

Regular Meeting - July 21, 2026
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, IL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Sheri Lawler was not present.

Audience to Visitors

No comment was offered.

Marion Education Association

No comment was offered.

Consent Agenda

Motion #1: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

a. Minutes - the minutes from the June 16, 2026 regular meeting and closed session and June 29, 2026 special meeting as presented.

b. Bills – the June supplementary bills and the July bills for payment as presented.

c. Donations

i. Timberline to MHS FFA - \$1,250 donation

ii. Boyt Engineering to Marion High School - \$500 donation

iii. Doelitzsch Family to Wildcat Way - \$100 donation

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #2: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Joseph Bleyer to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented: Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Certified

Sierra Anderson, Assistant Principal assigned to Washington Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Michaela Stanley, School Social Worker assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Melissa Moore, 5th Grade Team Leader, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion #3: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Joseph Bleyer to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented: Motion carried.

Non-Certified

Mike Musko, Noon Supervisor assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Kerrigan Payne, Noon Supervisor and AfterCats Coordinator assigned to Longfellow Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Coaching

The 2026-2027 Marion High School, Marion Junior High School and Adams School Coaches as presented.

Ryan Tallman, MHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Katie Frerichs, MHS Assistant Cheer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Andrea Arnold, MHS Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Ashlee Fosse, Adams Assistant Softball Coach, effective June 28, 2026.

Bob Simpson, Hall Monitor assigned to Marion High School, effective July 9, 2026.

Paige Crabtree, MHS Assistant Softball Coach, effective June 18, 2026.

Melissa Farley, School Social Worker assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective August 1, 2026.

Suri Toledo Zavala, Cook assigned to Marion Junior High School, effective July 10, 2026.

Amanda Rogers, Head Cook assigned to Washington Elementary School, effective July 27, 2026.

RETIREMENT

Darren Lindsey, MHS Boys Head Wrestling Coach, effective June 15, 2026.

2026-2027 Athletic & Student Activities Handbook

Motion #4: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic & Student Activities Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook

Motion #5: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Official's Rate & Worker Fee Schedule

Motion #6: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to approve the Official's Rate & Worker Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Adopt Strategic Plan

Motion #7: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to adopt the Marion CUSD #2 Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Semi Annual Review - Closed Session Minutes

Motion #8: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to keep closed session minutes from January 2024 through June 2024 to remain closed and confidential. Motion carried.

Laborers' Local Union 773 & Marion CUSD #2 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion #9: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Brice Wesley to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Laborers' Local Union 773 & Marion CUSD #2 as presented. Motion carried.

Food Service Report

Food Service Director, Rhonda Woods, provided an update on the food service program.

Technology Report

Summary of Jerry Stanley's activities:

- Continue to look at cost analysis for future Chromebook replacement.
- Continue to look at cost analysis for future Promethean Board replacement.
- Continue to update Asset Inventory. New equipment and asset transfers.
- Setting the Tech Dept. up to process Chromebook repairs through the insurance company.
- Updating SOPPA/DPA's (Student Data Privacy.) On-going process.
- Making necessary data corrections for the end of the school year District Report Card.
- Continue to process annual renewals for district-wide applications.
- Received USAC/Erate reimbursement for Internet access for the 25-26 SY. \$130,560.00
- Creating new employee accounts.
- Vendor discussions in regards to the high school phone system.
- Updating district website for the 26-27 school year.
- Preparing for Onsite registration at MJHS & MHS.
- Arranged for e-waste pickup.

Summary of Technology Staff activities:

- Daily updates of district-wide Asset Inventory and daily asset transfers.
- Daily/Weekly processing of NEW Student registrations for the 25-26 school year.
- Daily/Weekly processing of Kindergarten registrations for the 26-27 SY.
- Daily creation of new Google accounts and Infinite Campus accounts for new students.
- Processing RETURNING student registration for the 26-27 school year.
- Reconnecting all technology devices for all teachers following summer maintenance.

