

MAROA-FORSYTH C.U.S.D. #2

COVID-19 In Person Meeting – 10 People or Less (Public not Allowed)

For public comment please email: john.ahlemeyer@mfschools.net

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An audio recording of the meeting will be posted on the district website.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call
Present: Brad Wilkey, Lindsey Wise, Matt Crawford, Brandi Binkley, Lori Willoughby, Wissam Hasnain
Absent: Darin Duzan
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Closed/Executive Session – Approval, To enter closed/executive session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, or performance of specific employees of the public body pursuant to Section 5.0 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
Motion to go into closed session – Brad Wilkey, 2nd by Matt Crawford
All in favor to go into closed session at 6:35 P.M. - All

Item 1 – Discussion regarding pay increases
Item 2 – Discussion regarding personnel report
Item 3 – Discussion regarding Supt. evaluation
Item 4 – Discussion regarding Construction manger

Motion to move out of closed session – Matt Crawford, 2nd by Brad Wilkey
All in favor: All

Open Session started at 7:25 P.M., Darin Duzan joined meeting at 7:41 P.M.

Presentations

5. Recognition of Visitors and Delegations – None at This Time (COVID-19)
None
6. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board – via Email Communication (COVID-19)
No citizens presented any request to address the board. One citizen reached out about our audio – Zoom meeting from April 2020 was uploaded and the audio portion for May was disrupted so minutes will be posted.

Learning & Discussion

7. Summer 2020, Update
John – All plans will have student safety as priority. We will follow guidelines and get parental consent.
Brice – Majority of our plans revolve around the last week of July.
July 24 – 8th Grade promotion
July 25 – Prom

- Plan is essentially coronation will be in cafetorium along with their 4 guests each
- 7 PM – Move outside, students will be assigned parking spot, allowed to bring decorations, tent, table, tablecloth. Catered box meals that admin will serve.
- 7:45 PM – Open parking lot up for grand march. Allow community members to drive through the parking lot
- 9:00 PM – Move to football field, allowed to do social distance dancing, like line dancing for half hour.
- 9:45 PM – Post prom will bring in hypnotist or comedian to perform for them.

July 27 – Spanish and Honor Society (Same night, two separate events)

July 28 – Senior event (At HS, games and grill out)

July 30 – Graduation practice

July 31 – Graduation

- Band will not play
- Choir will not sing
- Teachers will not be invited
- 90 Kids would receive 4 tickets for graduation
- 450 total people in gym
- We will be able to social distance, people will enter and exit through the same doors
- Masks will be required to be worn
- Temperatures will be taken and we will document who came in and their temperatures
- We will live stream for those who cannot attend
- When students are dismissed, they will leave the building

Brandi – Stage 4 still says 50 or more gathering is not allowed. I will vote no towards this given my role.

Brice – Those who do not want to participate in the group settings would be allowed to come in ahead of time and their videos would be included.

8. 2020-21 School Year, Update

John – It has been a tense summer due to the complexity and intensity of what we need to put together for the next school year. Guidelines still need to come out. Whatever plan we present will be safety first and guidelines to the letter of the law. Looking to present a hybrid plan, stay at home plan, and everyone's back plan at the July meeting. I am working collaboratively with teachers; the first meeting is July 7th. Right now, I have an outline of how we think we can do things; collaborative with other schools that we are doing the same thing. The Board should prepare to have parents that are not happy vs those that are happy with it. Not everyone is going to like the plan.

9. New Middle School, Update

John – We are approving construction manager later in meeting. Architects have put together zoom meetings with the teachers to help with the design process. Deadline for Board to approve the final detail design is November. I hope to share a little about design in August meeting. On the Financial side, probably August for resolution to work with PMA financial who will help with the investment side of dealing with the money. I will advise the Board when they need to make decisions.

Lindsey – What about the large amount of money that was for the new buildings that the state didn't release.

Leo – The stimulous grant never got released. We don't have any projects that fit the fast turn around time that they were looking for.

