

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
MARION, INDIANA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
January 24, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in room 2-29 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present:

Mr. Aaron Vermilion  
Mrs. Cathy Moritz  
Mr. Greg Kitts  
Mr. Scott Murphy  
Mrs. Katie Morgan  
Mr. Chuck Griffin  
Mr. Todd Nicholson

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Secretary  
Member  
Member  
Member

Board members absent:

None

Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay  
Dr. Bob Schultz  
Mrs. Shelley Preston  
Mrs. Michele Smith  
Mrs. Patricia Gibson  
Mrs. Lynn Gosser  
Mrs. Lisa Graham  
Mr. Mark Fauser  
Mr. Keith Burke  
Mr. Mike Wingert

Superintendent  
Assistant Superintendent/Business Affairs  
Human Resource Director  
Instructional Coordinator  
Director of Communications  
Director, Grant County Special Ed Coop  
Director, Special Services  
Marketing  
Principal, Marion High School  
Principal, Justice Intermediate School

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson  
Ms. Andrea Yeater

President, Marion Teachers Association  
Chronicle Tribune

Spectators/Patrons

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Vermilion, Board President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given. There was a moment of silence.

**RECOGNITION**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Recipients**

Mrs. Bobbie Owensby and Dr. Larry Batchelor recognized Marion High School students who recently were awarded scholarships by the Marion Baptist Ministerial Alliance:

Jada Flowers, \$2500 award  
Stacia Tyson, \$2500 award  
Camille Wheels, \$2500 award  
David Anderson, \$1500 award  
Jada Adaway, \$1500 award  
Taylor Gregory, \$1000 award  
Arrington Kohn, \$500 award

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Lindsay requested approval of the Board for the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

- 17-015 MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2017
- 17-016 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2017
- 17-017 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 17-017.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 17-018 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 17-019 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- 17-020 APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS (3) JROTC
- 17-021 APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – SPECIAL SERVICES
- 17-022 MEAL PRICES FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Any Board member may request to breakout any consent agenda item and conduct a separate vote.

**17-015 MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2017**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the organizational and regular meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**17-016 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2017**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 immediately following the organizational and regular meeting.

**17-017 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

1/24/17

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**Change in Assignment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Shannon Thompson	From Substitute Teacher to Allen, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/17/17

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Danielle Campbell	Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/27/17
Mika Riddle	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/20/17

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Personnel Reports, as presented.

**17-017.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Addenda Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**ADDENDA  
 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

1/24/17

**BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

**Addenda Position Recommendation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Sierra Horner	MHS, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	1/25/17
Kismet Porter	MHS, Assistant Drama Coach	1/25/17

**Addenda Position Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Todd Chin	MHS, Varsity Girls Golf Coach	1/17/17

**Additional Assignment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Rianne Aguilar	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Esther Anderson	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Tammi Ashley	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor Substitute	1/23/17
Lindsay Baiao	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Heather Bath	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Josh Brooks	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Victoria Brown	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Amanda Buettner	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Kara Carter	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Samantha Cocking	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Christy Conner	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Jessica Dickerson	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Ethan Evans	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Paul Funches	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Diana Gough	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Josh Halliwell	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Michael Halliwell	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Ben Hawk	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Tabbatha Helm	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Alex Hornett	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Karen Hussong	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Stacy James	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Jennifer Jindrich	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17

Andrea Johnson	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Rhonda Johnson	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor Substitute	1/23/17
Jonathan Keith	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Laurie Kocher	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Julie Korfmacher	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Paul Kurek	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Susan Vickie Linehan	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Vicki Lindsay	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Monique Mays	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Megan McAdams	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Deb McDonald	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Dylan McHenry	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Leeann Peters	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Denise Danielle Richards	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Jonathan Riegler	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Brenda Rodriguez	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Maria Rowe	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Kathy Satterlee	Allen, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Deborah Seeler	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Leah Sirk	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Kristy Sisson	Riverview, ISTEP Tutor Substitute	1/23/17
Jo-Ann Stephens	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Matt Stout	Justice Marshall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Erin Vermilion	Kendall, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Tristen Walker	Frances Slocum, ISTEP Tutor Substitute	1/23/17
Joy West	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17
Tawny Wood	McCulloch, ISTEP Tutor	1/23/17

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Kevin Doyle	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/23/17

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Mackenzie Kleman	Kendall, Social Service Specialist	2/3/17
Stephanie Thompson	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/20/17

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Addenda Personnel Reports, as presented.