Maintenance Report

This has been one of the busiest and most productive summers our Facilities Department has experienced in recent years. While teachers, staff, students, and visitors often see the finished product when they return in August, much of the work completed behind the scenes goes

Maintenance Report (con't)

unnoticed. Throughout the summer, our Maintenance and Custodial Departments have worked tirelessly to transform each building—completing major renovations, repairs, preventative maintenance, and deep cleaning in just a matter of weeks. Their dedication and teamwork have prepared our facilities for another successful school year.

Junior High School

East Gym Renovation - The East Gym renovation is approximately 65% complete.

Completed or nearing completion:

- Ceiling painting – 100% complete
- Wall painting – 80% complete
- Handrail installation – 70% complete

Upcoming work includes:

- Installation of new HVAC equipment and ductwork
- Bleacher installation
- New stair treads
- Additional lighting
- Sound panel installation
- Wall pads
- Deep cleaning
- Gym floor resurfacing

All contractors remain on schedule. The primary challenge has been delays in receiving materials.

East Restrooms - Approximately 70% complete.

Completed:

- New concrete
- Framing and walls
- Ceilings
- Plumbing

Remaining work:

- Painting
- Partitions
- Plumbing fixtures
- Lighting
- Wall tile
- Flooring

Additional Projects

- West Gym floor sanded and resealed.
- First-floor west side and south hallway walls repainted and modernized.
- West parking lot resealed and restriped.

High School

Cafeteria Roof - The cafeteria roof project is approximately 90% complete. Remaining work includes installation of gutters, soffit, and fascia.

Maintenance Report (con't)

Wilson Gym - The gym floor has been sanded to bare wood and repainted with a modern design. Floor sealing will begin next week, with completion anticipated by July 30.

Wilson Gym Sound System - Following completion and curing of the gym floor, contractors will install a new modern sound system.

Maintenance Report con't)

Additional Projects

- All high school parking lots have been sealed and restriped.
- The auditorium stage received a new wood floor and fresh paint.
- Kitchen and serving line lighting has been upgraded.
- New sidewalks are scheduled for installation within the next week.
- The north tree line has been cleared to assist the City with future drainage and flooding concerns along the creek.

Adams School

Windows Project - The window replacement project, which began last fall, was completed on July 10.

Completed:

- Replacement of all exterior windows
- New skylights
- Replacement of the majority of exterior doors
- Installation of new window shades throughout the building
- Hallway and foyer lighting upgraded.
- Red Pod carpet replaced with new luxury vinyl flooring.
- Gym floor sanded and resealed.

Washington School

Mini Split Installation - More than 40 mini split units have been installed in all feasible classrooms. This project is expected to significantly improve classroom comfort and resolve HVAC concerns that have existed for several years.

Additional Projects

- East parking lot regraded with loose gravel removed and new oil-and-chip surface installed.
 - Lighting upgraded in selected areas.
 - A Hallway repainted and modernized.
 - Teachers' lounge in B Hall received a new workstation.
 - East Gym floor sanded and resealed.
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- Installation of a new roof on the Logan Gym begins July 16, with anticipated completion by July 31.

Jefferson School

Mini Split Installation - More than 15 mini split units have been installed where feasible.

Additional Projects

- Interior painting and touch-up completed throughout the building.
- Lighting upgraded in selected areas.

Maintenance Report (con't)

Longfellow School

Mini Split Installation - More than 23 mini split units have been installed where feasible.

Additional Projects

- Interior painting and touch-up completed throughout the building.

Maintenance Report (con't)

- Lighting upgraded in selected areas.
- Courtyard sidewalks repaired.

Lincoln School

Additional Projects

- Interior painting and touch-up completed throughout the building.
- Lighting upgraded in selected areas.
- Landscaping improvements to the front and side of the building are scheduled to begin within the next week.

