

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Board Room

March 19, 2025

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, Allison Fuelling, Mike Rateike, Staci Abrahamson, Justin Rodriguez, and Debbie Frigo.

Administration Present: Randy Bartels and Dan Grady

Non-Admin Present: Jessie Backes (Interim Business Manager)

Approval of Agenda

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

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that all public notices were duly posted and was provided to The Star on March 14, 2025 was made by Fuelling and seconded by Abrahamson. Carried 6 - 0.

District Vision and Values

Read by Dr. Dan Grady.

Board Spotlight

None

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes: March 5, 2025

B. Approve Resignations/Retirements:

i. Trevor Lewis - Custodian

ii. Andria Lewis - Custodian

iii. Kimberly Belmarez - Speech Pathology

iv. Andrea Gomez - Retirement - Special Education Teacher - Middle School

v. James Daigler - English Teacher - High School

C. Offer Contracts / Letters of Employment

i. Tonisha Keophaphone - Food Service Worker - High School

ii. Dennis Salvador Ruiz Rodriguez - 1st Grade DLI Teacher - ELC

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

Reports

A. **Legislative and Advocacy**

i. Legislative Update

Legislative updates and their links were emailed out to Board members prior to the meeting for board review. Eric Armstrong gave an update on some of the IDEA and Title funding statuses for this year and the potential risks for the future. Title 2 funding is most at risk. Jessie Backes and Randy Bartels gave a brief overview of Marshall's use of Title 2 funding. Eric will keep us updated as things progress. Eric Armstrong and Erin Egan attended the Day at the Capitol. Eric gave a summary of their day there. Shortfall for public special education is substantial.

B. Student Representative Report

Gabe A. gave a pre-recorded report on each of the current athletic programs. He also gave updates on all activities, service projects, and upcoming plans for each of the student groups, clubs, and organizations. Community members are encouraged to visit the District website (www.marshallschools.org) and attend many of the MHS activities. There are many competitive, educational, fun, and resourceful activities that our high school students are participating in.

C. District Leadership

i. 2025-2026 Budget Conversations

Interim Business Manager, Jessie Backes presented a slideshow with a preliminary budget outline and update.

ii. 2023-2024 Financial Audit

Audit report from independent auditor Johnson Block provided to the Board. Brief summary given. The Board is encouraged to review and email Jessie with questions.

iii. Neola Policies

Michele Miller confirmed with Board members that they were all able to access their Neola account to review the 0000 policies. Members were reminded that they are welcome to compare and review new policies to existing policies. Please plan on discussion in April of 0000 Series. Please send any questions that you have to Michele Miller.

D. Superintendent Reports

i. 2025-2025 Staffing updates

Dr. Grady gave an update on current positions open for the 2025-2026 school year.

New Business

a. (Moved up in the meeting to allow students to present earlier.)

Discuss and potential action to approve student participation in FCCLA State Leadership, April 6-9, 2025, at Wisconsin Dells, WI.

FCCLA students came to share presentations on FCCLA State Leadership and their goals.

Motion to approve student participation in FCCLA State Leadership, April 6-9, 2025, at Wisconsin Dells, WI, was made by Frigo, and seconded by Abrahamson.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

b. Presentation: Leadership and Social Justice Club - Tabled to future date

c. Discuss and potential action to approve Early College Now request

Motion to approve Early College Now request, was made by Rateike, and seconded by Armstrong.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

d. Discuss capital project development/contractor service proposals

Board members were given a handout of development/contractor service proposals. Discussion potentially narrowed down the list of parties the District is interested in. Building and Grounds Manager Jack Herndon and Jessie Backes will put together additional information for the Board to review of those proposals. These capital proposals are dependent on a successful referendum.

e. Discuss Capital Referendum

Dr. Grady thanked those who have been helping with being present at each of the public events where the District has either gone to provide referendum information or had a table at a school event. The District has held multiple community opportunities in a wide variety of time frames for people to get information and ask questions. A mailer was sent late February, the newsletter should be arriving in mailboxes this week, and a final mailer will arrive in mailboxes just before voting day. Along with this our multiple social media sites continue to have postings scheduled with information and voting reminders. Anyone with questions is encouraged to visit www.marshallschools.org for more information.

f. Discussion of future board agenda items

Debbie reminded board members that the Board self-evaluations are due March 28, 2025.

Closed Session began at: 7:01 p.m.


Closed Session ended at: 7:33 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Frigo and seconded by Fuelling. Carried on a voice vote 6 - 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk


President