

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Marissa Community Unit School District #40 met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Central Office at 215 North Street, Marissa, IL.

**No. 7447**  
**Agenda Item 1**  
**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

Ms. Alma Jean Kimbrow was present to be appointed to the vacant board member seat. A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to appoint Alma Jean Kimbrow to fill the board position for a two-year term.

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7448**  
**Agenda Item 2**  
**Roll Call**

Present:

Mmes.: Kimbrow, Monbrum, Thomas-Rehmer  
Messrs.: Brazinski, Lehman, Parker  
Bingel

Absent:

Administrators present: Mr. Cogdill, Mr. Deets, Mr. Lehman

Others present: Kevin Leemon, Jane Schaeffer, Cheryl Harriiman

**No. 7449**  
**Agenda Item 3**  
**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call:

Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

The addition of Agenda Item 8.1 Amended Budget and Item 8.4.1 High School Handbook Changes was brought to the attention of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to amend the motion to approve the agenda by adding Agenda Items 8.1 and 8.4.1. Roll call:

Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye

Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried

Mrs. Bingel arrived at 7:05 P.M.

None

**No. 7450**  
**Agenda Item 4**  
**Recognition of Public**

**No. 7451**  
**Agenda Item 5**  
**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

**No. 7452**  
**Agenda Item 6**  
**Approval of Bills Payable**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the payment of bills payable for April as presented.

Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

**No. 7453**  
**Agenda Item 7**  
**Secretary Correspondence**

Thank you notes were read by Mrs. Monbrum from the Freeburg School District and the High School Art Class.

**No. 7454**                      *Fire Dept. Presentation*  
**Agenda Item 8**  
**Action Items**

Fire Chief, Kevin Leemon was present to propose that a request for funds be submitted to the Alberta Hamilton Grant for the purchase of an emergency warning system for the town. The current system is 30 plus years old and when purchased, the expense was shared by the Fire Department, the Village and the School District. The cost to replace the system is between \$60,000 to \$80,000. A grant has already been submitted to the USDA for \$25,000. If grants are received, the fire department would like for the new system to be installed in one year.

*Amended Budget*

Reasons were cited by Mr. Cogdill to the need for an amended budget. Increased special education costs and homebound instruction costs were only two of the unexpected expenses that have been incurred. A summary of the three previous budgets were available as a comparison. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to place the amended budget on display for 30 days, with a hearing to be held on June 22, 2009, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*Bakery & Dairy Bids*

One bid had been received for bakery products and one for dairy products for the FY10 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to accept the low bakery and dairy bids for the FY10 school year. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*2009 Graduates*

The list of prospective graduates of 2009 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Lehman to approve the list of graduate, subject to the completion of final exams.

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

*Elementary Handbook Changes*

Mr. Deets presented the proposed policy changes for the elementary handbook for FY10. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to approve the handbook changes for FY10. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye

Mr. Lehman Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*Jr./Sr. High Handbook Changes*

Mr. Lehman presented the proposed changes in the Jr./Sr. High handbook for FY10. A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the handbook changes with modifications in the drug policy. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Ms. Kimbrow Aye  
Mr. Lehman Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

Discussion regarding the outcome of the survey conducted in FY08 to determine the possibility of implementing a dress code or uniforms followed. It was suggested that perhaps this should be revisited and if possible, have representative from Belleville East or West in attendance at the next meeting to receive feedback from their experience.

*Second Reading of Policy Changes*

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the second reading of policies as presented.

Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Ms. Kimbrow Aye  
Mr. Lehman Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*FY10 Calendar*

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Lehman to approve the FY10 school calendar as presented. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Ms. Kimbrow Aye  
Mr. Lehman Aye

Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*TheraKids Contract*

The contract for continued OT/PT services by TheraKids for FY10 is up for renewal. A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Parker to renew the contract for FY10 with TheraKids. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Ms. Kimbrow Aye  
Mr. Lehman Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*Spanish Program*

The Spanish program for FY10 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to contract services with SVS for one pilot year for Spanish I and Spanish II. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Ms. Kimbrow Aye  
Mr. Lehman Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

*County Multiplier*

Mr. Cogdill has been in contact with the County Clerk's office as well as the Assessor's office regarding the county multiplier. Neither office could determine what the multiplier will be. Mr. Cogdill would like to amend the tax rate if the multiplier remains at 1.13%. Definite action will be taken when the multiplier is determined.

*BD Classroom*

Discussion regarding the pros and cons of a Behavioral Disorder Classroom was discussed. Mr. Cogdill suggested that the possibility of a BD classroom be removed from the table at this time.

*Book Fee Discount*

A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to offer a 35% discount to any District parent/guardian who

pay book fees in full between August 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup>. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

**No. 7455  
Agenda Item 9  
Board Reports**

Mrs. Bingel reported on the District Round Table which was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**No. 7456  
Agenda Item 10  
Administrator Reports**

*Mr. Deets*

DARE graduation had been held during the day this year. Although attendance was fair he would prefer that next year it would return as an evening event to accommodate working parents. Results from the Latchkey survey indicate that there is enough interest to provide the program after school in FY10. Coming events include: Kindergarten graduation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00, Field Day on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and Awards Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration for FY10 will be August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

*Mr. Lehman*

Student schedules for the next school year are not complete. Registration dates and times are the same as the elementary. However, Mr. Lehman would like an additional day of registration to allow those students to meet with Mrs. Birch who had not met with her before the end of school. The additional day would be August 4<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment in some classes is low and it may be necessary to drop those classes from the schedule. Mr. Lehman would like to reorder the same type of handbooks/planners that had been used during the FY09 school year.

*Mr. Cogdill*

Due to reduced revenue and unexpected special education increases, Mr. Cogdill feels that even the district-wide cuts which have been made throughout the fiscal year will not be enough to avoid making additional cuts for FY10. Some possibilities to consider are: 1. Freeze ESP's salaries 2. Freeze insurance and annuity for non certified staff 3. Freeze Superintendent's salary 4. Pay insurance and annuity for only nine months for nine-month employees, rather than the usual twelve months 5. Request certified staff to pay the difference of the increase in insurance. He

requested that his ideas be reviewed so that a decision can be reached in June.

**No. 7457  
Agenda Item 11  
Personnel**

At 10:40 P.M., a motion was made by Mr. Brazinski seconded by Mr. Parker to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing 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 student disciplinary cases. Roll Call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

At 10:55 a motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to come out of executive session. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

**No. 7458  
Agenda Item 13  
Action on Item 12**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Lehman to post the High School Jr. Varsity Boy's Basketball position. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Parker to hire Veronica Kirkpatrick for the newly created position of 4 4/7 Health/PE position. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
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Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to hire Dawn Huffman as the elementary music teacher, step 1 level 3. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel

Aye	
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to release all Freshman coaches; Josh Johnson, Katie Peck, Angela Birch and Larry Harper. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

**No. 7459  
Agenda Item 14  
Adjournment**

At 11:00 P.M., a motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to adjourn the meeting.  
Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Harriman, Recording Secretary

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Mary Thomas-Rehmer, President

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Joan Monbrum, Secretary