The Maintenance and Custodial Departments continue to make outstanding progress across the district. Despite the scope of this summer's projects and occasional material delays, work remains on schedule, and staff continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to providing clean, safe, and well-maintained facilities for our students, staff, and community

Assistant Superintendent Report:



GETTING READY FOR 2026-2027

REGISTRATION FOR NEW & RETURNING TO DISTRICT GR. 1-8 STUDENTS

THURSDAY, July 23, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Grade 1-8 Students - Junior High School West Entrance

- Grades 1-5: **NEW STUDENTS ONLY**
- Grades 6-8: **NEW, JM STUDENTS & RETURNING MJHS STUDENTS**

NEW Students Need Proof of Residency (2 items) to Register

FEE PAYMENT AVAILABLE DURING REGISTRATION

- Grade K-6 Instructional Materials Fee - \$35.00
- Grade 7-8th Grade Instructional Materials Fee - \$40.00
- Grades 9-12 Instructional Materials Fee - \$45.00
- Grades K-12 Chromebook Insurance - \$25.00
- Grades 9-12 Lock Fee - \$5.00

ALL MJHS 9-12 students should attend and any NEW students 1-8 6-8 students will receive class schedules, be able to purchase lockers, chromebook insurance, etc. School picture day will take place in the fall.

BREAKFAST & LUNCHES
Breakfast - \$2.50/day
Lunch - \$2.75/day

Visit www.marionunit2.org for more information

Back to School

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

- MARION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
- MJHS NEW STUDENT & 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
- MEET & GREET - ALL ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-12
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026
- KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

2026-2027

GETTING READY FOR 2026-2027

REGISTRATION FOR MARION HIGH SCHOOL NEW & RETURNING TO DISTRICT GRADES 9-12

Friday, July 24, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Marion High School

NEW Students Need Proof of Residency (2 items) to Register

FEE PAYMENT AVAILABLE DURING REGISTRATION

- Grades 9-12 Instructional Materials Fee - \$45.00
- Grade 9-12 Chromebook Insurance - \$25.00
- Grades 9-12 Lock Fee - \$5.00

9-12 students will receive class schedules, have their school picture taken, acquire a locker, purchase chromebook insurance, etc. Chromebooks will be distributed to Sophomores-Seniors at registration

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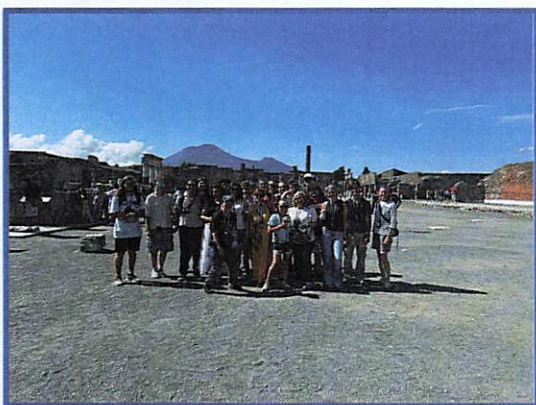
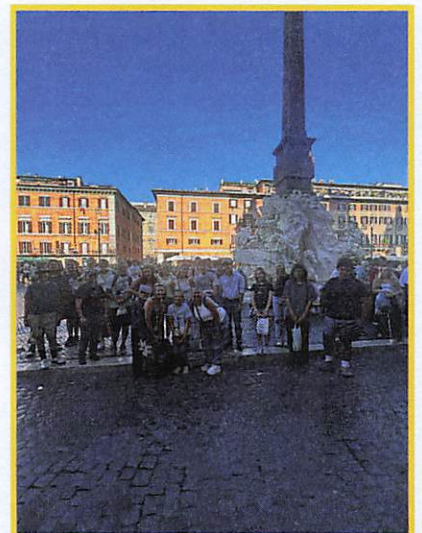
Assistant Superintendent Report: (con't)

Academics

Marion High School

Art - A group of 22 students and chaperones had the extraordinary opportunity to travel to Italy from May 24 through June 3 as part of an educational and cultural learning experience. Departing from St. Louis, we traveled through Montreal, Canada, before arriving in Rome, Italy to begin an unforgettable journey through some of the world's most significant historical, artistic, and cultural destinations.

Throughout the trip, students were immersed in the rich heritage of Italy as they explored ancient landmarks, world-renowned works of art, historic cities, and vibrant local communities. Expert guides at each destination provided engaging and insightful instruction, sharing extensive knowledge of Italian history, culture, architecture, and art history. These experiences brought classroom learning to life and allowed students to gain a deeper appreciation for the artistic achievements and historical significance of the places they visited.



