

**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #154
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #154 AT 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Introduction of Guests
- C. Public Comments (3-5) minutes.
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Read and approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026, regular and executive sessions.
 - 2. Recommend approval of overnight field trips to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, and the Lincoln Wrestling Tournament.
 - 3. Recommend accepting \$1,000 in donations.
\$1,000 from Marengo Youth Wrestling
- E. New Business
 - 1. Curriculum report. (R)
Jason Mullens
 - 2. Update on the Health Life Safety report. (R)
 - 3. Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.
 - 4. Lighting and Solar Roof project updates. (R)
 - 5. Illinois Social Media Litigation Report. (R)
- F. Executive Session to discuss Litigation. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The purchase or lease of real property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)The setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Safety and Security 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
- G. Returned from Executive Session at
- H. Recommend possible action as a result of executive session.
- I. Superintendent Report
 - Communications
 - FOIA Log FY27
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - October 21 - Early Dismissal 11:25 am
 - October 22- Parent Conferences 12:00-8:00 pm
 - October 23 - Teacher Institute Day - No School
 - October 26 - BOE Meeting 7:00 pm
 - November 11 Veterans Day Program 9-11 am
 - November 11 Early Dismissal 11:25 am

November 21-23 Joint Annual Conference
November 23 Board Meeting
November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

J. Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

Monday, September 28, 2026, 7:00 PM

Marengo Community High School District #154
110 Franks Road
Marengo, IL 60152

Jodie Kanaly: Present, Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Candice Samuelson: Present, David Schultz: Absent, Shane Spring: Present, Todd Volkening: Present. Present: 4, Absent: 3.

A. Call to Order

B. Introduction of Guests

Staff Attendance: David Englebrecht, Superintendent; Danielle Rudsinski, Business Manager

C. Public Comments. None

D. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, David Schultz: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

D.1. Read and approve the August 28, 2026, minutes of the regular and executive sessions.

D.2. Read and approve the financial obligations of the District and the Treasurer's report for August 2026.

D.3. Recommend acceptance of the John Swanson Trust, Kooi and Pingel Educational Loan Trust Summary Report, Union American Legion Scholarship, and Franks Family Fine Arts Fund report for August.

D.4. Recommend acceptance of the FY2026 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

D.5. Recommend accepting \$11,000 in donations.

David Schultz arrived at 7:06 pm

David Schultz: Present. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

E. New Business

E.1. Recommend a motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the FY2027 Marengo Community High School District 154 Budget.

Motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to review the FY2027 Marengo Community High School District 154 Budget at 7:08 pm. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.1.a. Public Comment: none

E.1.b. Recommend a motion to close the Budget Hearing and to reconvene to regular session.

Motion to close the Budget Hearing and to reconvene to regular session at 7:15 pm. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.2. Recommend adoption of the FY2027 Budget for Marengo Community High School District 154.

Motion to adopt the FY2027 Budget for Marengo Community High School District 154 as presented. This motion, made by David Schultz and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.3. Recommend a motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to disclose cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years.

Motion to adjourn to a Public Hearing to disclose cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years at 7:17 pm. This motion, made by David Schultz and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.3.a. Public Comment: none

E.3.b. Recommend a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene to regular session.
Motion to close the public hearing at 7:20 pm. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.4. Recommend a motion to approve the disclosure of cash balances and annual average expenditure of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years.

Motion to approve the disclosure of cash balances and annual average expenditures of operational funds for the prior three fiscal years. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.5. Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.

Motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Todd Volkening, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.6. Recommend approval of a Resolution to transfer \$25,000.00 from Tort Fund 80 to Education Fund 10 for repayment of an inter-fund loan.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from Tort Fund 80 to Education Fund 10 for repayment of an inter-fund loan. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.7. Recommend accepting the Annual Financial Audit Report from Eccezion.

Motion to accept the Annual Financial Audit Report from Eccezion. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.8. Recommend a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to the PNA agreement for the creation of a stipend for the Head Girls Wrestling Coach.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to the PNA agreement for the creation of a stipend for the Head Girls Wrestling Coach. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.9. Recommend renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marengo School District and the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District No. 200 for enrollment in Clay Academy.

Motion to recommend renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marengo School District and the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District No. 200 for enrollment in Clay Academy. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by David Schultz, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.10. Report on the status of preschool house demolition. Informational only.

E.11. Report on Pleasant Grove Solar Project now owned by Deriva Energy.
No action recommended.

E.12. Report on Social Media Addiction

Review the Attachments in order of the name 1,2,3,4.

Social media is something that creates daily challenges for our school district. Not only have we seen students dealing with these added challenges individually, but we have had to spend significant dollars just to operate as a school district utilizing technology. From filtering systems to monitoring programs to all the distractions that have created added obstacles to our

students' learning. During the meeting, additional information will be provided regarding the current legal atmosphere of social media and litigation related to education.

F. Executive Session to discuss Litigation. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The purchase or lease of real property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) The setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Safety and Security 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm. This motion, made by David Schultz and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.

Anthony Martin: Absent, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea, Todd Volkening: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

G. Returned from Executive Session at 9:04 pm.

H. Recommend possible action as a result of executive session: none.

I. Superintendent Report

[FOIA Log FY27](#)

J. Adjournment at 9:05 pm.

Signed:

Todd Volkening, President

Jodie Kanaly, Secretary

TO: MCHS Administration and BOE

FROM: Christopher Roberts

DATE: 10-04-26

RE: Marengo FFA Overnight Trip Request - National Convention

Date	Location	# of Students	Students Transportation
October 21-23	Indianapolis, IN	Approximately 11	MCHS Activity Bus

Rationale: National Convention gives students the opportunity to experience FFA at a national level. During their time at convention students are able to attend leadership sessions, a career and college expo, and watch the national finals for various career development events.

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TO: DAVID ENGELBRECHT
FROM: DWAIN NANCE
RE: **OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR WRESTLING**
DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2026

I would like to recommend the approval of the following overnight trip:

Varsity Wrestling - December 27, 2026 - December 29, 2026 (Lincoln Wrestling Tournament)

The wrestling program has attended this tournament for the past few years. It is a well-organized tournament with many teams and teams we would not see during the regular season otherwise. It gives our kids an opportunity to build team chemistry and enjoy their Christmas Break competing at a wrestling tournament.

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Personnel Report
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Extra-Curricular

Sport/Activity	Name	Lane/Amount	Effective
Spring Musical Vocal	Jessica May	B3/	26-27 SY
Head Girls Wrestling Coach	Robb Swanson	I1/	26-27 SY
Asst. Girls Wrestling Coach	O’Neil Swanson	Volunteer	26-27 SY
Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	TJ Jenkins	Volunteer	26-27 SY