

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

**MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Moore, Keith Turner, Emily Daddow

Absent: Jill Bramhill, Josh Wanner

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 moved to approve the agenda. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

4. SOUTH SUTTER CHARTER SCHOOL

Cynthia Rachel presented the monthly report for South Sutter Charter School. Included in the Board Packet was also an updated financial report provided by Patrick Ratcliff.

Cynthia shared that there are only 28 students from open enrollment that still need to be assigned for next school year. Everyone else has been enrolled and placed. There are currently 359 prospective students on the waitlist. South Sutter Charter is planning to hire throughout summer and enroll as many of the students on the waitlist as they can by the middle of fall semester.

There are 2,277 active students right now, and there will be just over 100 graduates participating in the graduation ceremony (excludes fall graduates).

South Sutter tragically lost a student to a car accident over the weekend. Staff had worked with this 18-year-old student and her family for many years. A Go Fund Me has been set up in support of her surviving 1 year old child.

South Sutter is hiring a Reading Specialist position to support the proposed goal of 100% literacy by 3rd grade. This will create the opportunity for students to enroll in a literacy lab, where the focus will be on researching the best ways to teach students how to read within the charter school's unique environment during their earliest years in school. Cynthia shared about a related podcast (Sold a Story) and how present research shows that the science of reading and direct phonics instruction is essential to literacy development. The hope is to expand this program in future years using TOSAs to teach literacy labs.

Additionally, South Sutter has various other positions open in special education, a 504 coordinator, etc.

South Sutter Charter is up for SB747 funding renewal. They go before the state board of education next month. As a non-classroom-based school, they must prove they need more than 70% funding to operate. South Sutter has always received 100% funding in the past. Their review case went first to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools then to the state board. The state board will review the case, and there is a chance of only receiving 85% funding over the next 2 years, which would require a utilization of budget reserves, but they are hopeful to receive the ongoing authorization for full funding.

5. STUDENT LEADERS' REPORT

Katie Benson, Student Council President, shared about the pudding cups that were created and served before spring break, the softball season snack bar, and plans for the final dance of the year. There will be one more student council meeting.

Jeff Moore asked for more details regarding the best tasting pudding cups and details for the upcoming dance.

Michelle Richardson, from Yearbook Club, thanked the Board for the purchase of the new camera. The purchase greatly enhanced the club's ability to create the 32-page yearbook for this year. The camera will allow the yearbook program to grow in coming years.

Jeff Moore asked about other needs for the club going forward and challenges from this year. Michelle said additional instruction/software training would be helpful. She shared that ordered yearbooks will go out the last week of school. There were 10 people on the yearbook committee, and this was the first year it was student-led. Michelle also shared the greatest challenge was getting members to focus and listen.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Maggie Irby expressed appreciation for the student leaders, who covered some of her updates in their report. Marcum is looking forward to the upcoming dance. 6th-8th graders from Marcum, Pleasant Grove, and Browns are invited.

This is our final week of state testing. 5th and 8th grade began their science assessment today, and they are the only remaining grade levels with make ups as well. Mrs. Brazil selected delicious breakfast and snacks to fuel the testing classes throughout the week. Classes also created themed door decorations to get excited to "Rock the CAASPP". Results typically come much faster with the online test – we will likely have them before the end of the school year.

The Panorama SEL survey opened this week. Students in 3rd-8th grade will take individual surveys, whereas TK-2nd grade students receive teacher ratings. The same survey was given in the fall, and we have additional baseline data from prior administrations. The data is used in support of the Cal HOPE grant.

District Writing Assessments are starting next week. This will be the 3rd round of the year. MAP testing will take place on the last full week of school.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week started today. The Parents' Club has selected a Disney theme and provided a Lady and the Tramp spaghetti lunch for today, and they have lots more planned for the rest of the week.

The 4th-8th track meet at Browns is coming up – Ms. Lori is currently coordinating qualifiers and event assignments.

The Labor Day Parade t-shirt design contest was won by one of our students, Ella Rolland, out of over 70 entries.

The recently installed intercom system is working well on the output end but is still picking up frequencies on the receiving of return voices. The bells are working great. There will be a coming change order to acquire additional materials to eliminate the additional frequency sounds on the return calls.

Many field trips are happening before the end of the school year, as well as game day – TK-4th grade students will put aside house colors to participate and cheer on red, white, and blue teams.

