



MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Rich Tradition of Excellence

Board of Education Business Session

Monday, May 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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 President Bill DeSmet, 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.
Bill DeSmet, President Brent Dawson, Trustee
Carrie Nicholson, Vice-President Shawna Gamble, Trustee
Lisa Middleton, Secretary Richard Lindsey Jr., 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Individuals who wish to address the Board of Education are requested to **Complete a Public Comment Request Form by 7:00 PM if you plan to make any comments**; [open this link to access the form](#). Each person will be allowed up to three minutes to address the Board.*

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

- A. Approval of minutes: April 20, 2020 combined work/business session and May 4, 2020 work session and closed/executive session
- B. Disbursements: April in the amount of \$5,856,306.80

BACKGROUND

- A. Minutes are included in Board materials.
- B. Financials are included in Board materials.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by_____, supported by_____ that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Special Recognition
 - Dan Coddens named Athletic Director of the Year by Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
 - Retirements
 - Laura Altic, Athletic Secretary – Marshall High School

- Maureen Earl, Teacher – Walters Elementary
- Lisa Gibbs, Teacher – Hughes Elementary
- Mark Minkwic, Teacher – Marshall Middle School
- MHS Class of 2020 – Top 10 and Departmental Awards
- B. Commencement
- C. Facilities Committee
- D. Leadership Team Reports

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 2020-2021 Budget
- B. Proposed Handbook Changes for 2020-21

7. ACTION ITEMS – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – TRIPS

- A. Approve overnight and/or out-of-state field trips
- B. Approve overnight and/or out-of-state trips

BACKGROUND

A. These are the customary school-sponsored overnight or out-of-state field trips conducted in 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 for the 2020-2021 school year.

- *The Mackinac Island* trip for fourth grade students will provide students the opportunity to see the sights they have studied and to increase their knowledge of Michigan history.
- *Sherman Lake YMCA & Outdoor Center* camp in Augusta, MI provides sixth grade students an opportunity to develop team building skills with their classmates and teachers. Students leave on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon of the same week.
- *National FFA Convention* trip to Indianapolis, IN for FFA members (9-12th grade); emphasizes a lifetime of leadership, personal growth and career success. While at Convention, students will tour agricultural businesses, Chaperoned by Marshall FFA advisor and other FFA advisors from the state. Students will travel in late October 2020.
- *State FFA Convention* trip to Lansing, MI for FFA members (9-12th grade, possibly 7-8th grade if they are competing); compete at Leadership Contests (depending on who qualifies), walk across Wharton Center Stage to earn State Degrees, Outstanding Junior awards, State Academic awards, etc (as earned), also delegates will vote on state officers and bylaw changes for the state. Chaperoned by Marshall FFA advisor and other FFA advisors from the state. Students will travel in early March 2021 for three days (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).
- *Fall FFA Leadership Conference* in Lansing, MI for FFA members (8-12th grade); focus is on leadership, teamwork, communication and being a better person. Chaperoned by Marshall FFA advisor and other FFA advisors from the state. Students will travel and be at the conference for two days, one overnight in October/November 2020.
- *WLC (FFA Washington Leadership Conference)* in Washington, DC for FFA members (11-12th grade); three students; This conference is focused on leadership, teamwork, service learning and 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). Leave from St. Johns, MI in June/July 2020.
- *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 2021.

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.

