

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

Monday, March 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Called to order at 6:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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 written. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel shared that enrollment for the current school year closed in February. The lottery for next school year will be held this Friday. South Sutter Charter School is currently assessing the interest list to identify prospective students who live within the boundaries for Marcum and who have siblings already enrolled, as they would be given priority in the lottery. They are looking to accept a conservative number of lottery spots considering the challenging hiring climate.

Open staff positions will be posted this week and South Sutter is planning to host a virtual job fair this month and next to communicate what working for South Sutter would look like and to promote the flexibility it their positions can provide. A notable open position is the Executive Director of Academics.

This year's WASC accreditation, full cycle visit was completed two weeks ago. A notable remark from the visit was that South Sutter Charter is a "school of the future." This year's accreditation included all grade levels TK-12, not just high school. South Sutter Charter will be notified of the outcome in June.

South Sutter had begun CAASPP testing students. The test is being given remotely this year. About 20% of students have finished testing. Proctor teachers are still working to troubleshoot toggling the secure browser and zoom sessions.

Cynthia also provided details on updated programs, webinars, and student engagement opportunities.

The Student Cadet Core meets every Monday at the South Sutter Learning Center. They placed 3rd at a recent event. Cynthia would love to have them join an upcoming board meeting to share more.

South Sutter is continuing their exploration of safety features and protocols for the Learning Center. They have conducted the initial risk assessment with the Sutter County Sheriff. They are looking to install blinds along the back windows of the building and additional security cameras, as well as update first aid kits and safety training. Cynthia shared the recommendation for the Learning Center and Marcum to establish a formal process for communicating between the sites in the event of an active emergency or incident.

Jeff Moore inquired how many staff positions they are looking to fill next year. Cynthia shared that they are looking to hire 10 or more staff, but that the number needed could be greatly influenced by a potential vaccine mandate for teachers. Jill Bramhill asked about the size of teachers' caseloads. On average, one teacher serves around 25 students but can serve a maximum of 31 per current requirements.

5. STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mattias Vasquez shared that student council's Pi Day fundraiser made about \$450 in profit after spending around \$55 on supplies. They pre-sold single throws for \$1 and direct hits for \$5. Student council planned spring spirit day themes around community workers. There was around \$200 profit for valentine grams in February. The green screen that was purchased for use during morning announcements isn't working well so they are looking for alternative options and a more reliable app to use.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Maggie Irby shared a campus Covid update. Since August, there have been 38 positive cases on campus: 21 students, 17 staff. Only 2 more cases have occurred since the last board meeting. Today was the first day of masks being strongly recommended instead of required. We have a handful of students and staff members choosing to continue wearing their masks.

We received 41 responses to the LCAP survey for families and staff that closed last week. Results will be shared at next month's board meeting.

Marcum will have one open teaching position next year. Maggie will open the position on EdJoin soon.

We are continuing to work with the legislature with regard to the potential vaccine mandate. Maggie will be joining the CSBA panel and will meet with Senator Neilson and Assemblyman Gallagher to advocate for the concerns and desires of our school community alongside other area school districts.

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: February 14, 2022

7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 5726, 5759, 5810, 5873

7.3 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

7.4 Enrollment Report:

*Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment**

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
6	17	21	20	23	22	22	20	18	16	185

*Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment**

Full Time 16

Part Time 8

**As of 3/9/22*

Josh Wanner motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jill Bramhill seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Winter Consolidated Application

The Consolidated Application has been updated by the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools office on behalf of MIUSD.

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1. Audit Engagement Letter 21/22

The district is expected to review the letter from our Auditor, Michelle Hanson, and review and approve the services she will provide as she conducts the MIUSD Audit for 21/22.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the 21/22 audit engagement letter. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.2. Second Interim Report BR 2021-2022-8

Local educational agencies are required to file two reports during a fiscal year on the status of the LEA's financial health. The second interim report reflects any changes to projected yearly fiscal status since first interim. The second interim for MIUSD includes a positive certification.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the Second Interim Report. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

10.3 Updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (“Reopening Plan”)

The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan has been updated to reflect the changes from CDPH regarding masks and updated isolation recommendations.

Maggie Irby shared an update to the masking/isolation and quarantine requirements that generalizes following the guidance of the CDPH and Sutter County Public Health.

Maggie raised the question as to whether campus visitors should be required to test for outdoor campus events (ex. Pi Day today) or events after 6pm (end of school-supervised programs). The Board discussed that they are in support of this but would like Maggie to consult with teachers in regard to events after 6pm and return with any concern or feedback.

Alan Menigoz motioned to amend the Safe Return to In-Person to allow no Covid testing for outdoor events or events after 6pm. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 5-0.

11. 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

Student Dylan Davis asked if we could have a school dance or open up to spring sports. Alan Menigoz shared that while the Board cannot directly respond to questions during public comment, he encouraged Dylan to bring these questions to the superintendent-principal.

Alan Menigoz thanked Colby Borges for the warm welcome that was written on the white board in the library for the Board this evening.

Paula Villareal expressed concern as a staff member with parents not being tested for back-to-school night. She is concerned that it is not completely safe yet, and kids often are running in and out of multiple classrooms during this event. Paula also shared that in the last 3 weeks she has never seen happier children than in all her years. She stated that it is a pleasure to be out on the playground witnessing that.

Alan thanked Paula for her point of view and affirmed that it will be discussed and considered further.

Tami Ortega shared that she is comfortable, as a staff member, with parents not needing to be tested for events after 6pm and she is excited for in-person open house. She loves when siblings come to visit. Tami also shared that she is proud of how many middle school students made honor roll for trimester 2 and shared that they will be celebrated with a trip to Golfland in Roseville.

Jeff Moore commented that he supports and would like to inquire about resuming outdoor sports.

Keith Turner thanked Tami Ortega for all she has done, in advance of her move.

12. BOARD TRAINING

The Board was presented with and participated in training regarding governance including, but not limited to, Brown Act, Board Structure, and the Board's role.

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **April 18, 2022**

14. 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*

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No report.

16. ADJOURNMENT