

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

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 23, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Agenda

1. Call to Order—meeting called to order at 6:52 pm.
2. Roll Call—Wissam Hasnain, Matt Crawford, Brad Wilkey, Lindsey Wise, Brandi Binkley, Lori Willoughby, Darin Duzan all present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

4. Recognition of Visitors and Delegations--none
5. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
 - A. Cassie Crouch and FFA Representatives to provide their FFA Annual Report to the Board. We are placing three students at different sites for SAE's. We have been working to establish a Jr. High program through the focused learning program. The focused learning is an eight-week rotational class. This is a really cool joining of the schools. There is a lot of potential to keep joining and growing. The Assistant Advisor position is still open. \$1375 Ag Foundation money earned. Using this to take trips for SAE. Our chapter was chosen out of fifteen chapters in Illinois and Iowa to showcase at Farm Progress show. There were two state FFA American Degrees last year. Reed Jostes won one of those two. We have a goal to get our FFA Alumni built up. This year we want to work on: re-establishing the greenhouse, safety programs, Heritage program. SAE stands for Supervised Agriculture Experiences. Chip Wallen is working with the 8th graders doing hands on things with Agronomy.

Learning & Discussion

6. School Resource Officers
 - A. John—Looking to have our own paid school resource officers in connection with our other safety measures. One at each campus. Maroa and Forsyth came to us. They want to support half of the cost financially of what we want to do. This wouldn't happen until next school year. Brice is going to represent us at the village and city meetings. There would be things to work out such as jurisdiction. We are looking at \$60,000 per officer. We will have more details later this year.
7. Facility Usage Fees
 - A. John—We try to be community friendly and let other groups use our gyms at no cost, nothing formal. The Administration team is looking at 6-7 models of other schools with regard to their charts, fees schedules, hourly rates.
 - B. Brice—50% and greater we are letting them use free of charge. We will not bump a district team for a non-district team.
 - C. Lindsey—Insurance. Does ours cover them or do they have their own?
 - D. Brice—They have to provide a Proof of Insurance from their insurance company.
8. Seatbum App
 - A. John—I'll let Phil tell you about this new app.
 - B. Phil—I received an email from an alum. He went to a Cubs game, waited 45 minutes for food and decided to develop an app where you sit in your seat, order your food and pay, then go pick it up. Falls in line with the Strategic Plan where we can give the community something a little different. There is no handling of money, it goes directly into our account. The app is free, no cost. They'll provide the hardware for us to run it. They project we will sell more in concessions.

- C. Darin—Is there a transaction fee?
 - D. Phil—There is no transaction fee. Eventually, there would be a \$500 licensing fee. We would like to start on a trial basis at the game on October 11th.
 - E. Lori—Would we need more people?
 - F. Phil—No. Allyson sat in on the meeting and thinks it will be great.
 - G. Wissam—So it will go from the person's account directly into our account? They don't touch the money anymore? What about commercials/ads in the app? Will there be any?
 - H. Phil—Yes, it goes directly from their account to our account. No, there won't be any commercials/ads. At least not while we are in trial period.
9. E-Learning Days
- A. John—The state put in a new system for any school to sign up for eLearning days. If the weather is too cold or there is too much snow, we could use an eLearning day. The students would interact with their teacher(s) still for 5 hours/day.
 - B. Brice—We polled our teachers across all the schools; 85% of staff want us to pursue it.
 - C. John—Each school is working on documentation of how we would do it.
 - D. Brice—8:30 am assignments would be out there and available. It counts as a work day where the teachers would still get lunch.
 - E. John—There would be 5 eLearning/emergency days.
 - F. Lindsay—Even though the kids are home, the parents still have to work.
 - G. Brandi—What about the students who don't have internet or a computer available.
 - H. Brice—Teachers will have hard copies of work available. Those students would get time to make up the work. **Amended to add: Brice stated about 90% of our students in the district have access to the internet with computer or cell phone.
 - I. Brandi—I have concerns. I think 90% is high. Parents say they have email but the kid still doesn't have a viable computer. When kids miss a day, they're a day behind, then fighting to get caught up, always a day behind. **Amended to add: Brandi asked Brice where he obtained the data (09%). Brice stated it was a rough guess to which Brandi replied she thinks the 90% is high. Even with this make up time/paperwork handed out, these kids who are arguably already at a disadvantage because they do not have regular internet/computer access at home will potentially be at an even greater disadvantage to get caught up.
 - J. Brice—Part of the state requirement is to evaluate how we think it went and what we can improve upon. It could be the assignment is to watch a video or read certain chapters of a reading assignment. The assignment may not necessarily be tied to a computer
10. 2019-20 Goals & Superintendent Evaluation
- A. John—I am handing out a form with suggestions on what I think you should evaluate me on. Please let Lindsey or me know if you think there is something else I should be evaluated on; give feedback to both of us. There are currently an approximate 50 things the school district is working on. Each day, 20-30 get worked on. I picked four straight off the strategic plan—Math, Middle School, Teach Changes, Metrics on Greatness Indicators. Everyone will blindly evaluate on these goals and I will also evaluate myself. These will get turned in to Lindsey.
11. School Board Self-Evaluation & Board Protocols
- A. A trainer from the State Board of Education came for 3 hours of training in August. He went over what our role is and how to be an effective Board member. It is important to get into public record the Board did this training. Later, you will approve some nice adjustments to the protocols which the Board made as a result of this training.
12. Middle School Steering Committee Update
- A. John—Our first meeting is Wednesday night. We have advertised on the radio, newspaper and tv footage to encourage community members to attend. This will be a pretty structured evening. It would be great to have as many Board members in attendance as possible. Right now, we are a 23-24 strong committee. The meeting is from 6:30-8:00 pm on September 25th. At 6:00 pm, we will be giving a tour of the current building. Afterwards, we'd like people to provide feedback.
13. Foundation Status
- A. Currently, the Foundation is a group of 9-12. No one wants to take a leadership role. There is no President, no Secretary. \$56,000 of the funds is scholarship/judiciary money. On March 2nd, there will be a celebration for the Hall of Fame inductees. The Foundation want to continue to

