



MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Rich Tradition of Excellence

Board of Education Business Session

Monday, May 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be conducted in-person in the

Marshall Middle School Auditorium

Meeting to be available virtually - [open this link to access the live meeting](#)

The Marshall School Board will hold Monday's meeting in person in the Marshall Middle School Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend in person. Public comment will be taken by those physically in attendance. The meeting will be "live streamed" and recorded for those unable to attend. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Marshall Public Schools is a partnership of school employees, parents, community members and students working together to develop life-long learners who have the knowledge, skills, abilities and habits necessary to succeed in the larger world.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item Public Comments.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. Board of Education Vice President Carrie Nicholson will call the Business Session of the Board of Education to order.
- B. Secretary to the Board of Education, Kimberly VanWormer, will call the roll.
Richard Lindsey Jr., President Matt Davis, Trustee
Carrie Nicholson, Vice-President Shawna Gamble, Trustee
Lisa Middleton, Secretary Amanda Lanker, Trustee
Larry Williams, Treasurer
- C. Moment of Silence
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the agenda be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

3. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT – MHS Grand Champion FFA Demonstration Team & MMS State Championship Quiz Bowl Team – Educator and FFA Advisor Lora Finch and FFA Student Members

4. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD – *Individuals who wish to address the Board of Education are requested to **Complete a Public Comment Request Form if you plan to make any comments.** Each person will be allowed up to three minutes to address the Board.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA – MINUTES, EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL AND OTHER

- A. Approval of minutes: April 26, 2021 combined work/business session; May 5, 2021 special session and executive/closed session; and May 10, 2021 work session
- B. Disbursements: April in the amount of \$6,237,674.98
- C. Employment – Joshua Adams, MYCA Education Program Coordinator
- D. MHSAA Membership Resolution for August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022
- E. Contract Amendment for Interim Superintendent Becky Jones

BACKGROUND

- A. Minutes are included in Board materials.
- B. Financials are included in Board materials.
- C. An employment offer has been accepted, pending Board approval.

enjoying the sites at the nation's capital. It will be paid for through donations, alumni support, Michigan Farm Bureau and student contribution. Chaperoned by National FFA Staff and Leadership Team. One week (Monday through Sunday). This trip will occur in the summer of 2022.

- *Regional FFA Leadership Camp* in Cassopolis, MI for chapter FFA officers only. (9-11th grade); learning leadership, teamwork, bonding and brainstorming ideas for making Marshall FFA better. Chaperoned by Marshall FFA advisor and other advisors from the Region (1/6 of the state). Two days, one overnight. April 2022.

B. These are the customary overnight or out-of-state trips planned by current and/or retired staff of Marshall Public Schools. They are being presented at this time for Board approval so that the sponsors of these trips may proceed with their planning in a timely manner. It should be noted that these trips are subject to volunteer leadership which includes planning, organizing and accompanying students as well as appropriate number of participants to support the trip. All trips presented are conducted on non-school days.

- *Grade 5 Optional Student* trip to Chicago, IL. Students travel by chartered bus to Chicago. The trip is self-funded by students/parents with costs offset by fund raising events. Participants will visit Millennium Park, The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Navy Pier and Willis Tour. Past trip cost per student have been approximately \$100 which covers entrance to the museums, other attractions and bus fees.
- *Grade 8 Optional Student* trip to Northern Michigan; referred to as the Yooper Wilderness Adventure. The trip is self-funded by students/parents with costs offset by fund raising events. Participants will likely visit the Soo-locks, Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, Copper Harbor, and Porcupine Mountains State Park to name a few. The trip is open to all current grade eight students. The cost is approximately \$575 per person and will cover the following: round-trip transportation via vans, camping accommodations, all meals, all admissions fees, all activities, accident/health insurance, field journals (activity/guidebooks for students - to be paired with a MPS-created assessment), online educational resources, and 24-hour emergency support (private on-call physicians, etc.).
- *Grade 8 Music Student* trip to Sandusky, OH. Students travel by chartered bus to Cedar Point, a reward for their participation and service in the music department. This all-day trip takes place in June 2022.
- *Marshall Middle School Optional Student* trip to the East Coast. The trip is self-funded by students/parents with costs offset by fundraising events. Participants will visit New York City, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Gettysburg, and Hershey Park Pennsylvania. In NYC students will visit the 9/11 memorial. In Philadelphia, students will visit Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. During the DC portion, students may visit the U.S. Capitol Building, various monuments and memorials, museums, Arlington, Mount Vernon, and other historical sites. The cost is approximately \$975 per person and will cover the following: round-trip transportation via coach bus, sightseeing transportation, course leader, hotel accommodations, all meals, all admissions fees, and accident/health insurance.
- *Marshall-Koka Sister-City Exchange program* offers a Japan exchange each year for Marshall Middle School students. This exchange involves four middle school students and their families hosting four students from Koka City in January and the same Marshall students traveling to Japan in February or March for about 10 days, including travel time. This trip will introduce students to the history and culture of Japan. Similar trips, in past years, have been coordinated by district employees offering students the opportunity to participate in this program. The trip is part of an ongoing exchange with our Sister City, Koka-Cho Japan. Students will be responsible for their trip expenses.
- *Marshall High School Spanish Optional Student* trip to Chicago, IL for junior and senior high school students will provide students the opportunity to have lunch at an authentic Spanish restaurant; visit the National Museum of Mexican Art for a special exhibit including a lecture; and tour the Art Institute taking in the Spanish and Mesoamerican exhibits. The cost is approximately \$40 per person which covers the round-trip transportation via coach bus, museum entrance and the dining event. This all-day event takes place usually sometime during first semester of the school year.
- *Marshall High School Youth in Government Club* to travel to Lansing, MI second semester to attend the Michigan Youth in Government Conference. The conference provides students with an opportunity to become acting state legislators, governors, lobbyists, lawyers, committee chairs or national debate participants. In essence, the students simulate all phases and positions of the actual state government. These students are challenged with many of the issues our real legislators must face in their elected offices. The cost is approximately \$425 per person which covers the entire conference. The trip/conference is self-funded by students/parents.
- *Marshall High School Band Trip* to travel to New York City the spring of 2022 is currently being considered. This trip supports the band curriculum. The trip request is being presented now so that

