

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 PM

Marengo Community High School District #154
110 Franks Road
Marengo, IL 60152

Jodie Kanaly: Present, Anthony Martin: Present, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Candice Samuelson: Present, David Schultz: Absent, Shane Spring: Present, Todd Volkening: Present. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

Staff attendance: David Engelbrecht – Superintendent, Angela Fink – Assistant Superintendent, Jay Mullens – Principal, Danielle Rudsinski – Business Manager

A. Call to Order

B. Introduction of Guests: Brock Riebock – Student, Abigail Heinz – Student

C. Public Comments (3-5) minutes.

Students discussed the school’s backback/bag policy.

D. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D.1. Read and approve the minutes of the regular and executive session of August 26, 2024.

D.2. Read and approve the financial obligations of the District and Treasurers report

D.3. Recommend acceptance of the John Swanson Trust, Kooi and Pingel Educational Loan Trust Summary Report, Union American Legion Scholarship and Franks Family Fine Arts Fund of August 31, 2024.

D.4. Recommend authorizing Superintendent Engelbrecht to prepare the Truth in Taxation hearing timeline and Resolution defining details, notice, publication, and dates.

E. New Business

E.1. Recommend a motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the FY2025 Marengo Community High School District 154 Budget.

Motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the FY2025 Marengo Community High School District 154 Budget at 7:17pm. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.1.a. Public Comments

E.1.b. Recommend a motion to close the Budget Hearing and to reconvene to regular session.

Motion to close the Budget Hearing and to reconvene to regular session at 7:30pm. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.2. Recommend adoption of the FY2025 Budget for Marengo Community High School District 154.

Motion to adopt the FY2025 Budget for Marengo Community High School District 154 as presented. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.3. Recommend a motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to disclose cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years.

Motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to disclose cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years at 7:34pm. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.3.a. Public Comments

E.3.b. Recommend a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene to regular session.
Motion to close the public hearing at 8:01pm. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Anthony Martin, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.4. Recommend a motion to approve the disclosure of cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years.

Motion to approve the disclosure of cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.5. Recommend a motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the e-Learning Plan.

Motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the e-Learning Plan at 8:03pm. This motion, made by Candice Samuelson and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.5.a. Public comments.

E.5.b. Recommend a motion to close the e-Learning Public Hearing and reconvene to regular session.

Motion to close the e-Learning Public Hearing at 8:05pm. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.6. Recommend a motion to approve the e-Learning Plan.

Motion to approve the e-Learning Plan. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.7. Recommend approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant Application.

Motion to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant Application. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Anthony Martin, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The BOE will authorize the school maintenance project and has reserved local funds to meet the local match requirement.

E.8. Recommend approving an agreement between Marengo Community High School District #154 and Woodstock Community Unit School District #200 for enrollment in a special education program.

Motion to approve an agreement between Marengo Community High School District #154 and Woodstock Community Unit School District #200 for enrollment in a special education program. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.9. Recommend accepting the Annual Financial Audit Report from Eccezion.

Item tabled until October 15, 2024. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.10. Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.

Motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Todd Volkening: Abstain (With Conflict),

Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

E.11. Recommend appointing the district RIF Grouping Committee member.

Motion to appoint Jodie Kanaly as the district RIF Grouping Committee member. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Todd Volkening, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Jodie Kanaly has been our RIF grouping committee member in the past.

E.12. Recommend approval of the proposed changes to Board Policy.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to Board Policy. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Anthony Martin, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

F. Executive Session to discuss Litigation. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The purchase or lease of real property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)The setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:43pm. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

G. Returned from Executive Session at 9:40pm.

H. Recommend possible action as a result of executive session as follows:

1. Approve the Letter of Agreement between the Marengo Education Association and the Marengo Community High School District 154 Board of Education.
2. Student #092324 is guilty of gross disobedience and misconduct in violation of District policy and that student #092324 poses a continued risk of harm to other students and/or the school community and that intervention services have been attempted and not successful and the Student #092324 shall be expelled through the 2025-2026 school year to be held in abeyance pending successful completion of an alternative school program as agreed upon by the Marengo Community High School Administration.

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Marengo Education Association and the Marengo Community High School District 154 Board of Education. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion that Student #092324 is guilty of gross disobedience and misconduct in violation of District policy and that Student #092324 poses a continued risk of harm to other students and/or the school community and that intervention services have been attempted and not successful and the Student #092324 shall be expelled through the 2025-2026 school year to be held in abeyance pending successful completion of an alternative school program as agreed upon by the Marengo Community High School Administration. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I. Superintendent Report

- FOIA
- Upcoming Dates:
 - September 25 Early Dismissal 11:25am
 - October 9 Early Dismissal 11:25am
 - October 11 Mid Semester Progress Reports
 - October 13 Settlers Day Band Competition
 - October 14 Columbus Day No School
 - October 23 Early Dismissal 11:25am
 - October 24 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00pm No School
 - October 25 Teacher Institute Day No School

J. Adjournment at 9:47pm.

Signed:

Todd Volkening, President

Jodie Kanaly, Secretary