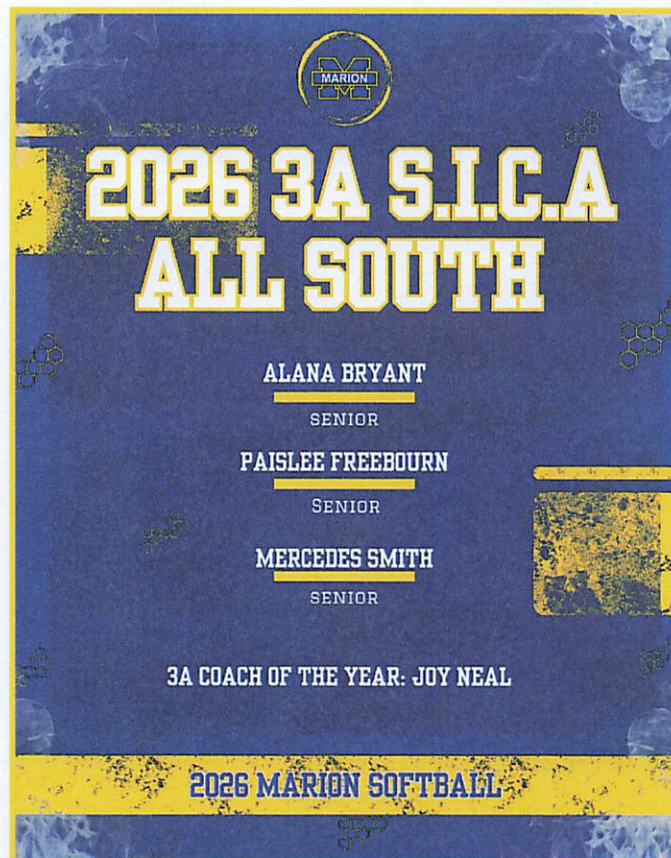
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Sports

Marion High School

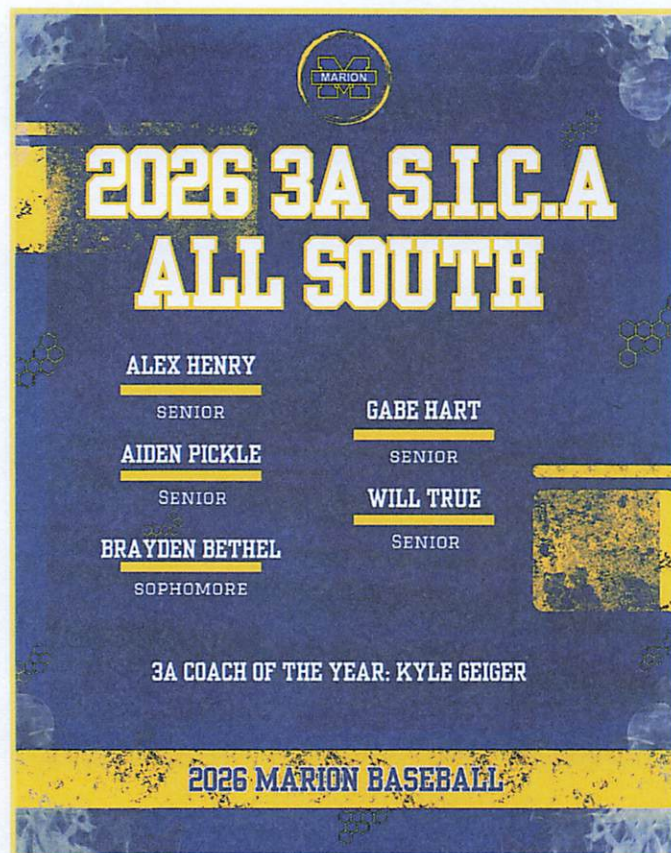
Softball - Congratulations to MHS Softball's Alana Bryant, Paislee Freebourn, and Mercedes Smith for being named to the 2026 3A S.I.C.A. All-South Team.

Also, Congratulations to Coach Joy Neal for being named as the 2026 3A S.I.C.A. All-South Coach of the Year.



