

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON IN THE MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

PRESENT: LINDSEY, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, DAVIS, GAMBLE

ABSENT: LANKERD

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lindsey. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Davis, supported by Gamble, that the agenda be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Isaac - Her kids have gone to both Albion and Marshall communities. There are a group of students that are not represented well in the District - special needs kids. Wanted to thank her grandsons teachers. It takes a special kind of person to work with special needs students. Appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Diaz and Mrs Booth last year during the virtual learning last year.

Shannon Robinson - Wanted to share some good news with the Board. Because the District allowed for masking, she is able to read stories together as a class within 3 feet of each other. Masking has helped make the environment feel more “normal”.

Joanna Johnson - Continues to advocate for choice when it comes to masking. Hard for teachers to identify students in their classroom.

Heather Chichester - Has a Kindergartener and Senior at MPS - thanks the Board for what they do. First priority is to get through the pandemic safely. As parents there is a lot to navigate through right now. Feels like we should delay the vote for

the bond. Wants to know if sinking funds or operating funds can be used for the bond. Can the Federal COVID emergency fund be utilized for HVAC systems for the District. Wants to be her kids classroom to volunteer

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUTES, AND PERSONNEL

Items included on the consent agenda were minutes of the August 23, 2021 Business Session and September 13, 2021 Work Session; approve July 2021 disbursements in the amount of \$3,483,543.56; employments of Jaylin Alexander, Kristine Dack, Christopher Dennis, Jennifer Dryer, Madison Gilbertson, Lei-Ann Her, Brianna Hollister, Angela Kelly, Brock Reynolds, Mikayla Treece, Kelli Williamson..

Moved by Davis, supported by Gamble, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda - Minutes, and Personnel as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Interim Superintendent Jones recognized the hiring of the District new hires - Jaylin Alexander, Kristine Dack, Christopher Dennis, Jennifer Dryer, Madison Gilbertson, Lei-Ann Herr, Brianna Hollister, Angela Kelly, Brock Reynolds, Mikayla Treece and Kelli Williamson

REDHAWK PRIDE: Interim Superintendent recognized some good things happening at Marshall Public Schools. Marshall Middle School is starting a Student Advisory Council, to help give students a voice in decisions that impact them. The Council will be composed of representatives from every grade level. As issues arise, Marshall Middle School will bring this group together to discuss the issue and come up with an appropriate solution. For example, these students will work on issues such as lockers and hallway behavior.

- Coaches and spectators sprung into action and helped save a volleyball official who suffered a cardiac event and a fall at a MMS volleyball tournament. The official is in stable condition at Bronson Hospital.
- We are almost finished with our Fall benchmarking. This helps teacher understand where students are in Reading and Math.
- MHS Volleyball-Currently leading I8 Conference.
- MHS Girls XC- Took first place in following: St. John's Invite., Laingsburg Invite., Barney Roy Invite. Springport Invite, Three Rivers Big Hill Invite.
- MHS boys Soccer-Currently tied for first place in I8 Conference, First place at Mason Invitational

- Our brand new Lego Robotics team is off to a great start. We have a team that meets in the City of Albion and one in the City of Marshall. Teams are led by Teachers that serve as their team coach.

DISCUSSION

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: Announced the resignation of Trustee Lisa Middleton.

ALBION BIG READ: Albion Big Read participants were unable to attend due to a conflict. Interim Superintendent Jones read future dates of Big Read events.

MPS COMMUNICATION PLAN: The MPS District communication plan was presented by Kelly Fitzpatrick and Ian Gilyard-Schnaitman.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Trustee Davis, supported by Trustee Gamble, that the Board goes into Executive Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (b) for the purpose of student discipline at 8:35pm. Motion passes unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 8:43pm. Motion made by Gamble: Student 2021-1 not to be expelled from Marshall Public Schools - supported by Vice President Nicholson. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

IAN GILYARD-SCHNAITMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY