

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2022

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Rayvell Smith, President.

Establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Mr. Freddie Charleston, Mrs. Lynda Joiner, Mr. John McAlpine, and Mr. Rayvell Smith.

Member absent: Mr. Chester Moore.

The invocation was given by Mr. Smith.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Joiner and seconded by Mr. McAlpine. It carried unanimously.

Second Approval of Previous Meetings

The motion for second approval of the July 28, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes and the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Charleston and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

I, Luke Hallmark, Superintendent of Education of Marengo County Schools, do hereby make the following recommendations:

Business Matters

- Wendy Joiner – Instructional Leader Update  
Mrs. Wendy Joiner, Instructional Leader, gave the Board members an academic update. The fall semester dual enrollment program is the highest ever. There are 87 students presently enrolled. There are over 20 different college classes being taken. The retake from spring ACAP test for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders showed 53% scored on grade level. The Bailey Group will again provide teacher support throughout the system. The contract covers 103 hours. AMSTI has assigned a person to work with our math coach at least one full day each week. The math coach works at all three schools planning grade level meetings, coaching teachers, and planning professional development. Sweet Water High School has brought back their robotics team. The first competition is September 1<sup>st</sup> at Shelton State. Peer Helper training has been held to work with two coordinators from each school to help prevent and support our students in the area of mental health. A meeting was held with the attendance officers to discuss goals to increase attendance and parental involvement. The new mental health coordinator has begun meeting with students that been referred to her. She has a schedule for teaching Path Curriculum lessons to all three schools. The Accelerated Reader program has set goals at all three schools with incentive plans for each nine weeks. All students in grades K – 8 are being tested using Aimsweb in reading and math and all students in grades 9 – 12 are being tested using Star in reading and math. This data will drive instruction and help plan the next steps for the individual students.
- Diana Luker – Financial Update / Schneider Electric Update / ESSER  
Mrs. Diana Luker, CSFO, gave the Board members a financial update. In the General Fund, the cash balance as of June 30, 2022, was \$478,607.41. The receipts were \$1,209,227.00 while the expenditures were \$1,260,806.46. This left a July 31, 2022, cash balance of \$427,027.95. The revenues and expenditures are close to the budgeted amounts for FY 2022. Mrs. Luker also mentioned the recent meeting with Schneider Electric. Work is about to begin and the first phase should be finished by Thanksgiving. Workers will be working after school, at night, and on weekends. An update on the ESSER Funds shows that ESSER II funds are being used until the end of FY 2023 and the ESSER III funds will be gone at the end of FY 2024. These funds have been very helpful to all schools during the pandemic time.
- Enrollment / Budget FY 2023  
The Superintendent reported to the Board about the early enrollment numbers. The system is down from the previous year, but hopefully will increase before the ADM numbers begin. The Alabama State Board of Education is requesting nearly \$800 million more in state funding. The biggest increases requested are for transportation and the Foundation Program. More money for school nurses is also in the budget request.
- Black Warrior Telecommunications Consortium / Utilities Report  
The Black Warrior Telecommunications Consortium financial statement for July 29, 2022, was \$63,607.84 in the checking account and \$90,275.44 in a CD. The utilities report for July, 2021, was \$24,041.77 as compared to the 2022 totals of \$26,412.02.

Unfinished Business

1. That the Board approve proposed new FILE: JGM (Opt-In for Mental Health Services by Parent or Legal Guardian) that was presented to the Board on July 28, 2022.

New Business

2. That the Financial Reports for July, 2022, be approved.
3. That the General, Federal, Capital Projects, Accounts Payable, and Payroll account bank statements as reconciled by Chief Financial Officer and reviewed by the Superintendent for July, 2022, be approved.
4. That the Board approve the renewal application for ATBE (Alabama Trust for Board of Education) for general liability / errors and omissions for 2022-2023.
5. That the Board review proposed new FILE: BCBM (Hybrid Meetings Due to Illness).
6. That the Board approve the five-year Capital Plan.

The motion to approve items 1 through 6 was made by Mrs. Joiner. A second came from Mr. Charleston. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- AASB 2022 Fall District Meeting in Prattville – August 29<sup>th</sup>
- AASB President-Elect
- Mental Health Training in Tuscaloosa – September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- TEAMS Meeting
- PEER Helpers Meeting
- Marengo County Athletics
- Borden Dairy Closing
- Possible New Graduation Requirements
- Legal Cases
- Student Loan Forgiveness
- Leadership Marengo

Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. was made by Mr. Charleston and seconded by Mr. McAlpine. It carried unanimously.

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Luke Hallmark, Superintendent

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Rayvell Smith, President