

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 19, 2018 The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on November 19, 2018, at Midland Elementary School, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Board President, Ryan Weber.

ROLL CALL Board Members present were: Traver, Poignant, Weber, Wood, Riddell, Stickel and Ekern. Also present were Administrators: Bill Wrenn, Jeremy Gauwitz, Janssen, and Padilla.

VISITORS Kathy Bohm and Meredith Hattan

APPROVAL
OF AGENDA Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Riddell, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to accept the agenda as presented with the addition/change to Superintendent's Report (add: Middle School HVAC) and New Business: Discussion on Faculty/Staff using social media and texting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATIONAL
REPORTS 1. **Superintendent, Bill Wrenn District Report:**

- Financial Report
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Report
- Transportation Report
- Food Service Report
- Tentative Levy
- Future Green
- Tax Relief
- Middle School HVAC
- Recognition

2. **Principal, Jeremy Gauwitz High School Report:**

Thoughts:

- FFA National Convention was the week of October 23rd. Logan Pyles and Clayton Blunier were awarded the American FFA Degree (top award in the FFA). The Midland Chapter received the National Gold 3-Star Program award, which is given to the top 1% of the chapters in the nation.

- The Illinois School Report Card were updated recently, and we received the Tier II Commendable School designation.

Main Observations:

- Student to Teacher Ratio: 13.9 to 1
- Average class size is 22
- Graduation rate is slightly above the state average at 88.2%

College and Career Ready:

- Mrs. Williams has been working on College and Career Readiness with all the students.

Social/Emotional Assistance:

- We have a bigger need for more social, emotional assistance with our student population. Mrs. Williams and I have been working with the Health Dept., Freedom House, the State Attorney's office, and the local law enforcement to get information out to the students, as well as share skills with them to help them succeed in life after High School. Additionally, we have a meeting set up with the Arrowhead Ranch director about incorporating a work program for some of our more at-risk students.

School Enrollment and Attendance:

- Freshman-57 (98.13%)
- Sophomore-49 (96.26%)
- Junior-54 (95.86%)
- Senior-35 (94.86%)

Suspensions/Detentions

- 14 detentions
- 2 Saturday detentions
- 4 suspensions

Athletic Report:

- **Football**-The end of the year banquet this year will be held at Kenyon's on November 14th.
- **Volleyball**-Maddie Waller made 1st Team (for the All-Conference Teams), and Riley Grandsart made 3rd Team.
- **Basketball/Cheer/Dance**-Boys started their season on 11/5. They have 7 players on Varsity and 10 players on JV. Meet the T-wolves was 11/.9.
- **Girls Basketball**-They have been practicing for a couple of weeks. They have 8 girls on Varsity and 10 girls on JV. They will open their season on 11/12 and in the Princeton Holiday Tournament.

3. Principal, Adam Janssen Middle School Report:

Buildings News and Updates

- The Custodial Staff and I recently conducted a building audit in preparation for our Annual Fire Marshall and ROE Health/Life/Safety visit. We noticed a few items which need to be fixed, and Mark has started working on those.

- We are a Commendable School. Comparing local districts, we scored really high and beat all neighboring districts in ELA and were comparable in Math.

- Staff has been working on how we ask questions, but more importantly, how do we get students to ask better questions. We've also spent time on lesson design and tiered activities.

- BLT has been working on the ESSA accountability standards and scoring our own building.

- Miss White took a group of M.S. Girls to the Annual Girl's STEM Conference on 11/8.

- On November 10th, we are hosting the LTC 3rd Place and Championship games. We are also hosting 7th grade regionals, 8th grade sectionals, and 7th/8th grade boys regionals. A busy year in the Athletic Dept!

- The annual Winter Chorus and Band concert will be held on November 28th.

- A big thank you to Mr. Schaller and Miss White for contacting colleges and universities throughout the nation, so we can have banners and posters all around the school. We've covered Miss White's office, the library, the pit and the computer lab!

