



MARION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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**Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 18, 2025**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All board members were present.

Example of Excellence

ESL/ELL Teacher JoAnna Samples and Board Member Jared Garrison, accompanied by four students from Marion High School (Aniston Anderson, Ysabella Zubiri, Ian Moseman, and Charlie Smith) shared insights from their recent trip to Japan as part of the Sister City Cultural Exchange Program.

Audience to Visitors

No comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

No comment was offered.

Consent Agenda

The board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

a. Minutes - the minutes from the October 21, 2025 regular meeting and closed session and October 29, 2025 special meeting and closed session as presented.

b. Bills – the October supplementary bills and the November bills for payment as presented.

c. Donations

i. Lowell Anderson to All Elementary Schools - Kroger Gift Cards valued at \$5,000.00

ii. Walmart to All Elementary Schools - Coats, Hats, and Gloves valued at \$250.00

Administrative Leave w/ Pay - 3 Year Agreement

The board voted 7-0 to approve the agreement as presented.

Personnel Recommendations

The board voted 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT:

Coaching

Karrie Jackson, MJHS Head Bowling Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Personnel Recommendations (cont')

Austin Hammonds, MJHS Head Golf Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Sara Gordon, MHS Head Forensics (Speech) Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Heaven Lawrence, MHS Volunteer Softball Assistant Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Jade Nappier, MHS Volunteer Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Bryan Madinger, MHS Volunteer Boys Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

Dyson Royce, MHS Volunteer Boys Track Assistant Coach, effective for the 2025-2026 season.

REASSIGNMENTS

Stephanie Bawker, reassigned from MJHS Custodian to Cook at MJHS, effective November 19, 2025.

Janit Lindsey, reassigned from MJHS Cook to Custodian at MJHS, effective November 19, 2025.

The board voted 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

RETIREMENT

Rita Diane Simmons, Cook assigned to Marion High School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Tim Foster, Maintenance, effective December 31, 2025.

Annual District Audit

The board voted 7-0 to approve the Annual District Audit as presented.

Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing

The board voted 7-0 to approve the Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing as presented.

Proposed 2025 Tax Levy Resolution

The board voted 7-0 to approve the Proposed 2025 Tax Levy Resolution as presented.

FY 26 School Maintenance Project Grant

The board voted 7-0 to approve the FY 26 School Maintenance Project Grant as presented.

Livestreaming Board Meetings

The Board will vote at the next meeting to either continue or discontinue to livestream board meetings.

Chain of Command

The board voted 7-0 to adopt the Chain of Command Chart as presented.

New District Mission/Vision Statements

The board voted 6-0-1 to adopt the New District Mission/Vision Statements as presented.

Board Protocols & Expectations

The board voted 6-0-1 to adopt the Board Protocols and Expectations as presented.

Technology Report

Summary of Jerry Stanley's activities:

- Expanding the new website to other buildings and setting up editing access.
- Working with App Legal Department for SOPPA/DPA's (Student Data Privacy.)
- All Fall Enrollment data finalized and submitted to ISBE prior to the deadline.
- Monthly process of creating all necessary accounts (Google, Infinite Campus, Public School Works, CrisisGo) for all new teachers and staff.
- On-going update of Public School Works training accounts for all coaches. (Adams, Jr High and High School)
- Advanced preparations for upcoming E-Rate year. FY26
- All items purchased with the Rural/Low Income Grant are in transit.
- Assisted Administration with the Williamson County Learning Camp.

Summary of Technology Staff activities:

- Monitoring WIFI to ensure peak performance at all buildings
- Responded to 65 Technology Requests from teachers, Admins, and staff.
- Multiple Chromebook repairs for Elementary Schools.
- Monitoring Two Factor Authentication setup for staff.

Maintenance Report

- New mini splits have been partially installed in classrooms at Longfellow school. These splits should all be up and running by the end of the month. Contractors will continue working on installing the remaining units at Longfellow following Washington and Jefferson schools.
- The construction for the window repair/replacement at Adams school will begin December 3. Storage containers and equipment will arrive prior to the third. The jobsite location will be
- located just east of the building in the yard. The whole project is expected to last into the end of the school year.
- The underground boiler line at Longfellow school has had recent repairs done to it and should be completed by November 21 weather permitting.
- We have been in talks with the district architect and engineer in determining what projects we want to focus on for summer 2026.
- New drinking fountains and bottle filling stations continue to be installed in areas throughout the district.
- Four new modine heaters are scheduled to be installed in Washington School's east gym.

