

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MARION, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 10, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Room 2-29, Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present:

Aaron Vermilion
Cathy Moritz
Greg Kitts
Chuck Griffin
Todd Nicholson

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Member
Member

Board members absent:

Katie Morgan
Scott Murphy

Member
Secretary

Also present:

Brad Lindsay
Shelley Preston
Bob Schultz
Michele Smith
Lynn Gosser
Olivia Wrightst
Patricia Gibson

Superintendent
Human Resources Director
Asst. Superintendent of Business Affairs
Elementary Education Director
Director of Exceptional Learners
Director of Special Education
Director of Communications

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Scott Simpson
Spencer Durham
Olivia Canestraro

Marion Teachers Association
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Spectators/Patrons: none

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 17-166 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
- 17-167 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 17-168 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 17-169 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REPORT
- 17-170 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

17-166 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 7 p.m.

17-167 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

10/10/17

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Addenda Position Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Diana Spitzer	McCulloch, 7 th -8 th grade Assistant Coach	9/14/17
Carrie Wright	Justice, SNPS Teacher/Coordinator	9/29/17
Kimberly Queen-Townsend	McCulloch, Student Government Sponsor	10/3/17

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Melissa Beals	From Allen, EA to Allen, Teacher	9/25/17

CLASSIFIED REPORT

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Karen Nichols	Justice, Sp Ed EA	10/2/17

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Debra Burnett	From Food Service Sub to Justice, Food Service Assistant 2.75 hours	10/10/17
Mary Davis	From 3.75 hours to 4.75 hours Food Service	10/10/17
Cindy Caplinger	From 3.75 hours to 4.75 hours Food Service	10/10/17
Melissa Rogers	From McCulloch, Food Service Asst to Justice, Food Service Asst	

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Tia Burbank	Justice, Food Service Assistant	10/10/17
Amalia Miller	District, ELL Academic Specialist	10/13/17

Termination

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Florence Dunkerson	Justice, Custodian	10/5/17

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

17-168 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 9/9/17 through 9/30/17, 9/30/17, 10/1/17 through 10/10/17 and 9/26/17 were presented. The report included accounts payable claims #14,849 through #14,996 for a total of 148 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,319,290.89; of that amount \$633,121.95 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

17-169 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REPORT

An analysis of the 2017 Local Tax Revenue as well as the Fund Summary Report and a 2017 Expenditure report was presented to the board for review.

17-170 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

Donations for Marion Community Schools and Marion High School were presented for approval.

Chuck Griffin entered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Todd Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ACTION

Prior to the four budget-related action items, Bob Schultz explained that this is the culmination of the 2018 budget process that has been ongoing for several weeks. These resolutions must be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance within 48 hours of approval.

17-171 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Cathy Moritz entered a motion to approve the resolution. After a second by Greg Kitts, the motion unanimously passed.

17-172 ADOPTION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN RESOLUTION

Greg Kitts entered a motion to approve the resolution. After a second by Cathy Moritz, the motion unanimously passed.

17-173 ADOPTION OF BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION

Chuck Griffin entered a motion to approve the resolution. After a second by Todd Nicholson, the motion unanimously passed.

17-174 ADOPTION OF TAX NEUTRALITY RESOLUTION

Cathy Moritz entered a motion to approve the resolution. After a second by Greg Kitts, the motion unanimously passed.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

17-165 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS

Michele Smith presented the timeline for approving school improvement plans, as required by the state, both actions already completed, and future plans. She noted that this is not a once-a-year update to SIPs, but that these are ongoing, living documents and processes that guide our instruction.

The timeline presented:

- May 2017: Thorough data review and analysis
- Summer 2017: District Planning and Research for Literacy and Numeracy needs
- July 2017: Leader Academy
- Aug. 1, 2017: Board Work Session discussion of district and building action plans
- August / September 2017: Continue the Building Plan development with the building teams
- Sept. 12, 2017: Update at Board Meeting from building and district leaders
- Oct.. 24, 2017: School Improvement Plans will be presented to the board for discussion

Superintendent Brad Lindsay mentioned that in December middle of the year NWEA data will be reviewed. Aaron Vermilion said that's of greater interest than static SIP data. Michele Smith noted that there are required pieces of SIPs, but they are working to streamline that info, and to focus more on action plans and data points.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Scott Simpson noted that the Giant Bistro is now open. On Oct. 20, 10 percent of sales will go to the MRCC aviation program.

Simpson also reminded that the discussion about pathways to graduation is ongoing at the state level. Recently there was a conference call with state leaders. The last testimony was today, they'll start drafting the proposal soon. He said he is keeping an eye on this conversation and will keep us updated. The goal should be to provide more opportunities to our students, not fewer, he said. Hopefully, that's the goal of our legislators as well - something that gives students more opportunities after high school.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Lindsay continued on the topic Scott Simpson raised. If the State Board of Education will reward career pathways and multiple opportunities, MCS is ahead of the game. There are more opportunities here than anywhere else he's seen. If this is truly about development beyond high school, that's what it will emphasize. It remains to be seen.

Lindsay also said we continue to be increasingly data-driven and way ahead of where we have been in previous years. He's looking forward to midyear data to see where we are.

All academic, athletic, extra-curricular opportunities continue to provide great opportunities to our students. It's been a great fall.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

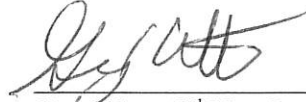
Todd Nicholson noted that the Athletic Hall of Fame is a big improvement, he is impressed. That emphasizes one aspect of our school system, but it's an aspect that gets a lot of public interaction.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Room 2-29 at Marion High School. There being no further comments, Aaron Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Aaron Vermilion, President

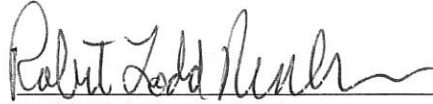
Cathy Moritz, 1st Vice President



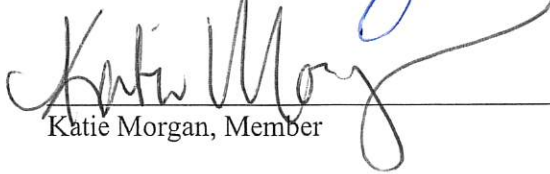
Greg Kitts, 2nd Vice President



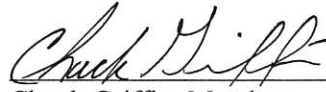
Scott Murphy, Secretary



Todd Nicholson, Member



Katie Morgan, Member



Chuck Griffin, Member

