

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

August 15, 2022 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Called to order at 6:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill Bramhill

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 addition of information item 8.2 Public Hearing regarding the Independent Study Program. Alan Menigoz seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Alan Menigoz motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 4-0.

4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Karen Amesse, the new Executive Director of Academics for South Sutter Charter School, provided an update in her place.

South Sutter Charter School hosted an all staff meeting today. It was a great opportunity for staff members to feel connected and inspired to start the school year. This year, the addition of "South Sutter Live" will be offered to all students. South Sutter Live was initially created as a legislative requirement but has now become a direct response to family feedback on the LCAP survey which indicated a desire for more live-access opportunities with teachers. They are also anticipating a mental health benefit as students are able to form a sense of community with the Live group they will be meeting with.

Karen shared that the entire waitlist has been processed and there is still room for more students to enroll, thanks to the additional teachers South Sutter was able to hire to meet the growing demand.

South Sutter Charter hosted their second curriculum conference that, this time, focused on history and science curriculums. The conference was a great forum for parents to communicate with one another online about various curricular options.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Maggie Irby shared that Marcum's summer staff have been very busy preparing for the new school year. They completed a large dry rot repair on the preschool building, repaired the 5th grade ramp, moved furniture in support of the new carpet installation, and prepared for the new HVAC install in preschool. After the new carpet was installed, the remainder of the floors were professionally cleaned. This cost less than in the past due to the elimination of the linoleum in classrooms with new carpet. The septic system was pumped, and a water pump was replaced after going out at the start of July. Additionally, all other regular summer upkeep was completed.

With the kitchen infrastructure funds, we bought two new freezers and one new milk cooler. These additions are great for supporting the increased number of students we are serving each day with free breakfast and lunch.

Marcum is fully staffed for the school year. We have a new 1st grade teacher, Olga Birko, and Mrs. Lucas (formerly Miss Emmitt) will be our 8th grade on the middle school team.

Several teachers participated in different workshops over the summer. K-8th teachers were trained in their newly adopted science curriculums.

Mrs. Brazil is working on some program changes. We have purchased an online intervention program to help address students' needs at an independent work level while small group needs are additionally addressed cross-grade span by the teachers. Teach time is also changing. The focus will shift to include reading, library trips, typing, and character education

Ms. Margarita will again be providing extra support for our English Language Learners and students on SSTs. These groups were very successful last year, and we have six students potentially eligible for reclassification as Fluent English Proficient.

Initial CAASPP data is looking okay. We are getting closer to pre-Covid achievement levels. Next month's Board meeting will include a presentation of results and comparative data with other local schools.

As of now there are no new Covid mandates. CDPH is recommending that we move away from testing all close contacts because positives cases aren't being identified by rapid tests until later in the illness. Current strands are seeming to be less contagious and severe. We will remind parents to let us know if student tests positive for Covid, but there is no longer a requirement to quarantine those who were exposed. This shift in the guidelines should help reduce the amount of independent study contracts teachers must prepare.

Back to School Night will take place tomorrow night. There will be three sessions to accommodate families with multiple students. Pizza will be served starting at 5:30.

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: June 13, 2022

6.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 6486, 6553, 6610, 6675, 6699, 6781, 6822, 6888, 6940, 6946

6.3 Approval of New Hires:
1st Grade Olga Birko

6.4 Williams Act: 0 Complaints

6.5 Enrollment Report:

2022-2023 Prospective Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment

TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
10	20	17	18	21	20	23	23	20	22	194

2022-2023 Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment

Full Time 16

Part Time 7

**As of 8-10-22*

Keith Turner motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent - Alan Menigoz

7. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 45 Day Budget Revision

Education Code 42127(h) requires a public review of budget revisions within 45 days of an enacted state budget.

Maggie Irby shared that the budget revisions include an increase in funds from the state for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program(ELOP) Marcum has joined a consortium of other schools to best meet the requirements of ELOP and needs of our families.

She also shared about a discretionary block grant named for arts and music materials, but the flexibility in where the funds may be directed allows the funds to be used to offset increasing retirement funds.

Although these added funds show an increase in capital for the district, the expenditures that will come with them are not yet reflected in the budget.

