

Regular Meeting - September 22, 2026
The Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 2
Williamson County, IL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Jared Garrison was not present.

Example of Educational Excellence

Rani Walker, MJHS Assistant Principal, introduced Mrs. Sulser and Mrs. Moulton, MJHS Science teachers and Robotics Club sponsors. They presented a slideshow explaining the Robotics Club at Marion Junior High School and their upcoming competitions. The following students shared their project with the Board: Peyton Simmons (Safe), Graclyn Goza (Grabber), Ellison Zukas (Ferris Wheel), Olivia Joyner, Sarah Horn, Haley Kerins (KeKe the Dog), and Chloe Sims (Grabber).

Audience to Visitors

Ashley Gott, Williamson County Treasurer, spoke to the Board of Education about considering ways to bring relief to taxpayers.

Closed Session

Motion #1: It was moved by Kristen Whiteford and seconded by Sheri Lawler to enter into closed session at 6:43 p.m. and end closed session at 8:29 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.

Marion Education Association

Anthony Stephens, MEA President, invited the Board members to meet with the MEA Council throughout the school year to keep communications open. He invited the members to attend the monthly MEA meetings.

Consent Agenda

Motion #2: 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 August 18, 2026 regular meeting as presented.
- b. **Bills** – the August supplementary bills and the September bills for payment as presented.
- c. **Donations**
 - i. Protek to Marion High School - \$500.00 to FFA
 - ii. City of Marion to Marion High School - \$500.00 to FFA
 - iii. Naomi Murphy to Adams School - School Supplies valued at \$100.00

- iv. Beth Wilson to Adams School - Pickleball Net valued at \$50.00
- v. Kelsey Stallings to Adams School - Two Soccer Goals valued at \$300.00
- vi. Southern Orthopedic to Marion High School - \$100.00 to MHS Band
- vii. Southern Illinois Rejuvenation Center to MHS Athletics and MHS Administration - Golf Cart for home events, emergencies, etc.
- viii. ICCA to Adams School Cheer - Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00
- viii. VFW in Creal Springs to Washington Elementary School - School Supplies valued \$300.00
- viii. United Methodist Church to Washington Elementary School - 18 Backpacks valued at \$100.00
- x. Banterra Bank to Washington Elementary School - Stock the Fridge valued at \$200.00
- xi. Becky Robertson to Marion Junior High School - \$600.00 to Wildcat Pantry
- xii. United Methodist Church to Marion Junior High School - \$100.00 to Wildcat Pantry
- xiii. Amber Fike to Marion Junior High School - Charcuterie Board for Office Staff valued at \$75.00

Board Policy Adoption

Motion #3: It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Joseph Bleyer to adopt the following policies as presented: 2:30, 2:70-E Exhibit, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 5:40, 5:70, 6:70, 6:80, 7:30, 7:80, 8:70, 2:120-E3 Exhibit, 2:220-E1 Exhibit, 2:220-E3 Exhibit, 2:220-E5 Exhibit, 2:230, 4:120, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 5:240, 6:190, 7:130, 7:330, 7:345, 8:100. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Motion #4: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Kristen Whiteford to terminate the employment of payroll clerk as presented. Motion carried.

Motion #5: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented: Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

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Non-Certified

John Anderson, Hall Monitor assigned to Marion High School for 8 hours per day, effective September 23, 2026.

Misty Pender, Noon Supervisor assigned to Washington Elementary School for 3 hours per day, effective September 23, 2026.

Malia Fry, Aftercats Coordinator assigned to Lincoln Elementary School for 2.75 hours per day, effective September 23, 2026.

Melissa Triplett, Noon Supervisor assigned to Lincoln Elementary School for 2.5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2026.

McKenzie Pschirrer, Noon Supervisor assigned to Washington Elementary School for 4 hours per day, effective September 23, 2026.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Coaching

Jeffery Miller, Marion Junior High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Matthew McComas, Adams School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jessica McComas, Adams School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Stephanie Nguyen, Adams School Assistant Cheer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jessica McComas, Adams School Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Kali Wallace, Adams School Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Nevaeh Nguyen, Adams School Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Baylee Kelley, Adams School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Jesse Crabtree, MHS Girls Head Soccer Coach and Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective August 31, 2026.

Jayden Beers, Adams School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, effective September 3, 2026.

Melissa West, Noon Supervisor/Aftercats Coordinator assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, effective September 8, 2026.

Hailey Banks, Media Aide assigned to Jefferson Elementary School, effective December 18, 2026.

Jordan Bundren, Adams School Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective September 17, 2026.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Alexandria Shadowens, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, a maternity leave of absence beginning November 16, 2026 with a tentative return date of February 5, 2027 using accumulated sick leave, personal days and dock days.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

RETIREMENTS

Melinda Harris, School Secretary assigned to Marion High School, effective June 20, 2027.