**17-018 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 1/1/17 through 1/24/17 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #12,068 through #12,235 for a total of 168 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$2,918,328.72; of that amount \$477,110.18 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

**17-019 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

An Analysis of the 2016 Local Tax Revenue as well as the Fund Summary report and a 2016 Expenditure report was presented to the board for review.

**17-020 APPROVE OF FIELD TRIPS (3) - JROTC**

The administration recommended approval of three (3) field trips for JROTC, as follows:

1. An out of state field trip request to participate in the JROTC Marksmanship Team Competition at Mt. Orab High School in Ohio. Students will leave Marion High School on January 28, 2017 at approximately 8:00 a.m. and return on the same day at approximately 5:30 p.m. Colonel Farlow will drive the activity bus to transport the students to and from the event. There will be approximately 9 students and 2 adult supervisors.
2. An overnight field trip request to participate in the JROTC National Marksmanship Championship at Camp Perry, in Ohio. The group will leave Marion High School on Weds. February 15, 2017 at approximately 2:30 p.m. and return on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at approximately 11:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided by Colonel Farlow driving a school corporation bus. There will be approximately 5 students participating and 4 adult supervisors.
3. An out of state field trip request to participate in the JROTC Raider Team Competition at Wayne High School, in Wayne, MI. Students will leave Marion High School on April 15, 2017 at approximately 4:00 a.m. and return on the same day at approximately 8:30 p.m. Colonel Farlow will drive a regular school bus, provided by the school corporation. There will be approximately 22 students and 2 adult supervisors.

Board Policy #2340 requires Board approval for school sponsored out-of-state student trips and/or overnight field trips. The Superintendent recommended approval of the field trip requests as part of the Consent Agenda Items.

**17-021 APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – SPECIAL SERVICES**

The administration recommended approval of the request from the Special Services Director to attend the National Champions Together/Special Olympics conference in Columbia, SC from February 7, 2017 through and including February 10, 2017.

Board Policy #3242 requires Board approval for all requests that require an employee to be gone for more than three working days.

**17-022 MEAL PRICES FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was the administration's recommendation that after reviewing IDOE requirements, our current menu, and current food costs, that there be no changes to the current prices. We will continue to offer every student a free breakfast and lunch daily on the CEP Program. The current pricing for adults is \$1.75 for breakfast and \$3.50 for lunch. The price of ala carte milk is currently \$.45 to both students and adults. (Exhibit "B")

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 17-015 through 17-022. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mrs. Morgan abstained from voting on items 17-015 and 17-016.

### **III. ACTION**

#### **17-023 AP CARD PROGRAM (AUTOMATED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE)**

Dr. Schultz proposed that we enroll in an Accounts Payable credit program. This program would be through Commerce Bank. Commerce Bank has been approved by the State Board of Accounts and endorsed by the Indiana School Business Officials Association. It is estimated that the corporation will generate extra revenue, perhaps \$50,000 or more, with this program, plus realize a savings by reducing our costs for printing and mailing hundreds of checks. Mr. Lindsay recommended the Board approve Dr. Schultz' recommendation to enroll in the AP Card Program.

Mrs. Moritz entered a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. After a second by Mr. Nicholson the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **IV. DISCUSSION**

