

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, September 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., MJHS Library

The Board of Education met in regular session on **THURSDAY, September 14, 2023**, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mr. Gard, Mr. Lyan, Mr. Macke, Mr. Maurer, and Mrs. Rayhel were present. Superintendent Ross and administrators Ritchey, Keown, Maxwell, Lake, Sisson, and Bridgewater were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Mrs. Rayhel.

During the public comment, Josh Beeman, of the Nazarene Church, offered a prayer.

Mr. Lyan offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills from the month of August. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lyan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mrs. Hendrix arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Administrators shared their board reports. Mr. Ritchey noted that RJ Mattas has received National Rural School Award from the College Board for his outstanding SAT Score and GPA; and that Abbie Sweet and Mrs. Crouch will be going to Germany through St. Mary of the Woods College for an Equestrian Learning event. Mrs. Lake thanked Mr. Ross for the annual Back to School Cookout; thanked Laretta Morris for providing professional development on resources available to North and South Teachers in the Math and Reading series; and noted that attendance has improved dramatically. Mr. Maxwell shared that JH attendance has improved with 95% attendance in 8th grade and 93% in 7th. Mr. Keown noted that HS Unexcused absences are down; and shared that the CIC Conference had invited Casey-Westfield and Marshall to an informational meeting to explore possibilities of joining that conference. Mr. Keown did say that the sizes and make-up of school makes sense, but the travel distances do not. Mrs. Sisson thanked the Marshall Police Department for their presence in our schools.

Mr. Ross introduced David Xanders as the new Maintenance Director. Mr. Xanders thanked the board for the opportunity.

Mr. Ross shared that JH lunch adjustments were a work in progress and also shared that the Honeywell Project is close to complete following the September 5 walkthrough.

Mr. Macke opened the FY 2024 Budget Hearing. Mr. Ross reviewed the details of the budget projecting positive balances of \$591,099 in the Ed Fund, \$64,456 in the Operation & Maintenance Fund, and \$47,354 in the Transportation Fund. He also highlighted that final payments on the Honeywell project in Capital Projects will show a

\$272,672 deficit, but that is due to the revenue for said project being collected in previous fiscal years. In addition to normal funding sources, Mr. Ross reminded the board of funds available from year 2 of the Community Partners Grant, Year 1 of the Teacher Vacancy Grant, remaining ESSER III Funds, and money available in Capital Projects to be used in the upcoming year towards fence replacement, Bush Field bleacher renovation, McNary Foyer flooring, and a portion of the final Honeywell bill. There were no comments or questions from the public. Mr. Macke closed the hearing. Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the FY 24 Budget. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Ross proposed minor changes to the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement w/ Law Enforcement (States Attorney, Clark County Sheriff, and City of Marshall Police). Previous updates had been made in 2018. Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the changes to the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement w/ Law Enforcement.

Mr. Ross shared that The IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Conference is November 17-19 in Chicago. Registration is \$520 per Board Member / Superintendent plus \$219-\$227 per night per room for hotels. Approval is sought for Mr. Ross and Board Members who are able to attend.

Mr. Ross requested that up to 4 administrators be approved to attend the Illinois Principal's Association Conference October 15-17. Registration cost is \$409. Hotels are \$129-\$142 per night per room.

Mr. Ross shared that Jennifer Evola & Anna Yu have requested to attend the School Social Workers Conference October 26-27. Registration cost is \$310 per Social Worker, hotel \$271.29 (shared room), and \$167.68 for mileage.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the above Professional Meeting Requests. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Ross shared that Stephanie Lawyer has requested to attend the Illinois Education and Technology Conference November 2-3. Registration cost is \$225, hotel \$125, and \$167.68 for mileage. Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the above Mrs. Lawyer's Professional Meeting Request. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Ross presented the following Field Trip requests: FFA to the Build Conference in Bloomington, IL, and State Convention in Springfield, IL; FBLA / Entrepreneurship to Covered Bridge Festival; German 3 & 4 Students to Chicago (Chriskindlmarket, Art

Institute, DANK Haus); and MHS Band to Nashville, Tennessee (Grand Ole Opry, Opryland Hotel, Country Music Hall of Fame, RCA's Studio B). Mr. Lycan offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve the above Field Trip Requests. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to go into closed session for Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity); Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and Students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Maurer offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lycan, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The Board returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lycan, to approve the retirement request of Natalie Fraser following the 2026-27 School Year. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the retirement request of Jeanice Scamihorn following the 2026-27 School Year. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to accept the resignation of Trecia Bishop with regrets as Elementary Teacher due to health reasons. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the hire of Alison Ross as Elementary Teacher for the 2023-24 School Year. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Lycan, to approve the hire of Stacy Rickman as MHS Yearbook Sponsor for the 2023-24 School Year. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Macke, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Crews, aye.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the hire of Tammy Frailey as MHS Prom Sponsor for the 2023-24 School Year. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Macke, aye; Mr. Maurer, aye; Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Lycan, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; and Mrs. Hendrix, aye.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education