meet to help with the event. Phil and John will help facilitate meetings, but Kelly Ritter has said she would chair the committee.

B. Lori—What is the role of the Foundation?

C. John—I believe it got started to help do things, such as the Science Labs. Teachers put in for mini grants. They never really did any fundraising. They would send out a letter to alumni for donations.

D. Lori—How will we pay for the celebration?

E. John—Committee still has to decide. There is a meeting on Monday October 21st at 6pm at the HS Library.

14. Finance Committee of the Board

A. John—It is part of the Strategic Plan to start a Finance Committee. The committee will need two Board members. Leo will head up the committee. The community can attend. The Buildings and Grounds Supervisor and Tech Rep will be on it. The group will work to carry out the vision of the community and will vet decisions for the big-time projects. They will come up with a 3-5-year plan.

B. Leo—We will come up with a plan so we aren't always bringing something. We would like to have one or two meetings before Winter break.

C. Darin and Lindsey will be the Board Representatives.

15. October/November 2018 Calendar of Events

A. John—MS Forum is Sept 25th; Next Board Meeting is Oct 28th; Oct 23rd is Second MS Forum; Nov 13th is 3rd MS Forum; November 22-24th is our Conference in Chicago; December Board Meeting is Dec. 16th due to Winter Break.

Action

16. 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 August 19 & 28, 2019

b. Board Bills of September 2019

c. Financial Reports

d. Treasurer's Report of August 2019

e. September 27/28 Overnight Field Trip – Volleyball Team, Braidwood, IL.

Motion: Matt Crawford

Second: Darin Duzan

Discussion: John—I would like to point out the overnight trip in item e). There is a charter bus due to the distance. When a trip is two or more hours away, they have the right to request to do a charter bus. When you do the math to compare the cost of the charter versus our bus, the difference is minimal, if at all. The Sponsor could choose to use some funds out of their Account. At the District Level, we like for all programs have equal access to transportation.

All yes votes.

17. Approval, 2019-20 Budget as Presented

Motion: Brad Wilkey

Second: Lindsey Wise

All yes votes.

18. Approval, Facility Usage Fees as Presented

Motion: Matt Crawford

Second: Lori Willoughby

All yes votes.

19. Approval, Seatbum App as Presented

Motion: Matt Crawford

Second: Brandi Binkley

All yes votes.

20. Approval, Adoption of Revised Board Protocols (August 2019)

Motion: Wissam Hasnain

Second: Brandi Binkley

All yes votes.

21. Approval, Hiring of District Personnel & Acceptance of Resignations/Personnel Report of 9/20/19

Motion: Matt Crawford

Second: Lindsey Wise

Discussion: John—Greg Alvis came out of retirement to do our Part Time Spanish position. Due to some health problems, he needed to resign. Beth Ruwe resigned as FFA Assistant. We still need a Girls' Volleyball and Boy's Tennis coach. Melissa Richards will be our new night custodian at the Middle School.

All yes votes.

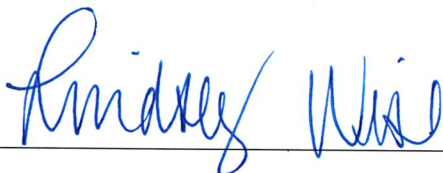
22. Adjournment

Motion: Brandi Binkley

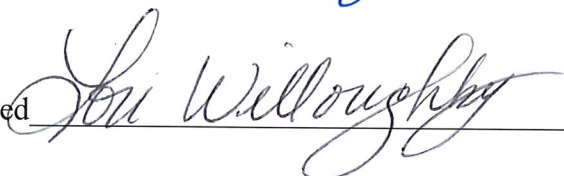
Second: Darin Duzan

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Approved



Attested



Date