Lindsey – I will email Leo with further questions.

10. BOE Meeting Dates, Times, Locations – 2020/21

John – We traditionally set board meeting time and locations in June. If all are in favor later in actions, we will continue Board of Education meetings the 4th Monday of the month and location will remain the same.

11. 2019-20 Goals Reflection & 2020-21 New Goal Process

John – You received the strategic plan in the board packet, but we need to see what impact COVID-19 will be. From now until July/August, we need to see what we accomplished and move things that we thought was going to happen next year.

12. Race Relations

John – On June 5th, I felt compelled as a leader to put out an update to the entire community and staff to say on a personal level to understand what it's like to be in a minority race and have empathy and understanding to help with interactions. I feel we need to do more with helping our students to have empathy towards those who are different. I will engage our principals and teachers about being more intentional. We can't ignore what is going on around us.

Brandi – I respect that John spoke so honestly. If we put something in writing, then maybe our district would be more serious about the commitment to our community. I believe that there is a lot of work schools can do, and if there is something we can do, I feel we should.

Lindsey – I would like to see what other schools are doing and see what they are doing for their resolutions.

Action

13. Approval, Consent Agenda (Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any board member.)

- a. Approval of the Open/Closed Minutes for the Board Meetings on 5/18/20
- b. Board Bills of June 2020
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Futures Unlimited/Milligan Academy Programs 2020-21

Motion to Approve: Matt Crawford, 2nd by Lori Willoughby

Discussion: None

Yes votes: Matt Crawford, Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Wissam Hasnain, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan
Brandi Binkley

No votes: None

Motion Passed

14. Approval, Non-Certified & Administrative Salaries 2020-21 as Presented

Motion to Approve: Matt Crawford, 2nd by Lori Willoughby

Discussion: Lindsay – We had in depth conversation about this in closed session. For the record it is a 2.5% raise, for a total of \$60K.

Yes votes: Matt Crawford, Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Wissam Hasnain, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan
Brandi Binkley

No votes: None

Motion Passed

15. Approval, Summer 2020 COVID-19 Student Activities as Presented & Approval, BOE Meeting Dates, Times, & Location 2020-21 as Presented

Motion to Approve: Lindsey Wise, 2nd by Wassim Hasnain

Discussion: None

Yes votes: Matt Crawford, Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Wissam Hasnain, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan
No votes: Brandi Binkley

Motion Passed

16. Approval, Construction Manager Contract – New Middle School as Presented

Motion to Approve: Matt Crawford, 2nd by Lindsey Wise

Discussion: None

Yes votes: Matt Crawford, Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Wissam Hasnain, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan
Brandi Binkley

No votes: None

Motion Passed

17. Approval, Personnel Report of June 19, 2020 as Presented

Motion to Approve: Matt Crawford, 2nd by Brad Wilkey

Discussion: See personnel report.

Yes votes: Matt Crawford, Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Wissam Hasnain, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan
Brandi Binkley

No votes: None

Motion Passed

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June 19, 2020 Personnel Report

Teacher Certified Staff Resignations/Retirements/Leaves for Board Action

- None at This Time

Non-Teacher Certified Staff Resignations/Retirement/Leaves for Board Action

- None at This Time

Teacher Certified Staff Open Positions

- None at This Time

Non-Teacher Certified Staff Open Positions

- HS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- HS Girls Tennis
- Custodian (2)

Teacher Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Action (Individual Information Attached)

- None at This Time

Non-Teacher Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Action

- Brenda Livingood, Transportation Coordinator/Assistant to the GS Principal, \$60,000
- Amy Flock, Transportation Office Clerk (.5), \$20/hr

Miscellaneous Personnel Information

Non-Certified & Administrative Salaries 2020-21, 2.5% Increase

Retirement/Merit Increase, Superintendent

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Matt Crawford, 2nd by Brad Wilkey

All in Favor: All

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Board President Randy Wiers 7/27/20

Attest Brad Wilkey 7/27/20