8.2 Public Hearing Regarding Independent Study Proposed Board Policy Update

Public hearing was opened at 6:26pm. No comments were received from the public.
Public hearing closed at 6:27pm.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approval of Board Policy 6158.2 Independent Study

The Board is asked to approve the update of Board Policy 6158 Independent Study to reflect the requirements and Independent Study updates for the upcoming school year

and the foreseeable future. It is recommended that the Board waive the typical Board Policy approval process of two reads to adhere to recommended timelines for this Board Policy update.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve waiving the typical two-read board approval process. Keith Turner seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz.

Josh Wanner motioned to approve Board Policy 6158.2. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz

9.2 Approval of updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The Board is asked to approve the update of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. The CSSP needs to be approved by March of each school year. It is recommended that we change the cycle so that the plan is updated, reviewed, and approved prior to the school year starting each year.

During the review, the need to update the phone list with new staff members was pointed out.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the CSSP with corrected phone list. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz.

9.3 Approval of updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/ "Reopening Plan"

The Board is asked to approve the updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/ "Reopening Plan". The district is required to update this plan at least every 6 months to address any changes.

Maggie Irby shared that the only major change to the reopening plan would be to remove the testing requirement for campus volunteers/visitors, as delayed positive test results have caused recommendations in these situations to shift.

Keith Turner motioned to approve the updated Reopening Plan. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz.

9.4 Approval of updated Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

The Board is asked to approve the updated Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP). The district is required to regularly update this plan to address any changes.

Jeff Moore motioned to approve the updated Covid-19 Prevention Program. Josh Wanner seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz.

9.5 Approval of Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan

The Board is asked to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan. This is a plan for the state funded program for after school days and intersession days to provide students with expanded learning opportunities. This plan will be reevaluated and updated at least every three years.

Maggie Irby reminded the Board that this program requires student care for 30 days in addition to after-school care provided during the 180-day school year. Our current ASES program will run seamlessly with these requirements, and we will only need to create a plan to provide the additional 30, nine-hour days. Opportunities like Saturday School, winter/spring/summer break care will be considered. Summer school is not a large need within our community, so we will be looking into more enrichment-based opportunities. The ELOP consortium we joined has hired a coordinator for the program, who is already doing well. The consortium acquired an additional \$300,000 in funds and are planning for assemblies and projects specifically for our after-school programs. The consortium will also help with coordinating staffing. Our staff will have the option to support these extra 30-day programs for additional pay.

Keith Turner motioned to approve the Extended Learning Opportunities Plan. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0. Absent – Alan Menigoz

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 commended the summer staff for the incredible amount of work that was accomplished this summer. She was grateful to Maggie for allowing the necessary tools to be purchased so that tasks could get done right. It was lots of work completely emptying all classrooms for the carpet installation.

Paula also expressed concern with the additional 30 days required in for ELOP. She shared that it is extremely hard to have students on campus during summers and breaks because there are lots of maintenance tasks that can only happen when students are off campus. She asked the Board to please consider the impact having students on campus may have on maintenance jobs over breaks.

Jeff Moore shared, as a parent, that he is very excited to Have Mrs. Lucas on the middle school team this year.

Maggie Irby shared that she and Mrs. Brazil attended a law enforcement collaboration meeting hosted at the county. She was glad that law enforcement initiated this collaboration with schools. Law enforcement has requested information from each school district to aid in an emergency, and Marcum has already returned the requested

information. She is happy they are being proactive, and it put her mind at ease as a parent that the officers would get here as soon as possible and were ready, willing, and confident in their procedures to enter any emergency without hesitation.

Paula Villareal also shared that Integrated Fire Systems did a complete campus inspection and we passed. They updated various batteries in system throughout the system as well.

Emily Campouris shared that Labor Day Parade efforts are in full force. She asked that people please share the Labor Day Parade Committee's social media posts promoting the sponsorships they have received for the parade. She provided an overview of all the things offered at the event, such as vendors, food booths, kids play area, the parade, and more.

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **September 12, 2022**

12. CLOSED SESSION

- *Government Code 54957* – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

13. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.