

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2019	The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on February 20, 2019, at Midland Elementary School, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order a 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, Adam Janssen, and Krystle Padilla.
VISITORS	See sign-in sheet
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Traver, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to accept the agenda as presented.
INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	1. Superintendent, Bill Wrenn District Report: ● Financial Report ● Balance Sheet ● Cash Report ● Transportation Report ● Food Service Report ● Recognition 2. Principal, Jeremy Gauwitz High School Report: <u>Thoughts:</u> ● Alternative Learning Options: In order to help with roster numbers next year, we are trying to find other classes for our students to take without adding additional teachers. Using the Illinois Virtual Online Program, we have access to additional coursework. This coursework is done completely online, and the students who participate will be assigned an hour with Mrs. Schenck in the Media Center. We would limit the number to about 6-8 students every hour. Some of the options are: American Literature, American Art History, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Sciences, Economics, AP Spanish, Stats, AP US History, Programming, Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, French, German, Meteorology, Psychology, and World Literature. My only question would be the cost for students (\$265 per semester course). I would like to set up an account to assist some students with payment. I would get more people to take advantage of it, but the financial commitment is hard for some families. We will still offer

several options through IVCC: World Literature, Psychology, and Western Civilization

- We will also be adding a few more science credits through the AG Dept. (that we didn't have approved for science credit prior to this school year). They are as follows: Vet I & II Science, Horticulture, BSAA, Advance Agriculture, Plant Biology, Advanced Agriculture, Animal Biology, Horticulture Science Product, and Management I & II, Wildlife Biology 1 & 2, Food Science Technology, PSAA (Physical Science Applications Agriculture)

- MAP Testing-64% of our students showed growth on their Reading MAP assessment from the Fall. 61% showed growth in Math.

- "Hidden in Plain Sight" is set for April 17th. Community Partners Against Substance Abuse will do a presentation on substance abuse and/or depression in adolescence children today. It is an interactive live display with discussions about local trends. Parents will learn about signs of substance abuse and depression that could be found in your child's room

School Enrollment and Attendance:

- Freshman-55 (97%)
- Sophomore-56 (97.8%)
- Junior-37 (95.6%)
- Senior-59 (94%)

Athletic Report:

- **Basketball/Cheer/Dance**-Boys Basketball is finishing up their season with Regionals starting on Feb. 18th. The weather has worked against us on game cancellations, but the final home game and Senior Night for all Winter Sports is 2/15. Dance held their dance clinic performance at the home game on the 8th. We received a lot of positive feedback. The girls and Coach Kereta put a lot of time into the camp; they did a great job!

- Girls Basketball: Girls finished up their season in the Annawan Regionals. They lost to Annawan in the semi-finals. We had four girls participate in the 3-point shootout: Jordan Smith, Kaye Brown, Maddie Grandsart, and Morgan Perry. Kaye Brown advanced to the Ottawa Marquette Sectionals. She will shoot on February 14th. The girls worked hard all season and were fun to watch. Coach Janssen and Coach Foster do a great job with the girls.

- Open gym for baseball and softball has begun. Track sign-ups are also taking place. The score benches were delivered, and they look really nice. It is a great addition to our athletic program, and we are excited to use them in coming years.

- Openings: Football-Head Coach
- Resignations: Michael Petrovics-Football Coach
- In the works: New softball scoreboard--the current one is not working.

3. Principal, Adam Janssen Middle School Report:

Buildings News and Updates

- Annual Spelling Bee was held on January 24th. Madison Bare won. She moved onto the ROE Spelling Bee on February 9th, and she finished in the top 12!
- Mr. Ewing conducted the annual Geography Bee. Isaac Tower finished 1st for the school
- On Jan. 17th, we had Officer Lisa Osborne here to conduct an Internet Safety Program. It was very well received by staff and students. Several parents also attended.
- On February 9th, the M.S. Book Club and Student Council had 3 representatives go to St. Joseph's Nursing Home and read to residents. The residents really enjoyed it!
- ISBE notified us that Pearson will again deliver the Spring assessment. It will be PARCC (just not named PARCC). It will be the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. They are using the same program as before until they can work out the details on a new assessment
 - The staff has the released test items, updated test information, and practice assessments
 - ELA and Math Departments have been meeting to plan how to incorporate the released practice items into their curriculum
 - All 5th-8th graders will take the assessment.
 - We will start testing on March 12th
 - January Students of the Month: 5th Grade-Karyn Schaer, 6th Grade-Isaac Tower, 7th Grade-Leah Bella, and 8th Grade-Devin Benz.

Attendance/Detentions/Suspensions

Current Enrollment: 212

- 8th Grade-44
- 7th Grade-51
- 6th Grade-60
- 5th Grade-57

Detentions: 3 after school detentions. 0 Saturday detention. 2 out of school suspensions. 1 in-school suspensions

Athletic Dept Board Report:

MS Boys Basketball: Boys basketball is finished for the season. The 8th grade boys played for the regional championship but lost. The 7th grade teams worked very hard, and they were a lot of fun to watch! They took many games to overtime and double overtime. Coach Smith and Coach Dorsey did a wonderful job! The 6th boys completed their season in 2nd place at the St. Pats tournament. These boys worked very hard, and we saw some great things from them by the end of the season. Coach Rosa did a great job!

MS Volleyball: Volleyball will end their season at the LTC tournament next week. Coach Jeffers is on maternity leave, so Coach Monier has stepped up, as well as Ms. Jason, Wendy Guthman, and Kristin Mangrich. The weather has caused a lot of games to be cancelled. On March 4th, we are hosting the 7th and

8th grade regional tournaments, as well as the 7th grade sectional game. It is a compliment that ISEA uses us to host all the tournaments; it shows confidence in our staff, as well as our facilities.

Track: Coach Weber has been organizing the meetings and making sure all the students have current physicals and that their registration is complete. He will start "open gym" soon

Openings: M.S. Softball-Head Coach and Assistant Coach

Resignations: Melissa Kovach and Monika Meierkord

4. Principal, Krystle Padilla Elementary School Report:

Student Growth and Academic Achievement

- We are scheduled to take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness between April 1st-26th. We hope to have all 3rd/4th grade tested by the 2nd week of April.

- We finished up our "Week of Kindness" last week by hosting a "Kindness Dance." Ms. Duffy and the Engagement Team also headed up "Spirit Days."

Community Engagement and Partnerships to Support Student Learning

- We have brought back "Change Wars" which is a great way for the students to become involved in giving back to local charities. This past week, each grade level picked a specific organization they wanted to give to. A representative from each grade gave information about that particular charity. This past week, the students raised \$942. It was split between: St. Jude, Special Olympics, The ARK, Sophia's Kitchen in Peoria, and Make-a-Wish Foundation.

- Popcorn sales have begun! Orders are due by March 1st. All proceeds will go to student assemblies for next year.

Dedicated and Talented Staff Committed to Excellence in Student Learning

- Mr. Pyles and Mr. Iddings have done a wonderful job of keeping our building clear of snow and ice. We are thankful for our custodial staff.

- This coming week, we are scheduled to have our 2nd round of Professional Learning with Carol Pulfus from SMART Learning Systems. The focus continues to be on Mathematics, Standards Based Grading and Reporting and growing our Learning Community.

Enrollment

- PreK-46
- K-47
- 1st-50
- 2nd-58
- 3rd-46
- 4th-42

PUBLIC COMMENT

Football Co-Op-Katie Eldridge

Football Co-Op-Paul Toman

Co-Op Agreement-Stephanie Piper

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Regular Board Minutes-January 16, 2019
- B. Bills and Payroll
- C. Activity Report-Dist FNB, Dist HB, Elem, MS, HS
- D. Employee Expenses
- E. Resignations
 - 1.) Michael Petrovics as Football Coach
 - 2.) Monika Meierkord as M.S. Asst. Softball Coach
 - 3.) Stacy Davis as Bus Monitor
 - 4.) Melissa Kovach as M.S. Softball Coach
- F. Review of Suspensions

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS -
DISCUSSION AND
ACTION ITEMS

**a. Action 2/20/2019-01- POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF KATHLEEN HARMS AS 3rd
GRADE TEACHER FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion was made by Stickel, seconded by Wood and carried by unanimous roll call vote to approve Kathleen Harms as 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year.

**b. Action 2/20/2019-02- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RIVER
VALLEY CO-OP AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Weber and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to table to March Board Meeting

**c. Action 2/20/2019-03- POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF STUDENT EARLY GRADUATION
REQUEST**

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Poignant and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve student early graduation request

**d. Action 2/20/19-04- POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LILAH BOBINSKI AS VOLUNTEER
HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH**

Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Stickel, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Lilah Bobinski as volunteer H.S. Asst. Softball Coach.

**e. Action 2/20/19-05- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BID TO
REROOF THE HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Poignant, and carried with a majority roll call vote to approve Hosler Roofing Bid to reroof the high school. Wood abstained.

f. Action 2/20/19-06- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPLYING FOR "ACT OF GOD" DAYS IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Traver, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve applying for "Act of God" Days for the 2018-2019 School Year

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Riddell and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 7:51PM to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees for public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12)

**ACTION ITEMS
FROM CLOSED
SESSION**

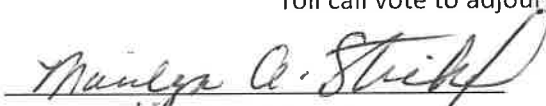
None

**RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION**

Motion was made by Riddell, seconded by Ekern and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to reconvene to Open Session at 9:09PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Stickel and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 9:10PM.



Marlynn A. Stickel
Board President
Date 3-20-19



Stephanie Poignant
Board Secretary
Date 3-20-19