

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Board Room

October 16, 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, Erin Egan, Allison Fuelling, Mike Rateike and Debbie Frigo.

Administration Present: Dan Grady and Eugene Syvrud.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented, was made by Fuelling, and seconded by Armstrong. Carried 5 - 0.

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that all public notices were duly posted and was provided to The Courier on October 11, 2024 was made by Rateike and seconded by Fuelling. Carried 5 - 0.

District Vision and Values

Read by Student Representative Gabe Armstrong

Board Spotlight

None this evening

Public Comment

None in person or virtually

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of September Financial Reports - REMOVED
- B. Approval of minutes: October 2, 2024
- C. Approve Resignations/Retirements:
 - i. Laura Meister - Food Service Worker
 - ii. Kasie Murphy - Early Childhood Teacher - ELC
- D. Offer Contracts / Letters of Employment
 - i. Briana Dominguez-Mendez - Human Resources/Benefits Specialist - DO
 - ii. Jessie Backes - Interim School Business Manager - DO
 - iii. Laura Meister - Food Service - HS

Motion made by Fuelling and seconded by Rateike to approve consent agenda, minus the September Financial Reports. Carried 5 - 0.

Reports

A. Legislative and Advocacy

No legislative update at this meeting.

C. District Leadership

- i. September Financial Report Updates - Tabled
- ii. Meeting Virtual Participation -

We have been using GoogleMeet. They often make changes in their spaces/platforms and don't communicate that out to people. This was the case during our Annual Meeting when we had residents who weren't able to be let into the meeting virtually. Corrie Becker came and talked with the Board. The District subscribes to Hudl and we have a three year license with them. We utilize them for our athletic events and are planning to use them for concerts and other school events. This would be a possibility for school board meetings. The only change for Marshall would be that we couldn't have virtual comments. Several board members stated other districts that do not have virtual commenting and we could easily follow this lead and comments would have to either be submitted in email or writing 24 hours prior or come in person. There are a few questions that the board would like Corrie to address and they will make a final decision by November.

D. Superintendent Reports

- i. Staffing Updates

Dr. Grady shared that the District is currently working to fill two Food Service positions, possibly a paraprofessional position and are always looking to add to our list of substitutes.

D. Student Representative Report

Gabe Armstrong and Jace Carriola, gave reports on each of the current athletic programs; Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Cheer. They 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.

New Business

a. Presentation: Agriculture Education Department program update

Chase Pennekamp, the FFA President presented a slide show to the Board. She shared an overview of the State of the Union of the FFA and its three components and how they work as a chapter to put it all together. Classroom, FFA Co-curricular, and SAE. She gave an overview of the extensive agriculture classes that Marshall offers within our AG dept, taught by Mrs. Paula Bakken. She also shared that our FFA chapter has 120 members from grade 7 - grade 12. They compete in Career Dev. Plan, Leadership Dev. Plans, offer Safety Days, Ag Day with the littles, Summer School teaching kids where their food comes from, attending conferences and competitions, and doing community service.

b. Discuss and potential action to approve FFA overnight trip requests

FFA members Trevor Schlimgen and Remington Braun, presented the detailed agenda and travel arrangements of the National FFA Convention for Oct. 23-26, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN and for the FFA Halftime Conference Jan. 17-18, 2025 in Stevens Point, WI for Board approval.

Motion to approve the FFA overnight trip requests was made by Rateike, and seconded by Fuelling. Motion carried 5 - 0.

c. Discuss upcoming Operational Referendum

Dr. Grady had residents at both the CottageRose discussion opportunity and this evening at 5:15pm. Board members had a lengthy discussion about referendum communication should look for the next 19 days. The District newsletter should hit mailboxes in the next few days. The District has really been sending out a lot of messages and posts through social media. We know that several letters have been sent

to The Courier, but have never been published. Michele Miller has made arrangements with Peter Linblad at the Courier to do an interview with Dr. Grady early next week regarding the information. She has also continued to send him each update of information and several potential stories. We just haven't seen the partnership with the Courier that we have had previously. Moving forward, do we take a more aggressive stand and let the community know that without the referendum we are looking at cutting a minimum of 10% of everything across the board? Board would like Michele to share again the chart that shows the gap of cost to educate per child and a celebration of our increase of enrollment.

d. Discussion of future board agenda items

Eric shared an update of Scott Carr and CESA 2 changing models of how they do career readiness programming. This is something to look into for Marshall in the near future.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Frigo and seconded by Fuelling. Carried on a voice vote 5 - 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk



President

