

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON IN THE MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

PRESENT: NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, M. DAVIS, GAMBLE, LANKERD, R. DAVIS

ABSENT: LINDESY

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Gamble.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT – FFA CHAMPIONS**

Educator and FFA Advisor Lora Finch was accompanied by FFA student members to present the district highlight. They presented a PowerPoint about FFA in middle and high school what it looks like, activities, 2020-2021 accomplishments and its growth. The presentation highlighted Marshall High Schools FFA Demonstration Team's accomplishment of being named FFA Grand Champions in the State, as well as, Marshall Middle School's Quiz Boal Team's being named FFA State Champions as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice President Nicholson called for any members in the audience to address the Board.

Alden Hartung, MMS student, shared his concern for the lack of sexual orientation being addressed in board policies. He indicated he could only find it once in one policy and asked the board to address this so that no students slip through the cracks.

Jess Roberts, a resident of Albion, and parent of a soon to be graduate of MHS, spoke in support of the proposed English 12 Diversity Through Literature course. She is happy to see that the literature will provide all students an opportunity to read books with characters that look like themselves and others.

Nels Christensen, a resident of Albion, and parent of soon to be graduate of MHS, shared that he has always enjoyed reading, that it got him through school and provided him the direction of his future as a teacher. He echoed Ms. Roberts comments in that he is excited to see books with diverse characters that look like all different students.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA  
MINUTES, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL AND OTHER**

Items included on the consent agenda were minutes of the April 26, 2021 combined work/business session, May 5, 2021 special session and closed/executive session, and May 10, 2021 work session; April disbursements in the amount of \$6,237,674.98; the employment of Joshua Adams as MYCA Education Program Coordinator; MHSAA Membership Resolution for August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022; and contract amendment for Interim Superintendent Becky Jones.

Moved by M. Davis, supported by Williams, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda – Minutes, Expenditures, Personnel and Other with a modification to consent agenda item 5 – E specifically that paragraph 4.(A) shall end with the words “per month”. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION:* Superintendent Davis presented background information about the new hire included in the consent agenda.

Superintendent Davis recognized the upcoming retirement of Enizes Wiggins a lead teacher at the Shamrock Center.

Director of Business Operations Becky Jones recognized the upcoming retirement of Superintendent Davis.

Superintendent Davis congratulated Marshall High School’s Top 10 Seniors and Departmental Award Recipients as follows:

*Top 10 Seniors*

Eliana Dubois  
James Gilbertson  
Jaylin Jones  
Larin Long  
Delfina McDonald  
Liberty Powers  
Evan Robyns  
Abbie Schoepke  
Grace Townsend  
Reagan Winnie

*Departmental Award Recipients*

Cooper Middleton – Applied/Fine Arts  
Anthony Dent – English  
Abbie Schoepke – Mathematics  
Mary Kurtz – Music  
Liberty Powers – Science  
Jack MacQuaig – Social Studies  
Brenna Maly – World Language

*MHS COMMENCEMENT – SUNDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>:* Superintendent Davis shared the following about Marshall High School’s Class of 2021 Graduation:

- Senior Parade starts at 1:45 p.m. and ends at approximately 2:15 p.m.
- Commencement location is the MHS Athletic Field (inclement weather – the ceremony will be held in the high school auditorium).
- Commencement Prep Time – Board members should be at the high school administration offices at 2:45 p.m. to receive instructions.

- Attire – Graduation gowns, stoles, cords...
- Ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m.

*RECONFIRMATION OF COVID-19 EXTENDED LEARNING PLAN:* Superintendent Davis indicated there have been no changes to the current COVID-19 Extended Preparedness and Response Plan for Learning. This information will be reported to the state as required.

*LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS:* Superintendent Davis indicated that Leadership Team Reports were included in the board's packet.

### **DISCUSSION**

*RECENT COVID IMPACT ON SCHOOLS:* Superintendent Davis reported there has been a steady decline in new COVID cases across the county; and that while MPS has seen a decline it has not been at the same pace as the county. The health department will continue to provide guidance.

Vice President Nicholson asked for a compilation of the effects COVID has had on the district for the past school year as it may be help drive decisions about the new school year.

*PROPOSED HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR 2021-22:* Superintendent Davis presented proposed handbook changes for 2021-22. He indicated there were minimal changes. The proposed changes will be available for 30 days in the superintendent's office for the public to review should they wish to do so.

