared that we will be surveying the community sometime in January or February, and that it was recommended for superintendents to submit a resolution, should their Board choose to do so, as soon as possible before statewide decision-making moves forward.

Jeff Moore expressed disappointment that are not members of the community present at the Board meeting to share their opinions to guide how the Board should vote on this resolution. He is frustrated that people will keep their kids out of school for a "walk-out" protest, losing that daily funding for our school, but are not present to voice their opinion on a resolution that is being sent directly to state lawmakers.

Jeff also shared some research he has done on vaccines: There are currently 10 mandatory vaccines in CA. He expressed his belief that some vaccines are extremely important because these vaccines work. He is personally in favor of this Board Resolution not because he is anti-vaccine, but because the mandate of the Covid-19 vaccination too fast, Covid-19 is not as severe in children, and it is not a workable mandate (Sacramento schools only had 20% compliance, and LA school districts faced similar challenges). There needs to be medical reason that people are trusting of before we can focus a mandate on children. Jeff shared multiple examples of the time between creation and mandate implementation of vaccines: Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccination was created in 1994 and not mandated until 2001, Hepatitis B Vaccination was created in 1981 and mandated in 1997. The timing of the Covid-19 mandate is completely inconsistent with what has been done for other mandated vaccinations. The resulting fiscal costs on districts to implement this mandate (considering the potential loss of students and staff members) is misguided in comparison to the health impacts.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the resolution as written. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

9.4 2020-2021 Audit

In accordance with Assembly Bill 3627, Chapter 1002, as it pertains to Education Code section 41020, the governing board must review and accept the prior year's Financial Report/Audit at a public meeting.

Maggie Irby shared that we had one audit finding. The finding involved the daily minutes requirement, which was changed for distance learning, however once we returned to in-person instruction our minimum days did not meet the changed requirement. We

exceeded the required minutes on all other days. We are able to appeal the resulting fee because we acted in good faith. Jeff Moore expressed his support of the appeal. Jill Bramhill requests an update in the superintendent report over the next few months to monitor progress of written appeal to be submitted.

Keith Turner motioned to approve. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

9.5 First Interim Report BR 2021-2022-5

The FEMAC state accounting system requires the Superintendent to advise the Board, the Public and other interested agencies of the district's financial condition at periodic intervals during the fiscal year. This report includes revisions to the original budget and shows a Positive Certification by the county.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the first interim report as presented. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

9.6 Annual MIUSD Board Reorganization

The Marcum-Illinois Board of Trustees will elect a President, Clerk, and set meeting dates and times for the 2022 year. Ed Code 35143 and Ed Code 35023

Jill Bramhill motioned to nominate Jeff Moore as Board president. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Jeff Moore accepts the nomination, having conversed with Alan Menigoz in advance, clarifying that he would not be seeking reelection this year.

Jeff Moore motioned to nominate Jill Bramhill as Board clerk. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Jeff Moore motioned to set meeting times for the second Monday of each month at 6pm. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Spring break will move the Board meeting to the 3rd Monday in April.

9.7 School Board Authorization

The Marcum-Illinois School Board of Trustees is asked to approve the authorization for Maggie Irby and Courtney Brazil to sign warrant orders, cash transfers, and payroll authorization.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve as reasonably needed for school operations. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

"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

Paula Villareal thanked the Board for the generous Christmas bonus. She congratulated the Board members on their new positions. She thanked Jeff for acknowledging his disappointment for parents and community members not attending the Board meetings. There are many issues that parents should come and have input on, and it is disappointing that there is not more presence.

Lori Brown also expressed gratitude for the bonus.

The Board congratulated the newly elected Board officials.

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **January 10, 2022**

12. CLOSED SESSION

- *Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with labor negotiator
Name of negotiator: Maggie Irby
Unrepresented employees: Certificated Employees/Classified Employees*
- *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*

13. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23

Adjourned at 8:23pm.