

## 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, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Central Office at 215 North Street, Marissa, IL.

**No. 7500**  
**Agenda Item 1**  
**Call to Order**

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

**No. 7501**  
**Agenda Item 2**  
**Roll Call**

Present:

Mmes.: Kimbrow, Monbrum, Thomas-Rehmer  
Mr. Lehman

Absent:

Mrs. Bingel  
Messrs.: Brazinski, Parker

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

Others present: Sherry Koch, Jill Prest, Deanna Gilley, Stephanie Voytas, Brenda Kinzel, Lori Murphy, Jeff Miller, Debbi Klausling, Jane Schaeffer, Cheryl Harriman

**No. 7502**  
**Agenda Item 3**  
**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mrs. Kimbrow to improve the agenda as presented. Roll call:

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

Aye – 4 Nay – 0 Absent – 3 Motion carried.

Mr. Parker arrived at 7:04 P.M., Mr. Brazinski arrived at 7:05 P.M.

**No. 7503**  
**Agenda Item 4**  
**Recognition of Public**

None

**No. 7504**  
**Agenda Item 5**  
**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Lehman to approve the Consent 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.

**No. 7505**  
**Agenda Item 6**  
**Approval of Bills Payable**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Lehman to approve the payment of bills payable for August 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

**No. 7506**  
**Agenda Item 7**  
**Secretary Correspondence**

Thank you notes were read by Mrs. Monbrum from Mrs. Cathy Norton for the District's purchase of assignment books for elementary students. Invitations to Cahokia Conference athletic events from Freeburg, Red Bud and Valmeyer were also read.

**No. 7507**  
**Agenda Item 8**  
**Action Items**

*First Reading of Policies*

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Lehman to approve the first reading of Policies and Procedures 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

*Recognition of Schools*

A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to approve the Recognition of Schools 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

*Risk Management*

An explanation of the Risk Management Plan was given by Mr. Cogdill. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the Risk Management Plan 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

Alan Schmidt, Doug White and Dennis Galle arrived at 7:15 P.M.

*Unit Office Location*

Due to the deteriorating condition of the Central Office, including the extremely high level of mold in the building, another location is being sought. Both the elementary and Jr./Sr High are at capacity. Inquiries have been made with Senator Luechtefeld, Representative Reitz and Congressman Costello as to the availability of stimulus (ARRA) monies. Mr. Cogdill will continue to explore all options.

*Co-op Students Workers*

Currently, there are three co-op students working for the District. It was Mr. Cogdill's suggestion to designate \$7500 from the Waste Management donations to pay the training salary. A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Parker to designate \$7500 from Waste Management to pay the co-op students hourly wage of \$6.00. 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

*Insurance Freeze*

Although it had been agreed upon at an earlier date to provide board paid insurance for non-certified employees for only the months which they work, official board action had not been taken. A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to freeze insurance, based on the number of months worked by non-certified personnel. 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.

**No. 7503  
Agenda Item 4  
Recognition of Public**

Due to the late arrival of several community members, the Recognition of Public was revisited. Concern was voiced regarding the tax rate for the district and real estate taxes. Mr. Cogdill stated that the current board has been making a concerted effort to keep the tax rate at the lowest rate possible, however, due to the drop in the EAV the reduction did not prevent the taxes from raising.

**No. 7508  
Agenda Item 9  
Board Reports**

None

**No. 7509  
Agenda Item 10  
Administrator Reports**

*Mr. Deets*

Due to the amount of interest shown for the karate program, a location in the gym area is being sought. Mr. Deets provided a review of some of the curriculum and activities at the elementary which have been occurring during the first quarter. Enrollment is currently 344.

*Mr. Heuring*

A calendar of coming events was provided to board members. Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended. Auto Skills has been installed and is up and running for the Jr. High. Enrollment currently is 237.

*Mr. Cogdill*

District 40 has been notified that they are one of nine schools who are being awarded a \$44,000.00 grant to be used for eco-friendly heaters for the buses.

Although the pre-school budget had been submitted three times to the state before the state had reached a decision on the amount of funds that would be available, word has already been received that due to state finances, the last two payments of the grant have already been frozen.

**No. 7510  
Agenda Item 11  
Personnel**

Letters read by Mrs. Monbrum were as follows: maternity leave request from Mrs. Hiller, a list of FFA trips for the FY10 school year from Mrs. Portz and a letter from Mrs. Prest requesting the co-sponsorship of Student Council.

**No. 7511**  
**Agenda Item 12**  
**Closed Session**

At 8:20 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow 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:

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

**No. 7512**  
**Agenda Item 13**  
**Action on Item 12**

At 9:40 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to come out of executive session. 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

A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to appoint Mrs. Jill Prest as the Jr./Sr. High Student Council Co-Sponsor. 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to grant a three month maternity leave to Mrs. Alicia Hiller. 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

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Lehman to pay Mrs. Lori Murphy a development fee of \$500.00 for redesigning the district web page and pay a \$500.00 stipend at the end of the school year. 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

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Parker to increase Barbara Hill's weekly work schedule to two (2) days due to the increased caseload. 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 District Roundtable meeting will be held on the following evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 7:00. Board members who will attend are Mrs. Rehmer, Ms. Kimbrow and Mr. Lehman.

**No. 7513**  
**Agenda Item 14**  
**Adjourn**

At 9:47 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to adjourn the meeting.  
Aye – 6 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