2026-2027 Budget

Motion #6: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Pati Bundren to approve the budget for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Administrator Salary Compensation

This annual report is required to be presented with no action necessary.

Bids and Proposals

Motion #7: It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to award the bid for Adams School Exterior Improvements to Smith-Hafeli in the amount of \$205,000.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to award the bid for Adams School Roof Replacement to Geissler Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$905,000.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to award the bid for Marion Junior High School Asbestos Abatement Door Replacement to Owens Abatement, LLC in the amount of \$3,700.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to award the bid for Marion Junior High School General Door Replacement to H.E. Mitchell Construction in the amount of \$832,200.00. Motion carried.

IMRF

Motion #8: It was moved by Sheri Lawler and seconded by Kristen Whiteford to appoint Kimberly Watson as IMRF Agent for Marion CUSD #2 as presented. Motion carried.

Extension to Student Transportation Services Contract

Motion #9: It was moved by Pati Bundren and seconded by Sheri Lawler to extend the Illinois Central School Bus, also known as North America Central School Bus, contract for four years. The increases will be 2.5%, 2.75%, 3.0%, and 3.0% for years one through four, respectively as presented. Motion carried.

Technology Report

Summary of Jerry Stanley's Activities:

- Weekly processing of Chromebook repairs through the insurance company. (Xerox)
- Finalizing work with TK Elevator Company on converting elevator POTS lines to fiber based lines.
- Updating SOPPA/DPA's (Student Data Privacy.)
- Continue to update Asset Inventory.
- Adding additional two-way radios for some of the schools.
- New reporting tools for Bus Transportation.
- Finalize Bi-Literacy accounts for 2026 graduates.

Technology Report (con't)

Summary of Technology Staff Activities:

- Seal of Bi-literacy setup in ISBE and Infinite Campus
- Daily/Weekly processing of NEW Student registrations for the 26-27 school year.
- Updating digital curriculum through with Clever as Single Sign On.
- Continue to monitor Two Factor Authentication setup for new staff.
- Daily updates of district-wide Asset Inventory and daily asset transfers.
- Monitoring WIFI firmware updates.
- Daily creation of new Google accounts and Infinite Campus accounts for new students.
- Responded 120 Tech Requests from Staff.

Maintenance Report

Junior High

The east gym and 6th-grade restroom renovations have finally been completed. Both areas will be turned over to students and staff for use beginning Monday, September 21.

MHS

We continue to work on and monitor the HVAC system throughout the building. With cooler temperatures on the horizon, the change in weather should provide the system with some much-needed relief.

Summer 2027 We are currently reviewing and planning multiple projects for next summer. We have already begun discussions with contractors, and getting projects planned and contractors lined up early will help ensure we are prepared to move forward. Several projects are currently in the works and will hopefully be brought forward for approval soon.

Closing

We appreciate everyone's continued patience and cooperation as we work through these projects and continue making improvements throughout our buildings and grounds.

Assistant Superintendent Summary



Marion Unit 2

Student Recognition

September 2026

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Cross Country - Wildcat Cross Country took first at the 2026 Belleville West Invite. Gabby and Raphy Greer went 1st and 2nd and the cats placed four in the top 7.



Assistant Superintendent Summary (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Cross Country - Wildcat Cross Country placed 2nd at the Granite City Invite out of 45 teams. Raphy and Gabby Greer went 1st and 2nd.



Girls Cross Country - Lady Wildcat Cross Country finished 3rd at the Carbondale Invitational. Top finishes were 10th place Nevaeh Beck and 19th place Lydia McCree.



Girls Golf - Lady Wildcat Golf finished 4th at the AJ Invite.

Natalie Lawler finished 6th overall as an individual.



Girls Golf - Congratulations to the Lady Wildcat Golf team for taking 2nd overall at the 2026 Lady Wildcat Invite.

Natalie Lawler finished 2nd as an individual.



Assistant Superintendent Summary (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Golf - Wildcat Golf finished 1st overall at the Harrisburg Invite. The Cats placed four in the top 5 individuals and were led by Drew Menckowski and Rigdon Meacham.

3		Rigdon Meacham (JR) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 1	39	F
2		Drew Menckowski (SO) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 2	38	F
11		Ian Haseker (SR) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 3	45	F
5		Landon Hays (JR) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 4	43	F
4		Brogan Colp (SR) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 5	41	F
32		Jackson Reinhart (FR) Marion (H.S.) Class 2A, Conference South Seven Seed: 6	55	F

Girls Tennis - Lady Wildcat Tennis placed 3rd overall at the Herrin Invite.

Ellie Weston - 4th place @ #1 Singles

Callie Whiting - 4th place @ #2 Singles

True/Evans - 3rd place @ #1 Doubles

Odum/Beck - 1st place @ #2 Doubles



Girls Tennis - Lady Wildcat Tennis won the 2026 Marion Tennis Doubles Invite.

Weston/True - 2nd place @ #1 Doubles

Whiting/Evans - 2nd place @ #2 Doubles

Odum/Beck - 3rd place @ #3 Doubles

Galt/Geiger - 1st place @ #4 Doubles

Walker/Mann - 1st place @ #5 Doubles



Assistant Superintendent Summary (con't)

Sports

Marion High School

Girls Tennis - Lady Wildcat Tennis finished 3rd overall at the Flora Invite.

Sidney True finished 1st in #3 Singles.



Coaches - MHS Coaches Kyle Geiger (Baseball), Lukas Cullum (Girls Wrestling), Erik Griffin (Girls Basketball) and Joy Neal (Softball) accepted their Southern Illinois Coaches Association Coach of the Year plaques at the annual fall dinner.



Academics

Marion High School

Art - Annually, the IAEA recognizes the top art, design, and media educators for their excellence and service to the field. The IAEA awards and scholarship committee found **Cole Schnaudigel's** professional performance, service, and leadership to be exemplary in every regard and selected him for this recognition of **The Illinois Art Education Association Early Professional Educator of the Year.**

Treasurer's Report

The district is 16.67% of the way through the fiscal year as of August 31, 2026. The Education Fund expenditures are at 14.55% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 9.34%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 11.65%.

Communications Report

Professional Development Led

- Marion Unit 2 App @ Adams: 10 attendees
- Marion Unit 2 App @ Jefferson (PreK): 11 attendees
- NGLSync Math & You Digital Platform Training @ Unit Office: 18 attendees

Professional Development Attended

- Virtual
 - LUDA CTO & Communications Networking Meeting
 - LTC - CS & STEM Networking Meeting
 - LTC - What's New in Google & Canva
 - LTC - AI Illinois Challenge
 - LTC - Flip the Script on Screen Time
- In Person
 - ROE #21
 - Google's Latest & Greatest
 - Technology Round Table

On Site Office Hours

- Longfellow Elementary School
- Marion High School

Most Frequent Activities

Marion Unit 2 App Support & Communication

- Downloads & Updates
 - 1,504 total Apple Downloads
 - 604 total Android Downloads
 - 8,290 total Updates
- Managed daily app support tickets, parent email correspondence, and Chat platform troubleshooting.
- Compiled and distributed student "No Photograph" lists to building principals.
- Forwarded student email address lists for MHS Homecoming Court ballot distribution.

Social Media & Community Engagement

- Facebook, August 11 - September 16, 2026
 - Net Followers: +9.5% (150 new, 8,208 total)
 - Total Views: -64% (91,316)
 - Visits: +5.2% (11,829)
 - Top Posts: Monday, August 31
 - 12 messenger interactions
- Moderated Facebook notifications and direct messages.
- Created and scheduled posts for early dismissal and no school days.

Website Management & Compliance

- Executed weekly updates for the district Virtual Backpack.
- Updated web pages for Longfellow and Washington, Family Resources, and Employee Insurance and lunch menus.

- Began design of Student Services web pages to maintain ISBE Cyclical Monitoring compliance-WCES recommendations.

Digital Platforms & Technical Integration

- Assisted MHS teachers with grade visibility and category settings in Infinite Campus.
- Troubleshoot Infinite Campus class roster data syncs with Finalsite App technical support staff.
- Assisted with Adobe license renewals at MHS.

AI Integration

- Began facilitating the annual launch/update of Magic School AI and Brisk tools district-wide.
- Partnered with MHS Latin 3 teacher & students on a cultural project incorporating AI usage.
- Led AI Committee meetings.
- Coordinated with LTC representative Emily Flach to outline the October 30 Cybersecurity PD.

Project/Initiative	Status	Notes/Progress
Marion Unit 2 App with Chat	In Progress	Regular virtual meetings with platform for continued integration
Website Resign & Updates	In Progress	Maintained weekly Virtual Backpack updates; completed ISBE compliance pages for Student Services.
2026-2027 AI Plan	In Progress	Completed annual updates/launch for Brisk and Magic School AI; held AI Committee meetings and Latin 3 integration. Plan developing with respect to teacher training & support and student guidelines/pilot activities.
Math & You Digital Platform Setup & Support	In Progress	Finalized NGLSync digital platform onboarding and training for 6–8 & HS Alg 1A/1B teachers, continued support and virtual meetings with NGLSync to troubleshoot platform problems.

Adjournment

Motion #10: It was moved by Brice Wesley and seconded by Sheri Lawler to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion Number

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Lawler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Whiteford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bundren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Garrison	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Wesley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Bleyer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Mohr	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

10/20/20
Date

Shannon Mohr
President

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Secretary