#### **17-024 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE**

- PowerSchool Expansion - Mrs. Smith gave a brief overview of an expansion of our PowerSchool features. PowerSchool has added several new programs under their umbrella that will benefit our teachers and administrators. We won't have to go to multiple places to get multiple information any longer. Assessment results and grades will feed automatically into the grade book. Interventions can be tracked and analyzed. Data will be automatically analyzed and reports generated.
- Marion High School student Mr. Truman Bennet was invited to the Statehouse for a special recognition before the House and Senate. State Representative Kevin Mahan presented a Resolution acknowledging Mr. Bennet's accomplishment of being only one of 18 students in the world, who scored a perfect score on the AP calculus examine in 2016. A video of the Statehouse visit was viewed by all.
- The Follett Challenge is a grant from a national educational company to fund continued technology investments. Mrs. Diana Gardner and students in her marketing class at Marion High School applied for the grant and as part of that application created a video. Mrs. Gardner played the video and explained what was behind the idea of the video. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to fund continued technology investments in the high school media center. From Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 27, the video will be posted on the Follett Challenge site, and anyone in the world can vote once per day to make us one of 10 People's Choice video winners, a prize worth \$8,000. Mrs. Gardner asked everyone to please vote daily.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Simpson offered congratulations to all of the students who received scholarship money from the Martin Luther King Scholarship. He also congratulated Mr. Bennet on his honor. The education of these students started in kindergarten and they have had many great teachers pushing them and giving them what they needed to be successful. Mr. Simpson said thanks to all the great Marion teachers who have our kids every day in their classrooms. Tomorrow Mr. Simpson will be at the Statehouse pushing for an increase in funding for Preschool. The Marion Teachers Association is again sponsoring two scholarships for our seniors who will be going into education.

### **VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Lindsay commented that he liked what Channel 6 said - "Marion Giants are young, scrappy and hungry". He thanked the Chronicle for the positive story in today's paper about the Follett Challenge. Dr. Schultz was at the

Statehouse today and was in conversations with state representatives and the Superintendent's Association leader looking at a funding bill that will be fair for all. Dr. Schultz has been asked to recommend some amendments to that bill. February is Black History Month and he is so thankful for our leaders, our kids and our community. This is a month for all of us to learn and to grow. Mr. Lindsay commented that he has learned about from the life of Martin Luther King. Quotes he loves are "love is stronger" and "diversity is love in action". In his four years here he has learned a lot and he is thankful for what his two daughters have learned while being at Marion High School. We are all thankful for the diversity of Marion Community Schools.

### VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

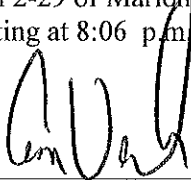
Mr. Murphy congratulated all of the MLK scholarship winners, and especially thanked Rev. Larry Batchelor and Mrs. Bobbie Owensby. The trip during Spring Break that Mrs. Owensby organizes for our students is phenomenal. He congratulated Mr. Bennet as well and thanked Mrs. Gardner for all her work on the Follett Challenge.

Mr. Griffin offered congratulations to all the student recognized tonight. He also mentioned Mrs. Sellers and thanked her for the extra-curricular activities she does for our students. He is thankful that we have staff who go above and beyond what they need to do for our students.

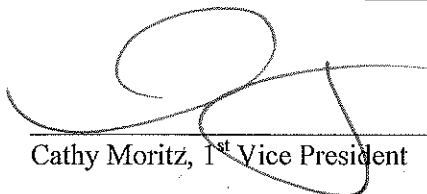
Mr. Vermilion mentioned that we might want to consider contacting the other schools in Grant County and asking them if they would help us with voting in the Follett Challenge. Watching the Follett Challenge video gave him chills. He is very proud of what Mrs. Gardner and her students did with the video. He also had the opportunity to attend the MLK Celebration on Sunday with the Superintendent and Mr. Burke. It was very nice and well done. What we are doing here for all of our students is why we are here.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

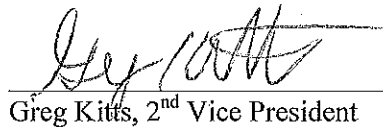
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2-29 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



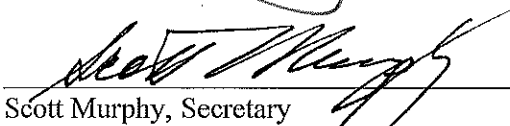
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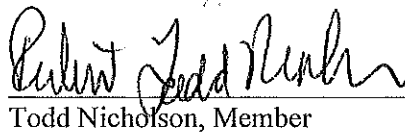
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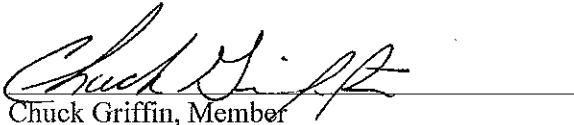
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Katie Morgan, Member



Chuck Griffin, Member

