

Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
816 E. Grant Hwy., Room 11  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 27, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Marengo Union Elementary Consolidated School District 165, McHenry County, Illinois, was called to order by President, Matt Erbstoesser at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 in Room 11, 816 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Amanda Weiss, Suzie Hester, Josh Streu, Lesley Pace, Andrea DeSerto, Nikki Misiura and Matt Erbstoesser.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Matt Erbstoesser led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Katherine Grant, parent of children in district

**LEADERSHIP REPORT**

Dr. Damisch filled in for Scott Fillmore, Building & Grounds Director who was not present for medical reasons. Dr. Damisch presented a building and grounds report and a Decennial LHS update.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Damisch, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- FOIA: Five FOIA's both were complied with.
- Enrollment Update & Projected Sections: Not much has changed and numbers are looking generally the same
- Decennial LHS update – all work to be completed within 10 years. With declining revenues and increase in maintenance and staffing costs an option to help fund would be alternative funding and LHS Safety bonds.
- Registration/Sports and Extra Curricular Activity Fees: It was recommended by Superintendent Damisch that the district keep registration, sports and club fees the same with no increases.
- FY-27 Budget: Dr. Damisch to begin working on FY-27 Budget
- 2025-2026 School Calendar for board approval.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Financial Report: Informative presentation covering revenues and expenditures
- Electric Bus Update: Com Ed has begun work for power supply. Preparing training for basic maintenance of the bus
- Transfer of Engagement of Legal Council-Law firm merger.
- Personnel Report: Resignation/Adriana Soriano, Ticket taker & Cafeteria Supervisor/Jessica Munnich, Resignation/Stephanie Komaniecki, Resignation Van Driver/ Nicole Shafer, Medical Leave/Heather Bassett, Reassign to Tech Assist. II/Zaneta Geira, Tech. Assist. II/Morgan Streu, Student Data Base/Olivia Leidig, Paternity Leave/Alex Castellanos 3/23-4/3 & 5/11-6/3, Resignation of

Athletic Director/Jennifer Turner, Athletic Director/Jeremy Burke, Special Ed.  
Coordinator/Jennifer Haas

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Board Policy

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Suzie Hester and seconded by Josh Streu to approve the Consent Agenda Items. In a roll call vote members voting aye: Amanda Weiss, Suzie Hester, Josh Streu, Lesley Pace, Andrea DeSerto, Nikki Misiura and Matt Erbstoesser

9.1 Minutes of the November 11, 2025, Special Meeting, November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting

9.2 November & December 2025 Treasurer's Report, December 2025 & January 2026 Accounts Payable and the February 2026 payroll.

9.3 Approve Decennial LHS

9.4 2026-2027 Registration/Sports Fees and Activity Fees

9.5 Superintendent Damisch to begin FY-27 Budget

9.6 2026-2027 School Calendar

9.7 Resolution authorizing transfer of engagement – F3 Law

9.8 Approve Board Policy

9.9 Personnel Report

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Nikki Misiura and seconded by Lesley Pace to enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, negotiations and performance of staff and litigation. In a roll call vote members voting aye: Amanda Weiss, Suzie Hester, Josh Streu, Lesley Pace, Andrea DeSerto, Nikki Misiura, and Matt Erbstoesser

Time: 8:12 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Suzie Hester to return to open session. In a roll call vote, members voting aye: Lesley Pace, Andrea DeSerto, Suzie Hester, Josh Streu, Amanda Weiss and Matt Erbstoesser ABSENT-Nikki Misiura

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, moved by Suzie Hester and seconded by Andrea DeSerto, the motion carried unanimously and at 9:32 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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