Maintenance Report (con't)

- Updated energy lighting will start to be installed at MHS and Adams school along with new exterior lighting added to some buildings.
- Staff Training and team communication continue with both the Maintenance and Custodial departments.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Moss discussed the district's plan to utilize Wildcat Way Funds to establish a pantry for elementary students. November is Board Member Appreciation Month and Mrs. Moss expressed her gratitude to the board members for their service to the community. The E-Learning Plan is on our website staff and students are reminded to utilize it if an E-Learning Day is called due to inclement weather.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mrs. Watts summarized the district's test scores and summative designations.



Marion Unit 2

Student Recognition

November 2025

Sports

Adams

Boys Basketball - The Wildcat Basketball Team placed 2nd at the Galatia Tip-Off Tournament.

Congratulations to Nolan Fosse and Cameron Scott on being named to the All-Tournament Team.



Academics

Adams

Congratulations to Reese and Javon for placing 1st in Bocce at the Special Olympics Bocce Event.



Academics

Marion Junior High School

Choir - Congratulations to Mrs. Shore for being selected to serve as a director at the ILMEA District 6 Jazz Choir Festival. She was also selected to represent MJHS Choir at the One State Arts and Humanities Conference in Champaign to receive a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.



Academics

Marion High School

Band - Congratulations to MHS Wildcat Marching Band on being named Grand Champions at the Pinckneyville Mardi Gras Parade Competition.

Additional Awards Earned:

- Best AAA Drum Major
- 2nd Place in Marching Competition
- 2nd Place in the Parade
- AAA Outstanding Auxiliary (Color Guard)
- AAA Outstanding Percussion



Academics

Marion High School

Art - MHS Art had 24 students and 9 teams compete in Harrisburg's Annual Chalk Drawing Contest and took home two trophies.

Judge's Choice:

3rd Place - "Zombie Girl" (team #21)

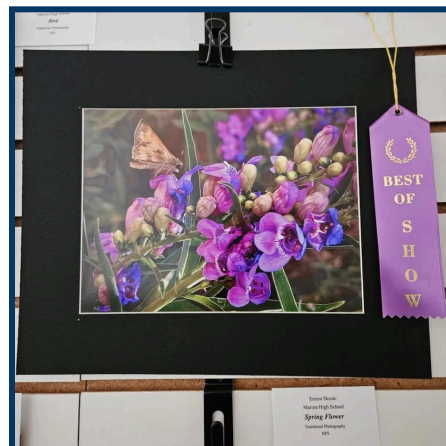
Students: Dan Brame, Remi Roan, Gabe Johnson, and Karlos Hernandez

Teacher's Choice:

1st Place - "Snoopy" (team #26)

Students: Autumn Richey, Ella Smith, Adia Lawrence, and Trinity Brown

Art - MHS Art Student Emma Skeate won the youth division Best In Show Photo sponsored by Vogler Ford.



Academics

Marion High School

Art - The following MHS Art Students had artwork accepted into the Yeiser's Teen Spirit High School Art Show and Competition through a juried selection that will run from November 15th through December 7th.

Link to Student Artwork accepted into the show:

[MHS Art Students Accepted Artwork](#)

Students:

Kaia Aitchison (2 pieces), Jazmeen Akron, Alyssa Baize, Gavin Blue, Dan Brame (3 pieces), Jacob Brown, Oliver Campbell, Adrian Davis, Rylan Eagles, Nekiya Edwards, Collin Fields, Vida Follis, Cara Glass, Ellianna Glover, Alexes Grant, Georgia Hale (2 pieces), Malachi Holem, Addison Keck, London Lawrence, Hunter Mantis, Charolette Marlo, LJ Martin, Alex McWilliams, Olivia Neuman (2 pieces), Aubrey Oates (3 pieces), Brooklyn Phemister, Matthew Pritchett, Autumn Richey, Remi Roan (2 pieces), Magdalena Robinson, Bailey Schafer,, Emmaleigh Sherrod, Emma Skeate, Gabe Stevens (2 pieces), Ella Smith, Lauren Sturgeons, Cali Smith , John Tanner, Kristiana Thompson, DJ Tucker, Corbin Upton, Riley Warner (2 pieces), David Williams, Faith Williams, Makenna Zukas

Spanish - The following students were inducted into Spanish Honor Society on October 29, 2025: Jill Anglin, Logan Black, Melissa Comerford, Abbie Dalton, James Davis, Autumn Estes, Maya Graham, Sidney Gunn, Ellyana Hale, Addison Hickman, Leah Jennings, Cass Miller, Halle Oakley, Mell Phillips, Allie Pritchett, Avery Randolph, Kylee Rivett, Audrey Rogowski, Lydia Rogowski, Katelyn Walker, Kali Wallace, Ellie Weston and Lakeya Williams.



