AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #154
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #154 AT 7:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 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 regular and executive sessions of the March 16, 2026, meeting.
2. Recommend passing a Resolution to authorize the district to continue participating in the McHenry County Safe Schools Program for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Recommend approval of the Quarterly Report of Pupils No Longer Enrolled in School.

E. New Business

1. Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.
    - Hires
        - Nikole Wells - Food Service Manager at $24.00/hour
2. Junior Class Officers (Leah Addis, Yazelin Alaniz, Grant Heimsoth, Caelan Nolan) will present their plans for the Prom.
3. Recommend approval of Schneider Electric's proposal for Investment Grade Audit.

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

1. Please complete your Statement of Economic Interest. (2 members haven't completed it as of 4/7/26)
2. Communications
3. Upcoming Dates

- April 22 — Early Dismissal 11:25 am
- April 23 — Senior college signing day
- April 25 — Prom
- April 29 — Senior Athletic Awards Banquet
- May 6 — Senior Honors Night

- May 13 — Early Dismissal 11:25 am
- May 20–22 — Semester Exams
- May 31 — Graduation

J. Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, March 16, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

Jodie Kanaly: Present, Anthony Martin: Present, Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Candice Samuelson: Present, David Schultz: Present, Shane Spring: Present, Todd Volkening: Absent. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

Staff attendance: David Englebrecht, Superintendent; Danielle Rudsinski, Business Manager; Dwain Nance, Athletic Director

A. Call to Order at 7:07 PM

B. Introduction of Guests: Dawn Schoen-virtual

C. Public Comments (3-5) minutes.

D. Consent Agenda

D.1. Read and approve the minutes of the regular and executive session of the February 23, 2026, meeting.

D.2. Read and approve the financial obligations of the District and the Treasurer's report.
Motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D.3. Recommend acceptance of the John Swanson Trust, Kooi and Pingel Educational Loan Trust, Union American Legion Scholarship, and Franks Family Fine Arts Fund Summary Reports as of February 28, 2026.

D.4. Recommend renewal of IHSA membership for the 2026-2027 school year.

D.5. Recommend approval for an overnight field trip to Peoria, Illinois, on April 22–25, 2026, for the Skills USA State competition.

E. New Business

E.1. Junior Class Officers (Leah Addis, Yazelin Alaniz, Grant Heimsoth, Caelan Nolan) will present their plans for the Prom. Tabled to April 13, 2026

E.2. Presentation by Dawn Schoen on current counseling services provided by Partnering For Prevention, LLC.

E.3. Athletics and Activities Presentation by Athletic Director Dwain Nance: Winter Recap and Spring Preview.

E.4. Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.

Motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.5. Recommend advancing certified probationary teachers to tenure for the 2026–2027 school year.
Motion to advance probationary teachers to tenure for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.6. Recommend advancing certified personnel to second-year probationary teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.
Motion to advance certified personnel to second, third, and fourth year probationary teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.7. Recommend approval of school fees for the 2026–2027 school year.
Motion to approve school fees for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Jodie Kanaly and seconded by Shane Spring, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.8. Recommend the update of the Assistant Cook job description.
Motion to approve the updated Assistant Cook job description. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E.9. Recommend the Dishwasher job description.
Motion to approve the Dishwasher job description. This motion, made by Shane Spring and seconded by Candice Samuelson, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:58 pm. This motion, made by Anthony Martin and seconded by Jodie Kanaly, Carried.
Farrah Ranzino: Absent, Todd Volkening: Absent, Jodie Kanaly: Yea, Anthony Martin: Yea, Candice Samuelson: Yea, David Schultz: Yea, Shane Spring: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

G. Returned from Executive Session at 9:22 PM

H. Recommend possible action as a result of the executive session.

I. Superintendent Report

J. Adjournment at 9:25 PM

Signed:

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Todd Volkening, President Jodie Kanaly, Secretary

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MCHENRY COUNTY REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Regional Superintendent of McHenry County, Illinois, has established the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program pursuant to Article 13A of The School Code: and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its Placement Policy and Guidelines, the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program will provide educational services to disruptive students enrolled in grades six (6) through twelve (12) in the McHenry County public schools, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Marengo Community High School District No. 154, McHenry County, Illinois, finds it in the best interests of its educational program and the students it serves to participate in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program is contingent upon adoption of the resolution extending the period of participation from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education for Marengo Community High School District No. 154 of the County of McHenry, Illinois, does hereby:

1. Extend the validity period of the existing Intergovernmental Agreement between the McHenry County Regional Office of Education and the District for the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

2. Agree to adhere to all provisions of the existing Intergovernmental Agreement and the Placement Policy as a part thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to forward a duly executed copy of this Resolution to the Regional Office of Education.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

_____
Superintendent

_____
Board President

_____
Board Secretary

_____
Date

McHenry County Regional Office of Education

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Christopher M. Zielinski
Assistant Superintendent

To: District Superintendent

Date: March 27th, 2026

Re: Resolution Extending Participation in the Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP)

Regional Safe School Programs across Illinois operate through a combination of grant funding, general state aid, and school district tuition fees. As in previous years, the Illinois budget includes funding for the Regional Safe School Program (RSSP). Moving into FY 27, the Regional Safe School Program per diem rate will remain unchanged at $45.00 per student per day.

Please review the enclosed resolution with your Board at a duly convened regular meeting before the start of the 2026-2027 school year. To ensure your district maintains the ability to utilize the Regional Safe School Program if needed, complete the following steps:

- Record the number of Ayes, Nays, and Absent.
- Affix signatures of the Superintendent, Board President, and Board Secretary.
- Date the resolution.
- Send a copy to the Regional Office. Please retain the original for your records.

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District #154

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David N. Engelbrecht, Ed.S.
Superintendent

Mr. Jay Mullens, Ed.S.
Principal

April 13, 2026

Superintendent Engelbrecht, Head Cook Cecelia Clark, and I are pleased to formally recommend the hiring of Ms. Nickole Wells as the new Food Service Manager for Marengo Community High School District #154. We recommend her appointment be effective for the 2026-2027 school year at a compensation rate of $24.00 per hour.

During our search, Ms. Wells was distinctly identified as the best fit for our team. She brings a wealth of diverse experience and a proven track record of leadership within school and community food service programs. Her extensive professional background includes the following: she has served as the Community Agency Kitchen Manager for the Head Start program in Woodstock CUSD 200 for 4 years, then the Kitchen Manager and Head Cook in the North Boone School CUSD 200 for 4 years, and most recently was promoted to the Food Service Director in Kinnikinnick CCSD 131.

We are confident that Ms. Wells' robust leadership experience, coupled with her comprehensive knowledge of district-level food service operations, will make her an invaluable addition to our school community.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Fink

Dr. Angela M. Fink
Assistant Superintendent