

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Board Room February 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Frigo at 6:00 p.m. as duly posted under State Statutes §19.84(1)(2)(c).

Roll Call of the Board

Board of Education Present: Eric Armstrong, Staci Abrahamson, Debbie Frigo, Mike Rateike, Justin Rodriguez, and Allison Fuelling.

Administration Present: Randy Bartels, Dan Grady, Eugene Syvrud, and Kristin Wilkinson.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Rateike, and seconded by Armstrong. Carried 6 - 0.

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that all public notices were duly posted and was provided to The Courier on February 16, 2024 was made by Fuelling, and seconded by Rodriguez. Carried 6 - 0.

District Vision and Values

Read by student representatives

Board Spotlight

None at this time

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of monthly financial report
- B. Approval of minutes: February 7, 2024
- C. Approve Resignations/Retirements:

- i. None

- Offer Contracts / Letters of Employment

- i. Melissa Dehuma - Dual Language Immersion Paraeducator

Motion made by Fuelling and seconded by Rateike to approve consent agenda. Carried 6 - 0.

Reports

- A. **Legislative and Advocacy**
 - i. School Administrator Alliance Updates

Dr. Grady presented the SAA Update along with legislative notes that were presented to the Board.

- B. **Student Representative Report**

Students shared basketball season updates, wrestling updates: including that Tucker Cobb will be competing at State. The E-Sports Team had a great group that also competed at State this week. Our HS students honored our State competitors with a parade including the HS band. The choir and band students are doing final prep for Solo and Ensemble and the Music Boosters hosted a Music Brunch where students got to practice their songs. This coming Sunday several Band students leave for the Dorian Band Festival. The Student Council had a Snowball Dance, looking for more freshman reps. Forensics had a great meet. FFA Week with lots of activities this week. HOSA a couple going to state in Dells, HOSA also starting to plan an ELC Dance event. DECA has state competition coming up. NHS concluded household product donation drive for those in need. Acknowledgement to band and vocals for participation and presence at the basketball game the night before from the Board.

C. District Leadership

i. GoRiteway Update

Ron on line: Updates from the DPI numbers basically stayed the same as the beginning of the year. Safety updates monthly, how to make things better each month. Still seeking drivers like everyone else. They are sitting pretty well, a few in training. Routes are the same, ten buses morning and afternoon. Celebrated National Bus Driver Week, appreciated the gift from the District. Remember that with new sports schedules new drivers are encouraged to apply.

ii. January Student Count

Enrollment is 917, Membership is 862, 878 in September (migrant workers impact this count in January). Audit on April 1, 2024.

iii. January Financial Report Updates

Working on RFP's for both Bus Transportation and Food Service Companies. Treasurer's Report Presented. Hand-outs given to Board members. One Board suggestion was that during the RFP process to ask about community breakfasts for the elderly.

D. Superintendent Reports

i. Compensation Framework Report

Completed first round of meetings and the second round of follow-up meetings has started. Dr. Grady shared some of the items that Certified Staff and Hourly Staff had mentioned as possible requests for the District to consider. Dr. Grady said after additional discussion and budgetary review they will return when we are confident with mutual items to bring back to the Board.

New Business

a. Discussion and potential approval of student participation in DECA State Career Development Conference (February 26 - 28, 2024).

Motion to approve student participation in DECA State Career Development Conference (February 26 - 28, 2024), made by: Fuelling; seconded by Abrahamson.

Motion carried: 6 - 0.

b. Reflections from the Dorian Vocal Music Festival

Gabe and Phoebe along with Ms. Hogget shared highlights of their time at the Vocal Music Festival. They learned and sang with almost another 1,000 other students and enjoyed vocal training, workshops, and time to make new friends with similar interests. Unfortunately, the large snow storm cut their final performance short and sent all the attendees home early. An amazing experience was still had by all in attendance.

c. Discuss and potential action to approve High School new course proposals

Mr. Syvrud explained the new courses in brief detail. They are all career and college focused. Business,

English, and AP US History and are spaced out to allow for more AP classes to begin at an earlier time in the students HS career to help prevent burn-out and keep students ability to still achieve the desired number of Career and College focused AP classes, but still allow for electives too.

Motion to approve High School new course proposals made by: Frigo; seconded by Armstrong.

Motion carried: 6 - 0.

d. Discuss Policy #423.1: Part Time Public School Open Enrollment

We aren't currently using this, nor are any of our neighboring Districts. Mr. Syvrud is meeting with Deerfield next week to see what they have and see what we could share in the future. He has already discussed this with Waterloo too. 5 - 6 kids come for the GEDO program. Something for the future on a small scale, but would not be in this next school year, but maybe the next year after that. Instead of everybody paying to have everything we could work together.

e. Discuss and potential action to approve 2024-2025 CESA 5 Contract

Motion to approve 2024-2025 CESA 5 Contract made by: Rateike; seconded by Fuelling.

Motion carried: 6 - 0.

f. Discussion and potential action to approve 2024 - 2025 4K School Calendar

Motion to approve 2024-2025 4K School Calendar made by: Fuelling; seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried: 6 - 0.

g. Discussion April 2 Capital Referendum

A mini presentation was given by Dr. Grady, Kristin Wilkinson, and Michele Miller about the upcoming April 2nd Capital Referendum. Visuals were available for the Board to review. Upcoming events are available for the community to come and have questions answered: March 6th: 8:30 - 10:30 am Coffee and Donuts and March 13th: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner with Dan, all at the Marshall District Office Boardroom. Mailers coming out soon and videos being released on Social Media with additional information too.

h. Discuss reflections from the 2024 State Education Convention, January 16 - 19, 2024

Board members shared highlights and learning that they were able to bring back from the WASB State Education Convention. Multiple members shared learning on topics of school safety, finances, equity, leadership, legal updates, and more.

i. Discussion of future board agenda items

Eric shared several highlights of his recent CESA 2 meeting and asked if we participated in the area teacher recruitment night. It was affirmed that we do participate.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Frigo and seconded by Fuelling. Carried on a voice vote 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk



President