Baseball - Congratulations to MHS Baseball's Alex Henry, Aiden Pickles, Brayden Bethel, Gabe Hart, and Will True for being named to the 2026 S.I.C.A. All-South Team.

Also, Congratulations to Coach Kyle Geiger for being named as the 2026 3A S.I.C.A. All-South Coach of the Year.



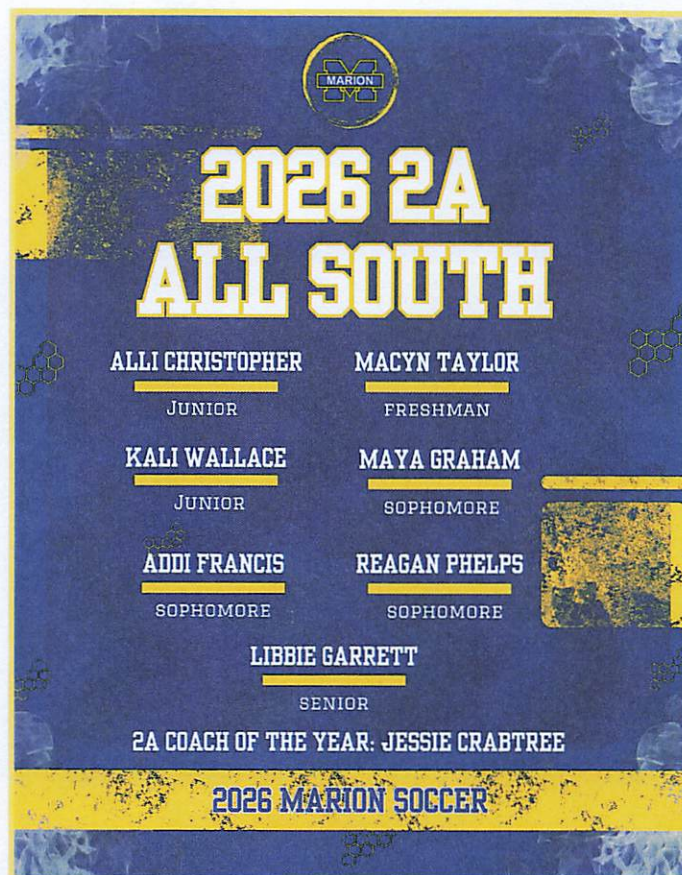
Assistant Superintendent Report: (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Girls Soccer - Congratulations to MHS Girls Soccer's Alli Christopher, Kali Wallace, Addi Francis, Macyn Taylor, Maya Graham, Reagan Phelps, and Libbie Garrett for being named to the 2026 2A All-South Team.

Also, Congratulations to Coach Jessie Crabtree for being named as the 2026 2A All-South Coach of the Year.



Girls Track & Field - Congratulations to MHS Girls Track & Field's McCayla Rowatt, Alyssa Johnson, Isa Greer, Kara Odum, and Emma Skeate for being named to the 2026 2A All-South Team.



Assistant Superintendent Report: (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Track & Field - Congratulations to MHS Boys Track & Field's Michael Surburg, Raphael Greer, Gabriel Greer, Jaydin Brooks, and Vance Burford for being named to the 2026 2A All-South Team.



Treasurer's Report

The district is 100% of the way through the fiscal year as of June 30, 2026. The Education Fund expenditures are at 96.41% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 88.42%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 92.06%.

Closed Session

Motion #10: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Jared Garrison to enter into closed session at 6:48 p.m. and end closed session at 7:49 p.m. 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. Motion carried.

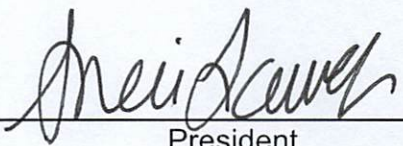
Adjournment

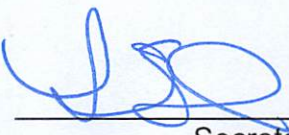
Motion #11: It was moved by Joseph Bleyer and seconded by Jared Garrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion Number

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Lawler	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Whiteford	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bundren	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Garrison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wesley	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bleyer	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
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August 18, 2020
Date


President


Secretary