Sports

Marion High School

Football - Congratulations to Marion Senior Quarterback Callahan Roper for breaking several school records this season.



Girls Cross Country - Congratulations to Kara Odum for winning the Carterville Regional.






| OVERALL | PARTICIPANT | CLOCK TIME | CHIP TIME |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | Kara Odum Female, 17, IL #3833 | 18:18.74 | 18:18.74 |
| 2 | Sophie Krupa Female, IL #3516 | 18:23.26 | 18:23.26 |
| 3 | Emberlie Goins Female, IL #4389 | 18:23.92 | 18:23.92 |
| 4 | Laney Sambursky Female, IL #3529 | 18:37.30 | 18:37.30 |
| 5 | Daniya Hill Female, IL #3548 | 18:53.23 | 18:53.23 |
| 6 | Calla Espenschied Female, IL #4417 | 19:10.42 | 19:10.42 |
| 7 | Lyla Seaman Female, IL #3531 | 19:15.96 | 19:15.96 |
| 8 | Emily Vogt Female, IL #4424 | 19:31.19 | 19:31.19 |
| 9 | Nora Epplin Female, IL #3514 | 19:38.04 | 19:38.04 |
| 10 | Avery Lay Female, IL #3568 | 19:46.09 | 19:46.09 |

Girls Cross Country - Kara Odum finished 13th overall at the Mattoon Sectional to advance to the IHSA State Finals.

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Girls Cross Country - Congratulations to Kara Odum for placing 37th overall at IHSA State Finals. She ran a new PR with a time of 18:04.34.

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| 35 |  Natalie Nichols Rochester PR • Yr: 12 | 18:02.19 |
| 36 |  Ashlynn Lindt Lombard (Montini) SR • Yr: 12 | 18:03.15 |
| 37 |  Kara Odum Marion PR • Yr: 12 | 18:04.34 |
| 38 |  Alexandra Santoyo Cary (C.-Grove) PR • Yr: 10 | 18:05.74 |
| 39 |  Maddie Schrader Lake Villa (Lakes) PR • Yr: 9 | 18:06.37 |

Boys Cross Country - Congratulations to the Wildcat XC Team for finishing 6th overall at the Mattoon Sectional to qualify for the IHSA State Finals. Gabby Greer finished 3rd and Raphy Greer finished 5th.



Boys Cross Country - Gabby Greer finished 2nd overall at the IHSA State Final.

| Boys 3 Mile 2A Varsity | | |
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| IHSA Class 2A State XC Championships Nov 8, 2025 | | |
| 1 |  Max Weber Bethalto (Civic Memorial) 2 #1409 • Yr: 12 | 14:08.6 4:38.1 |
| 2 |  Gabriel Greer Marion 3 #1627 • 1.5 • Yr: 11 | 14:10.1 4:39.4 |
| 3 |  Carson Kaiser Maple Park (Kaneland) 1 #1614 • 4.3 • Yr: 10 | 14:12.9 4:42.3 |
| 4 |  Thomas Jochum Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South) 3 #1532 • 7.3 • Yr: 11 | 14:15.9 4:45.7 |
| 5 |  Quaid Berger Olney (Richland County) 3 #1797 • 10.2 • Yr: 10 | 14:18.8 4:48.4 |

Sports

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Girls Tennis - Congratulations to the MHS Girls Tennis players who were named to the 2025 South 7 All Conference team.

1st Team - Ellie Weston and Madelyn Montgomery

2nd Team - Hope Evans and Callie Whiting

2025 SOUTH 7 ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

1ST TEAM

REAGAN MOORE (CARBONDALE)
 (#1 SINGLES FLIGHT CHAMPION)
 MOXIE BORRENPOHL (CARBONDALE)
 ANNE-MARIE SIMONDS (CARBONDALE)
 MARGO SIMONDS (CARBONDALE)
 MACKENZIE PEREZ (CENTRALIA)
 ELLIE WESTON (MARION)
 MADELYN MONTGOMERY (MARION)

2ND TEAM

HANNAH THOMAS (CARBONDALE)
 ZARIAH LANIER (CARBONDALE)
 ZOE HOLLOWAY (CENTRALIA)
 LILY HULL (CENTRALIA)
 HOPE EVANS (MARION)
 CALLIE WHITING (MARION)
 ABBIE RUSSELL (MT. VERNON)
 OLIVIA VAN-KAMPEN (MT. VERNON)

Volleyball - Congratulations to Carleigh Midgett for receiving IVCA Honorable Mention All-State.