On May 25th we will have Open House from 6pm-7pm. All classrooms will be open for families to see things students have been working on. The 6th-8th grade science fair will be in the cafeteria. Pizza will be served, and the 5th grade class will be selling desserts to support next year's trip to Shady Creek.

May 30th will be pool day, which is split into 2 shifts. TK and K do water day on campus. We have moved the school BBQ and snow cone treats to happen during pool day as well at Schwall Park.

Preschool graduation will be on May 31st in the gym. All preschoolers will be graduating, even those graduating to a second year of preschool.

8th grade graduation will take place in the gym on June 1st. The 8th grade class has begun preparing their speeches and slide shows.

The make-up softball tournament will take place on May 16th. The original tournament date was postponed due to muddy fields. It will be a Round Robin tournament. Marcum has created an X team to play as well.

For the first time in history, the CDE is asking LEAs to report service minutes for IEPs. Preliminary data is being collected this year. Marcum's SPED team is already on top of gathering this information for submission.

Maggie shared that she has been speaking with South Sutter Charter School about a partnership to provide a track for the field. This could be a useful way to use one-time funds. We are looking for something basic and safe, not anything extravagant. Parents Club has partially paused their work on the track, knowing that these conversations with the charter school are taking place. This partnership was originally a verbal agreement

that paired the track with the development of the Learning Center but was left out of the written contract.

We are working on enrolling Camp Marcum students. There are 25 students signed up so far, so there is no need to overly recruit. It will be better to have lower numbers for the first year and have it be successful and able to grow in the future.

Marcum is still working on our SEL grant from CalHOPE. We are using funds to purchase Choose Love materials, wellness walk signs (which can be used by choice or also as a behavior reset), and other materials that will benefit our SEL program next year. Jeff Moore asked about who spearheaded the grant, and Maggie shared that the county chose us.

Emily Daddow asked about Edmentum, and whether our end of year testing would sync with the program. Maggie confirmed that it would.

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: April 17, 2023

7.2 Approval of Monthly Warrants: 8614, 8704, 8753, 8756

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
10	19	16	20	19	18	23	23	20	19	189

Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment

Full Time 18

Part Time 5

Projected Enrollment 2023/2024

Marcum-Illinois Elementary School Enrollment

	TK	K	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Total
	9	20	19	16	20	19	19	23	23	20	188
<i>Waitlist</i>		6	1	4	1	4	7	5	3	3	34

Marcum-Illinois Preschool Enrollment

Full Time 14

Part Time 6

Waitlist 6

**As of 5/1/23*

Keith Turner moved to approve the consent agenda with the corrected third and sixth grade enrollment numbers. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

8. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

None.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Update to ESSER III Plan

MIUSD has updated the ESSER III Plan to reflect the current needs of the school district and use of these one-time funds.

The plan presented in November 2021 directed the funds to be used for certificated staff providing after school tutoring. This purpose has not reached utilization of all those funds. This update to the plan still covers the tutoring that was provided by certificated staff members but now also includes directing the remainder of the funds to cover certificated salaries for intervention and assessment support, which also meets the needs identified in the survey. This update will open some general funds to use for other purposes. No vote is required because the plan modification is still supported by the original surveyed needs.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.1 MIUSD and MITA Collective Bargaining Agreement Amendment & Public Disclosure

Public Hearing regarding the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Public Disclosure related to the proposed agreement Amendment for 2023-2024.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:50pm

Public Comments: None. Board members asked clarifying questions and assured that the district is still in the black with this change to the salary schedule.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:53pm

10.2 Classified Salary Schedule Update Public Disclosure

Public Hearing regarding the District's update to the Classified Salary Schedule for 2023-2024 and the Public Disclosure related to the Salary Schedule Update.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:54pm

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:55pm

10.3 Assistant Principal/Director of Student Services Salary Schedule Update Public Disclosure

Public Hearing regarding the District's update to the Assistant Principal/Director of Student Services Salary Schedule for 2023-2024 and the Public Disclosure related to the Salary Schedule Update.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:56pm

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:56pm

10.4 Instructional Materials Adoption Public Hearing

Choose Love for Schools™ is a Character Social Emotional Development (CSED) program for Pre-K through 12th grades, designed to teach students, educators, and staff how to

choose love in any circumstance thereby creating a safer, more connected school culture. Public Hearing prior to adoption of instructional materials.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:57pm