Trustee Gamble asked if equity and inclusion were addressed in handbooks to which Superintendent Davis replied they should be addressed in policy not in handbooks.

Trustee Lankerd appreciated the proposed changes in dress code that align MMS with MHS.

*ENGLISH 12 DIVERSITY THROUGH LITERATURE COURSE PROPOSAL:* MHS English Educators Julie Smith and Antonio Barroso presented the English 12 Diversity Through Literature Course Proposal. They explained what grade 12 student English options look like; and what will be included in the proposed course should it be approved. They indicated the course would provide mirrors and windows for students to see themselves and to see others through literature.

A few board members commented indicating their support and enthusiasm for the proposed course.

*TEXTBOOK PROPOSALS HIGH SCHOOL – ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY AND PHYSICS:* Superintendent Davis presented textbook proposals for the high school that included textbooks for the following courses: Anatomy & Physiology and Physics. The Board will consider approving the proposed textbooks once they have been made available for the public to review.

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS –  
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - TRIPS**

*OVERNIGHT AND/OR OUT-OF STATE FIELD TRIPS:* Approve customary school-sponsored overnight or out-of state field trips for the 2021-22 school year. Trips included: Mackinac Island trip for fourth graders, Sherman Lake YMCA & Outdoor Center for sixth graders, National FFA Convention for FFA members (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades), State FFA Convention for FFA members (9-12 grades), Fall FFA Leadership Conference for FFA members (8-12<sup>th</sup> grades), FFA Washington Leadership Conference for three FFA students (11-12<sup>th</sup> grades), and Regional FFA Leadership Camp for FFA Officers (9-11<sup>th</sup> grade).

*OVERNIGHT AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE TRIPS:* Approve customary overnight or out-of-state trips conducted primarily on non-school days. All trips are optional and included: grade five trip to Chicago, grade eight trip to Northern Michigan (Yooper Wilderness Adventure); grade eight music student trip to Cedar Point; trip to the East Coast for middle school students, Marshall-Koka Sister-City Exchange for four middle school students to travel to Koka City in Japan, junior and senior Spanish student trip to Chicago, IL; Michigan Youth in Government Conference for high school students; and Marshall High School Band to trip to New York City the spring of 2022 (this trip is not conducted annually).

Moved by Gamble, supported by Middleton, that the Board of Education approve Action Items – Curriculum and Instruction - Trips as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – FINANCIAL**

*2021-22 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES:* Approve setting the 2021-22 school lunch prices; student breakfast and milk prices will remain unchanged as follows:

	<u>2021-22</u>
Breakfast K-12	\$1.60
Milk	\$0.50
Lunch Grades K-5	\$2.90
Lunch Grades 6-8	\$2.95
Lunch Grades 9-12	\$3.05
Adult Lunches	\$3.90

Moved by M. Davis, supported by Williams, that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Financial as recommended. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM– OTHER**

*CISD BIENNIAL MEETING ELECTION PROCEDURES:* Adopt a resolution designating President Richard Lindsey Jr., as its representative, and Trustee Lankerd as its alternate representative to represent the district at the upcoming CISD election and approve the Board’s candidate choice of Richard Lindsey Jr., for the CISD’s open seat on its board.

Moved M. Davis, supported Gamble, that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Other as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH  
NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

Vice President Nicholson invited Board members to comment.

Secretary Middleton congratulated Josh Adams on his new appointment as MYCA Education Program Coordinator.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by M. Davis, supported by Middleton, that the Board move into executive session under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student at 8:29 p.m. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

A short break was taken. The Board entered into the closed session at 8:35 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

**DISCIPLINE OF STUDENT 15**

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board's deliberations and read aloud a proposed resolution for the Board's consideration related to the discipline of Student 15.

Moved by M. Davis, supported by Williams, that the Board adopt the proposed resolution as read. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Middleton, supported by Gamble, that the Board move into executive session under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student at 8:48 p.m. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

**DISCIPLINE OF STUDENT 16**

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board's deliberations and read aloud a proposed resolution for the Board's consideration related to the discipline of Student 16.

Moved by Middleton, supported by Williams, that the Board adopt the proposed resolution as read. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

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KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY