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Superintendent Summary
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 20, 2026

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

Roll Call
Joseph Bleyer was not present.

Audience to Visitors
No comment was offered.

Marion Education Association
No comment was offered.

Consent Agenda
The board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

a. Minutes - the minutes from the September 22, 2026 public hearing, regular meeting and closed session as presented.–Note: Copies of the minutes are enclosed with this packet. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lola prior to the meeting.
b. Bills – the September supplementary bills and the October bills for payment as presented. Note: The check registers are attached. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Kim prior to the meeting.
c. Donations
i. Farm Credit to MHS - Monetary Donation to FFA
ii. Farm Bureau to MHS - $250 Monetary Donation to FFA
d. Elementary School Compacts & Family Engagement Policies – approval of the Elementary School Compacts & Family Engagement Policies (ESSA – Title 1 Requirement) as presented.

Personnel Recommendations
The board voted 6-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

EMPLOYMENT:
Non-Certified
Courtney Tanner, Aftercats Supervisor assigned to Adams School for 2.5 hours per day, effective October 21, 2026.

Mikayla Chamness, Assistant to the Athletic Director assigned to Marion High School, effective November 2, 2026.

Personnel Recommendations (con't)

Coaching

Jayna Spillan, MHS Freshman Class Sponsor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jacob Rice, MHS Freshman Class Sponsor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Graham Young, MHS Sophomore Class Sponsor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Leila Kassim, MHS Scholar Bowl Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Darrell Coleman, MHS Boys Head Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Carlo Intravaia, MHS Girls Head Soccer Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mason Clough, MHS Girls Assistant Track Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Whitney Westberry, Adams School Junior High Student Council Sponsor, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Leah Tinault, Assistant to the Athletic Director assigned to Marion High School, effective October 5, 2026.

Yesenia Wallace, School Secretary assigned to Adams School, effective November 5, 2026.

IASB Delegate and Alternate

The board voted 6-0 to designate Shannon Mohr as the IASB Delegate and Jared Garrison as the Alternate for the 2026 Joint Annual Conference.

Bids and Proposals

The board voted 6-0 to award the bid for Marion High School Parking Lot Expansion to Samron Midwest Contracting - Murphysboro, IL in the amount of $594,100.00.

The board voted 6-0 to award the bid for Marion Junior High Boiler Replacement to Heartland Mechanical Contractors - Murphysboro, IL in the amount of $499,000.00.

FY27 ISBE Maintenance Project Grant

The board voted 6-0 to approve the FY27 ISBE Maintenance Grant as presented.

Tax Abatement Discussion

No action necessary.

Technology Report

Summary of Jerry Stanley's activities:

- Updating SOPPA/DPA's (Student Data Privacy.) On-going process.

Technology Report (con't)

- Researching and investigating new Content Filtering Companies.
- Finalized K.I.D.S. Assessment rosters.
- Meeting with Ruckus Reps to go over the High School network upgrade.
- Set up Student AI accounts for the controlled groups at MHS.
- Plan to attend the IETC in Springfield – November 11-13, 2026

Summary of Tech Staff activities:

- On-going daily/weekly processing of NEW Student registrations for the 26-27 school year.
- Continual monitoring of the WIFI to ensure peak performance. All 8 buildings.
- Assisting in MHS network upgrade planning.
- Processing district-wide data uploads to ISBE.
- 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.
- Responded 72 Tech Requests from Staff.

Maintenance Report

Adams

The building is currently undergoing exterior improvements. This project consists of removing old exterior caulking and seal joints and replacing them with new caulking and sealants, along with exterior painting, sealing, crack filling, and waterproofing. The project is scheduled to last approximately one to two months, weather permitting.

MHS

A new additional parking lot has been added to our list of 2027 projects. This lot will be located on the far west side of the property, between Carbon Street and the existing parking lot. The new lot will add approximately 200 parking spaces, along with additional security lighting.

This project will greatly improve parking availability and help accommodate larger events and increased attendance at the high school.

MJHS

There are additional renovation projects on the list that will be announced once they have been approved.

Closing

As winter approaches, the maintenance team will begin transitioning from summer operations to winter operations. Boilers and heaters will be serviced and prepared for operation when needed. Lawnmowers and weed eaters will be stored for the season and replaced with snow plows, snow blowers, and snow shovels. As a reminder I appreciate everyone's continued patience and cooperation as the teams work through these projects and continue making improvements throughout our buildings and grounds. These projects are important investments in our facilities, and we look forward to continuing to improve our schools for our students, staff, and community.

Assistant Superintendent Report:

Marion Unit 2

Student Recognition

October 2026

Academics

Marion Junior High School/Elementary Schools

Unified PE/Special Olympics - MJHS Unified PE volunteered at the Special Olympics bocce event.

Congratulations to the following elementary athletes that placed at the Special Olympics bocce event.

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	4th PLACE
Abigail Johnson	Spencer Cavins	Jase Colson	Raife Hastie
Amelia Johnson	Javon Gunn	Tristian Curry	
Ethan Naquin	Titus Justice	Dawson Jones	
Wade Smith	April Spence	Carson Moore	
Reese Tanner	Kellen Stevens		
	Dalton Walker		

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Cross Country - Congratulations to the MJHS Cross Country teams for placing at the "Run the Ridge" Carbondale Invite.

JV Girls - 2nd Place

JV Boys - 1st Place

Varsity Girls - 1st Place

Varsity Boys - 1st Place

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Cross Country - Congratulations to the MJHS Cross Country teams for placing at the Benton Ranger Invite.

JV Girls - 6th Place

JV Boys - 1st Place

Varsity Girls - 3rd Place

Varsity Boys - 1st Place

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Cross Country - Congratulations to the MJHS Cross Country teams for placing at the Duquoin Middle School Fall Classic Invitational.

Open Boys - 1st Place
Varsity Girls - 5th Place
Varsity Boys - 2nd Place

Open Boys

Varsity Boys

Open Girls

Varsity Girls

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Cross Country - MJHS Cross Country teams were Regional Champions and qualified for SIJHSAA State.

Varsity Girls - 1st Place

Marlee Butler - 2nd Place (12:05.4)

Jackie Miller - 4th Place (12:30.9)

Kamryn Menckowski - 10th Place (13:25.8)

Avery Tate - 14th Place (13:46.4)

Corlista Bluemel - 17th Place (13:59.1)

Rebecca Buchanan - 29th Place (15:41.9)

Camryn Tate - 32nd Place (15:59.8)

Varsity Boys - 1st Place

Cameron Ward - 3rd Place (11:04.0)

Grayson Baker - 4th Place (11:09.6)

Jaetyn Smith - 5th Place (11:15.7)

Jaxon Lennon - 14th Place (12:02.2)

Joziah Tapia - 22nd Place (12:13.4)

Quincy Brown - 25th Place (12:28.3)

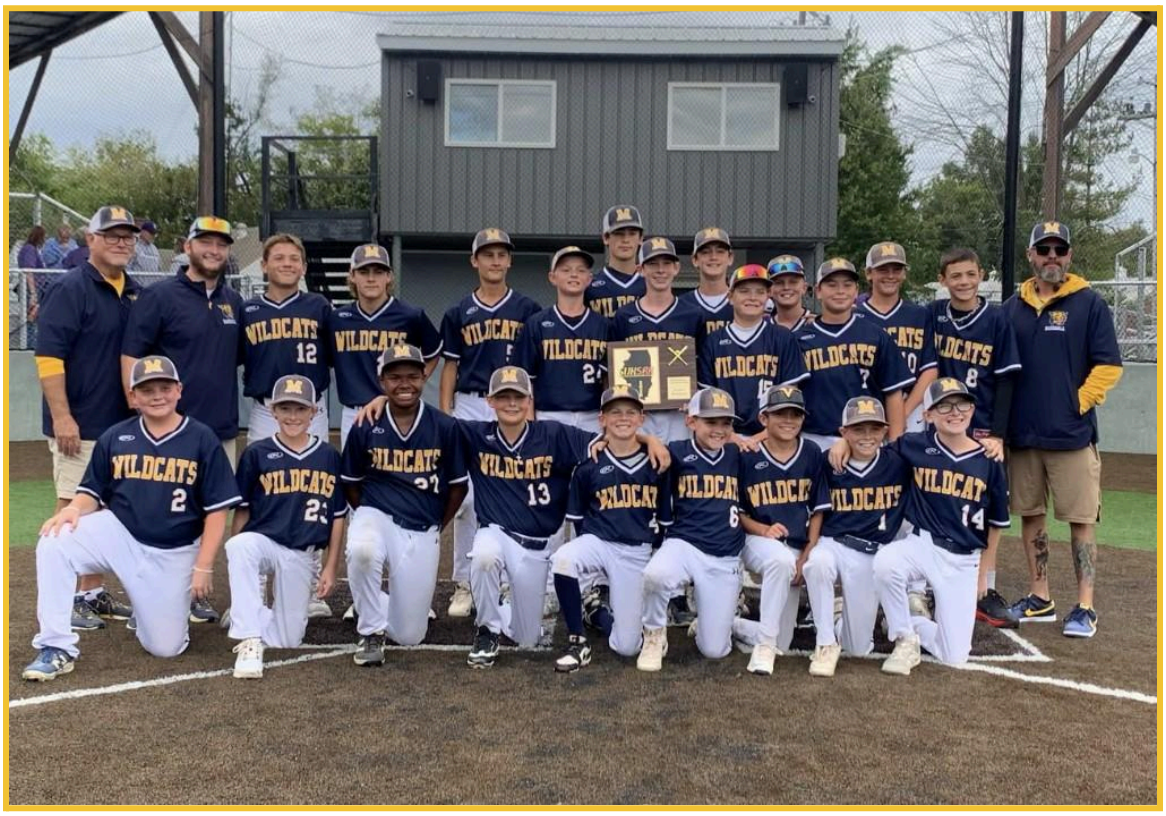
Barrett Lawler - 27th Place (12:31.7)

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion Junior High School

Baseball - The MJHS Baseball team were named 2026 Regional Champions.



Academics

Marion High School

Art - Congratulations to the following art students for getting into the Little Egypt Association High School Photography Show.

Adiston Tarrant
Allison Hylin
Levi DeLancy
Mia Vazquez
Emma Skeate
Luna Stevens
Jayci Alcaraz
Savannah Garrison
Alyssa Baize
Levi Vail
Patton Steinsultz

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion High School

Girls Golf - Congrats to Natalie Lawler (4th place) and Sophia Joyner (10th place) for their top 10 finishes at the South 7 Tournament. The team finished 4th.

Girls Golf - Congratulations to Natalie Lawler and Sopia Joyner for advancing to the IHSA Sectional.

Natalie Lawler - 5th Place Overall

Girls Golf - Congratulations to Natalie Lawler for advancing to the IHSA Girls Golf State Finals.

Boys Golf - The Wildcat Golf Team finished 6th overall at the Wildcat Invite. Drew Menckowski tied for 3rd overall as an individual.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion High School

Boys Golf - Congratulations to Drew Menckowski for finishing in a tie for 4th overall and qualifying for the Effingham Sectional.

Boys Golf - Congratulations to Drew Menckowski for placing 9th overall at the South 7 Tournament.

Volleyball - Lady Wildcats Volleyball finished 2nd overall at the Lady Cat Invite.

Madeline Moll and Allie Lawrence were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Marion High School

Volleyball - Lady Wildcats Volleyball finished 2nd in the Silver Bracket (5th overall) at the Superman Invite.

Sawyer Adams was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Boys Cross Country - Gabriel Greer, Raphy Greer, and Wyatt Kremer all finished in the top 25 at the Peoria Invite.

The Marion Wildcat Cross Country team finished 4th overall.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Sports

Marion High School

Girls Cross Country - Congratulations to Lady Wildcat Lydia McCree for finishing 8th at the Goreville invitational.

Wildcat Guard - Congratulations to Marion Wildcat Guard for earning 1st place in Division 3 - Colorguard at the SIU Music & Motion Competition.

Assistant Superintendent Report (con't):

Extra-Curricular

Marion High School

Pink Out Game - 2026 Marion Pink Out was a great success! Our community pulled together to help support those in need. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Treasurer's Report
The District is 25% of the way through the fiscal year as of September 30, 2026. The Education Fund expenditures are at 23.12% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 13.38%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 17.54%.

Communications & Tech. Coordinator Report
Professional Development Led

- Marion Unit 2 App @ Washington: 25 attendees
- Marion Unit 2 App @ Lincoln: 20 attendees
- Marion Unit 2 App @ MHS: 45 attendees
- Marion Unit 2 App @ WCES: 17 attendees
- Marion Unit 2 App @ Longfellow: 7 attendees

Professional Development Attended

- Virtual
    - Safer Schools: Current Online Behavioral Trends & Updates
    - Google North Central Cooperative Monthly Meeting: Platform Updates
    - Google for Education: Gemini Learning Lab Series: Notebook & Workspace
    - Ed Leaders Network (ELN): AI in 60 - A Leader's Guide

On Site Office Hours

- Lincoln Elementary School
- Longfellow Elementary School
- Marion High School

Most Frequent Activities
Marion Unit 2 App Support & Communication

- Downloads & Updates
    - 1,971 total Apple Downloads
    - 721 total Android Downloads
    - 8,503 total Updates
- Managed daily app support tickets, parent email correspondence, and Chat platform troubleshooting.
- Provisioned app access permissions for district athletic coaches

Social Media & Community Engagement

- Facebook, September 17, 2026 - October 6, 2026
    - Net Followers: +39% (34 net, 8,236 total)
    - Total Views: +136% (152,975)
    - Visits: +164.3% (7,111)
    - Top Posts: Wednesday, September 23
    - 5 messenger interactions
- Moderated Facebook notifications and direct messages.
- Created and scheduled posts for early dismissal and no school days.
- Created content for achievements and successes of students and staff.

Website Management & Compliance

- Executed weekly updates for the district Virtual Backpack.
- Updated web pages for Marion High School, Marion Jr. High School, Adams School and lunch menus.
- Continued designing 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.
- Troubleshot Infinite Campus class roster data syncs with Finalsite App technical support staff.
- Attended Math & You office hours (w/Nia Wimberly) to answer questions about onboarding digital platform

AI Integration

- Virtual meeting of Magic School AI and Brisk tools district-wide AI tools, scheduled training for AI Committee.
- Continued partnership & instruction with MHS Latin 3 teacher & students on a cultural project incorporating AI usage (Gemini Notebook.)
- 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	Facilitated AI Committee operations: distributed teacher interest survey and scheduled upcoming committee meetings.
2026-2027 MU2 Communication Team	In Progress	Developed communication standards: drafted social media commenting guidelines, social media content workflows, and established a shared Canva folder for uniform district graphics. Schedule meeting of team for after fall break

Adjournment

The board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.