

MAROA-FORSYTH C.U.S.D. 2
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2025

Minutes

High School Library
610 W. Washington
Maroa, IL 61756

1. Call to Order- 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - MFGS Student Council members Foster Rosenberry and Hendrix Grubbs led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call - Present – Lindsey Wise, Matt Crawford, Isaac Zuniga, Susie Conway, JR Parker, Jill Feinstein, Paul Lidy

3. Good News - No Motion

a. The board recognized Girls' Tennis players Lexie and Katie Niles for their state appearance. They were honored as 2nd Team All-State. Congratulations ladies!

b. All three schools held Veterans Day programs - they were all incredible, and the students were very engaged and respectful. Good job to all!

4. Guests and Visitors - No action

5. Consent Agenda - Action

- a. Approved the minutes of the October 14, 2025, e-learning hearing, regular and closed sessions.
- b. Approved the minutes of the October 16, 2025 Strategic Planning Session.
- c. Approved the financial report.
- d. Approved the bills as presented.
- e. Approved the destruction of audio of closed session minutes 18 months or older.
- f. Accepted the resignation of Sara Brelsford, Food Service.
- g. Accepted the resignation of Luke Azzerelli, MS Head Baseball Coach.
- h. Approved the hiring of Tonya Whitney as GS Paraprofessional.
- i. Approved the hiring of Misty Salmon, Food Service.

Motion by Matt Crawford and seconded by Jill Feinstein to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote 7-0 in favor. Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Approval of the FY25 Annual Financial Report (AFR) completed by the accounting firm of Floyd & Associates. The AFR is a yearly requirement of ISBE. There were no significant findings in the audit. The single point audit of federal funds will be completed at a later date.

Motion by Paul Lidy seconded by Susie Conway to approve the AFR as presented by Floyd & Associates. Vote 7-0 in favor. Motion Carried.

b. Passed a resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on the Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017C. The board must pass this resolution annually to abate the taxes related to the bonds that paid for the construction of the grade school. This is part of our agreement with Forsyth in exchange for the Forsyth sales tax that they levy and send to us.

Motion by Isaac Zuniga and seconded by Jill Feinstein to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on the Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017C of Community School District #2, Macon and Dewitt Counties, Illinois. Vote 7-0 in favor. Motion Carried.

c. Electricity Updates - Informational. The board heard information about increases in electricity costs for the school district. Superintendent Ibbotson is obtaining quotes from brokers and direct suppliers to secure the best possible electricity rate. The current contract with Engie ends in February 2026. The natural gas contract is in effect until fall 2026.

d. School Report Card Data - Informational. The building principals presented their data from the 2025 School Report Card. The Illinois State Board of Education rated our high school as Exemplary. This places them in the top 10% of all high schools in Illinois. The grade school and the middle school received Commendable ratings and both demonstrated substantial achievement and growth. Cathleen Weber will work with all three schools on test-taking strategies and skills to help boost test scores. The BOE expressed its gratitude to our students, staff, and parents for their hard work.

e. Tentative Levy Presentation - Informational. The tentative levy was presented for discussion. The tax levy is one of the primary income sources for the district, and we receive weekly updates on the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of properties in the district. These properties are taxed and the district receives a portion of that tax money. On December 9, 2025, there will be a Truth in Taxation Hearing before the regular Board of Education meeting, with public comment on the final proposed levy.

7. Old Business

- a. Principal Reports – Informational. Presented in the board packets for review.
- b. IASB Liaison and Joint Annual Conference Report – Informational. Jill Feinstein shared information regarding the Triple I conference - they will be using the Whova App again this year. Jill will be our Delegate Assembly rep at the conference.
- c. e-Learning Implementation Plan – Informational. Superintendent Ibbotson will utilize e-learning days at his discretion. Data will be gathered on student attendance, engagement, and faculty/staff information. If there is a significant drop in attendance or lack of engagement, the use of e-learning days will be reevaluated.

8. Executive Session

Motion by Matt Crawford seconded by JR Parker to enter into closed session at 7:57 p.m. pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Vote 7-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Lidy seconded by Jill Feinstein to exit closed session at 8:36 p.m. Vote 7-0 in favor. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

Adjournment - Motion by Matt Crawford seconded by Isaac Zuniga to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Signed:

Secretary *Susan J Conway*

~~Paul Lidy~~ *Suzie Conway*

President *Lindsey Wise*

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