Public Comments: Maggie Irby shared that the materials have been available for review since April, and there will be ongoing access for any desired reviewing.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:58pm

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Instructional Materials Adoption- Choose Love

Choose Love for Schools™ is a Character Social Emotional Development (CSED) program for Pre-K through 12th grades, designed to teach students, educators, and staff how to choose love in any circumstance thereby creating a safer, more connected school culture.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the adoption of Choose Love instructional materials. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

11.2 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has been updated after collecting input from educational partners. This Strategic Plan will serve as the guide for the district for the next 5 years. The Strategic Plan was brought to the Governing Board for a first read in April and is recommended for Approval.

Keith moved to approve the Strategic Plan. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

11.3 Intra-Budget Transfer Resolution 2022-2023-12

Resolution allowing the SCSOS to make budget transfers at the close of the year as are necessary to complete the payment obligations for the district for the 22/23 school year.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the Intra-Budget Transfer Resolution 2022-2023-12. Emily Daddow seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

11.4 CSPP Authorized Signers for 2023-2024 Board Resolution 2022-2023-13

This resolution is adopted in order to certify the approval of the Governing Board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Education for the purpose of providing childcare and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, including the Continuing Funding Application and all related contract documents.

Jeff Moore moved to approve the CSPP Authorized Signers for 2023-2024 Board Resolution 2022-2023-13. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

11.5 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

The District is required to annually update the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) on the need of anticipated General Education Limited Assignment Permits.

Emily moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Jeff Moore seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

11.6 Approval of Attachment A-3 to Tentative Agreement MITA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Attachment A-3 to the MITA Collective Bargaining Agreement is presented for formal approval after public disclosure.

Jeff moved to approve Attachment A-3 to Tentative Agreement MITA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Keith Turner seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

12. 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

Sarah Lego extended gratitude to the Board and Marcum’s admin for giving her a chance 5 years ago and being willing to hire her as a new teacher with a Georgia credential. Leaving Marcum is the hardest part of her moving, and she appreciates the support over the last year with the process of adopting her daughter. She feels she is leaving with a wealth of knowledge and gained experience.

Jeff Moore expressed his sadness as a parent who has a student entering 7th grade, who was looking forward to having Miss Lego as a homeroom teacher. He is confident in administration to find someone who will be a good replacement.

Paula Villareal reminded Jeff Moore that the dance needs chaperones on Friday night.

Tiffany DeAlba shared that she, Shasta, and Carol went to the Extended Learning Opportunities Program conference in Palm Springs. They learned about new activities and opportunities such as micro-bit programming (which we already had materials for from the county), drone training (with more training coming), and Z tag game which has SEL components to make certain students the doctor or healer. They also learned about light up name tags, science with trash, Legos for SEL, and attended leadership breakouts for skills-building. The keynote speaker was great. He shared a baseball analogy about dealing with curveballs and still hitting a home run. She felt it was a valuable experience and is hopeful to be able to attend again next year and bring new staff.

Tiffany DeAlba and Christina McIntosh, our preschool teachers, discussed the preschool playground needs. A new playground structure has been their biggest want for the program for quite a while. It has been written in their preschool reports as a need for change. Their primary concern is safety in servicing younger students, as students try to climb out of the large rectangular holes. Because of the lack of interest and engagement, students have been finding other, less ideal ways to entertain themselves. They have worked to add alternative options to the playground, including the grant they wrote for the sandbox and planter areas, as well as adding bikes and scooters. Another concern is the lack of shade. Student feedback includes burning their legs and butts on the slide, that it is boring with only one slide, and that they would like swings. Families often access the playground when picking their students up, which is a great engagement, but parents may not be aware of the risks – which would be eliminated with a new structure.

Christina McIntosh expressed gratitude for the support throughout her maternity leave. Keith Turner shared that he was happy to see baby Cade out and about.

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **June 5, 2023**
- **June 12, 2023**

Josh Wanner arrived at 7:35 and participated in Closed Session.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- Superintendent's Evaluation-Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Designated Representative – Board President
Unrepresented Employee – Superintendent
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

15. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board has determined that the Superintendent's evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year is satisfactory and the Board intends to extend the Superintendent's Employment Agreement with the District.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:02pm.