- October Students of the Month: 5th Grade-Rayden Marliere, 6th Grade-Calli Doran, 7th Grade-Kanen Briggs, and 8th Grade-Ryan Bella.

Attendance/Detentions/Suspensions

Current Enrollment: 213

- 8th Grade-46

- 7th Grade-51

- 6th Grade-63

- 5th Grade-53

Detentions: 11 after school detentions. 1 Saturday detention

Suspensions: 6 out of school suspensions, 3 in-school suspensions, and 1 bus suspension

Athletic Dept Board Report:

Openings: MS Track Head and Asst. Coach

MS Boys Basketball: Boys basketball has a couple of games under their belt and are working hard. It has been fun to watch them play. They have won one and lost one so far.

MS Girls Basketball: The Girls Basketball Team has shown great improvements this year and have started winning some games. The 7th graders places 2nd in the conference. The week of November 5th, we hosted the 8th grade LTC tournament. We are also hosting the 7th grade regional tournament and the the 8th grade sectional game on December 5th.

MS Cheer: They are practicing a couple of times a week, and the girls seem to be enjoying cheer. I am glad we allowed 6th graders to join the 7th and 8th graders this year.

4. Principal, Krystle Padilla Elementary School Report:

Student Growth and Academic Achievement

- The staff has done a wonderful job of focusing their Math instruction on to individual needs. I am pleased to share that many teachers as this point are not even doing whole group math lessons but rather teaching small groups and rotating to teach the same lesson multiple ways and meet the students at their ability levels.

Community Engagement and Partnerships to Support Student Learning

- We had our 2nd Standards-Based Grading Round Table with some great feedback regarding the report card in the future. Since the meeting, the staff has shared their design to continue this work and extend the focus on Math from not only this year but push back ELA and continue Math as a focus for next year. Our next Parent Round Table will be January 14th.

Enrollment

- PreK-47
- K-42
- 1st-49
- 2nd-57
- 3rd-47
- 4th-43

Facilities

- We have our Fire Marshall and our ROE walk-through coming up. Our custodial staff has worked closely with Joel VanNess to ensure we are in compliance and managing our new building appropriately. We still have a few lights with sensitivity issues which Joel is aware of; we are making steps towards modifying them.

Staff Committed to Excellence in Student Learning

- Our 1st meeting with Carol Pulfus, from SMART Learning Systems, was very impactful. There were many conversations around alignment, backwards mapping, collective agreements, data analysis, team protocols, standards-based grading, rubrics, effective assessments, etc.

5. Board Members Reports on Joint Annual Conference

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Traver and carried with a unanimous vote to accept the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approval of Board Minutes-October 17, 2018
- B. Bills and Payroll
- C. Activity Report-Dist FNB, Dist HB, Elem, MS, HS
- D. Employee Travel Expenses
- E. Resignations
 - 1) Jennifer Rinaldo as Bus Aide
 - 2) Mark Smith as Middle School Head Custodian

3) Peggy Denbo as Middle School Custodian
F. Review of Suspensions

OLD BUSINESS

- Update regarding any remaining items on the Elementary School

NEW BUSINESS -
DISCUSSION AND
ACTION ITEMS

a. Action 11/19/2018-01-- CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR TAX YEAR 2018

Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Ekern and carried by unanimous roll call vote to approve the resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for Tax Year 2018.

b. Action 11/19/2018-02- CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BIDS OF McMAHAN LANDSCAPING FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND JESSE LAWN SERVICE FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE LACON BUS BARN FOR THE WINTER OF FY19 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Riddell and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve snow removal bids of McMahan Landscaping for the Elementary and Middle Schools and Jesse Lawn Service for the High School and the Lacon Bus Barn for the winter of FY19 School Year.

c. Action 11/19/2018-03- DISCUSSION OF STAFF USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND TEXTING

Discussion Only

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Traver and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 8:27 PM for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

RECONVENT TO
OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Stickel and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to reconvene to Open Session at 10:06PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Ekern and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 10:07PM.



Board Vice-President

Date 12/19/2018



Board Secretary

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