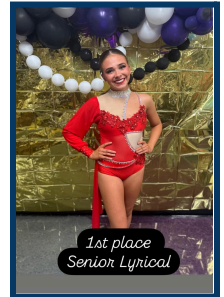
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| Kasey Quast | Outside | Hinsdale Central | Senior | Kelly Stapleton |
| Maeve Savage | Middle Blocker | Hinsdale South | Senior | Ben Goodell |
| Adelaide Bruns | Setter | Johnsburg | Sophomore | Abby Bruns |
| Abriana Bruns | Defensive Specialist/Libero | Johnsburg High School | Senior | Abby Bruns |
| Eden Eyassu | Defensive Specialist/Libero | Joliet West | Senior | Chris Lincoln |
| Nora Miller | Defensive Specialist/Libero | Lemont | Senior | Chris Zogata |
| Kaitlyn Wilson | Outside | Lemont | Junior | Chris Zogata |
| Claire Evans | Outside | Libertyville | Senior | Greg Loika |
| Maggie Simon | Setter | Lincoln-Way East | Senior | Sean Burns |
| Sophia Rozga | Defensive Specialist/Libero | Lincoln-Way West | Senior | Kendall Villa |
| Lily Goyer | Middle Blocker | Lincoln-Way West | Senior | Kendall Villa |
| Claire Murphy | Setter | Lincoln-Way West | Senior | Kendall Villa |
| Sophia Harer | Outside | Lisle | Senior | Payton Litney |
| Kendall Kolff | Outside | Lisle | Senior | Payton Litney |
| Anna Gorzkowski | Setter | Lisle | Senior | Payton Litney |
| Hutryn Timosciek | Opposite/Right Side | Lockport | Junior | Nick Mraz |
| Natalie Bochannin | Setter | Lockport | Junior | Nick Mraz |
| Julia Ahrens | Defensive Specialist/Libero | Lyons Township | Junior | Jill Bober |
| Cofleen Chambers | Setter | Lyons Township | Junior | Jill Bober |
| Nola Midday | Middle Blocker | Marian Central Catholic | Senior | Doug Wilbrandt |
| Mary Kate Hermon | Outside | Marian Central Catholic | Junior | Doug Wilbrandt |
| Grace Kelly | Outside | Marian Central Catholic | Senior | Doug Wilbrandt |
| Carleigh Midgett | Middle Blocker | Marion | Sophomore | Brandy Miedleris |

Sports

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Dance - MHS Varsity Dance had a phenomenal day at the IDTA Start the Beat Competition.

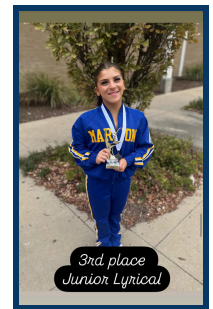
- Senior Lyrical:
1st Place - Lela Springvloed (Automatic Bid to IDTA Solo prelims)



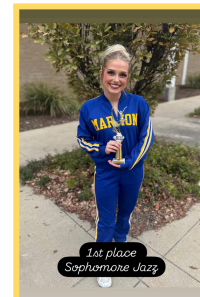
- Junior Jazz:
2nd Place - Autumn Estes



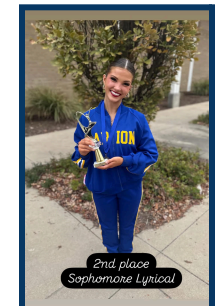
- Junior Lyrical:
3rd Place - Lilly Hampson



- Sophomore Jazz:
1st Place - Emery Lueker



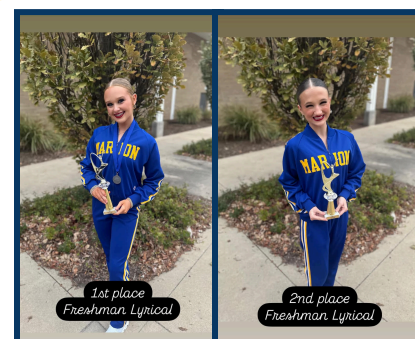
- Sophomore Lyrical:
2nd Place - Emma Stout



- Freshman Jazz:
2nd Place - Sabrina Horn



- Freshman Lyrical:
1st Place - Emma Lynn
2nd Place - Mazie Disney



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Dance

- Junior Varsity Duet:
1st Place - Emma Stout and Emma Lynn



- Varsity Duet:
2nd Place - Emaline Collins and Elly Hale
3rd Place - Autumn Estes and Lilly Hampson



Treasurer's Report

The District is 33.3% of the way through the fiscal year as of October 31, 2025. The Education Fund expenditures are at 30.69% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 35.50%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 29.29%.

Closed Session

The Board voted 7-0 to enter into closed session for Personnel, the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Adjournment

The board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.