

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 11, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in room 2-29 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:05 pm.

Board members present:

Mr. Aaron Vermilion	President
Mrs. Cathy Moritz	1 st Vice President
Mr. Scott Murphy	Secretary
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Member
Mr. Chuck Griffin	Member
Mr. Todd Nicholson	Member

Board members absent:

Mr. Greg Kitts	2 nd Vice President
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Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Dr. Bob Schultz	Assistant Superintendent/Business Affairs
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Human Resource Director
Mrs. Michele Smith	Instructional Coordinator
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services
Mr. Keith Burke	MHS Principal
Ms. Jo Messner	Allen, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Anne Liddick	Frances Slocum Principal
Mr. Lendon Schwartz	Riverview Principal
Mr. Michael Wingert	Justice Marshall Principal
Mrs. Melissa Pogue	McCulloch Principal
Mrs. Lynn Gosser	Grant County Co-op Director
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson	President, Marion Teachers Association
Ms. Andrea Yeater	Chronicle Tribune

Spectators/Patrons 65

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION

BUILDING SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Allen

Ava Marroni
Kinadeigh Smith

Frances Slocum

Caleb Hawkins – Champion - attending
Michael Herrington – Runner-Up

Kendall

Ravleen Rai – Champion
Trey Adaway – Runner-Up

Riverview

Cassius King – Champion
Rylan Cox – Runner-Up

McCulloch

Jillayne Bass – Champion
Ta'Raea Fields – 1st Runner-Up
A.J. Mitchener – 2nd Runner-Up

SYMPHONY IN COLOR WINNER

Mr. David Khalouf, Principal, introduced Symphony of Color Blue Ribbon Winner, Alexa Ortiz-Juarez, 2nd grade and Honorable Mention Recipient, Chloee Bridges, 2nd Grade

JROTC HONOR UNIT WITH DISTINCTION

Mr. Burke spoke about the JROTC Program and reported that the Honor Unit with Distinction was earned by the MHS JROTC Unit. Lt. Col. David Farlow introduced Cadet Alex Flores and Cadet Lt. Col. Battalion Commander Chelsea Townsend. The two cadets explained the process and criteria for their rating. The JROTC Unit received the highest possible rating which places them among the top ten percent in the country. Mr. Vermilion received a letter from the review officer and he stated that he had never inspected a better JROTC Unit.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 17-045 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2017*
- 17-046 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 17-047 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST*
- 17-048 FINANCIAL REPORTS*
- 17-049 REVISION TO THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS*
- 17-050 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS*

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

17-045 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2017

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:02 p.m.

17-046 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

4/11/17

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Addenda Position Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Amy Miles	McCulloch, 7 th Grade Girls Track Coach	3/25/17
Josh Wesner	MHS, Assistant Band Director	4/5/17

Addenda Position Recommendation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Christina Huff	McCulloch, Music Contest Accompanist	2/27/17
Jonathan Keith	MHS, Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach	4/12/17
Gabe Wagner	McCulloch, Junior High Baseball Club Sponsor	4/1/17

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Alyssa Lehman	Kendall, Grade 2	5/24/17

Retirement

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Sherry Grogg	MHS, Math	5/24/17
Darrell Wisser	McCulloch, Art	5/24/17

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Family Medical Leave

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Patty Barney	District, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent	3/1/17 through 5/29/17
Brian Horton	Kendall, Custodian	3/30/17 through 4/13/17
Prentice Williams	Frances Slocum, Lead Custodian	3/13/17 through 3/19/17

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Amanda Clymer	Allen, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/28/17; 3/8/17 through 3/10/17
Kelly Colbert	MHS, Kitchen Assistant	3/15/17 and 3/16/17
Cara Howard	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/7/17 and 3/8/17
Margo Lipetri	Frances Slocum, Kitchen Assistant	3/14/17 and 3/15/17
Shelbe Mann	MRCC, Instructional Educational Assistant	4/14/17; 5/10/17; 5/12/17
Anne Soultz	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/6/17; 3/8/17 (3.5 hours); 3/10/17

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Kevin Doyle	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/31/17
Loretta Hogge	Allen, Kitchen Assistant	4/28/17
Karen McMurray	McCulloch, Kitchen Assistant	3/17/17

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Mary Farmer	MHS, Kitchen Assistant; From 2.75 hours to 3.25 hours per day	4/11/17
Doris Scott	From Food Service Substitute to Riverview, Kitchen Assistant	4/28/17

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

17-047 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 3/15/17 through 4/11/17 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #12,801 through #13110 for a total of 310 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,534,946.01; of that amount \$551,440.53 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. **(Exhibit "A")**

17-048 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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.

17-049 REVISIONS TO THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS

The administration recommended approval of the revisions to the Statement of Benefits as presented.

Revisions to the Statement of Benefits were as follows:

1. 18 and 19 – Clerical
 - a. Delete Food Service/Payroll/AP Bookkeeper – Jeanie Warren
 - b. Add Food Service Administrative Assistant – Jeanie Warren
 - c. Salaried Positions – Addition of language regarding overtime.
2. Page 21 – District Supervisor/Coordinator
 - a. Add Grant Manager – Tara Asbury
 - b. Increase in Salary for Food Service Coordinator – Teal Keenan
3. Page 24 – Food Service
 - a. Clarification of benefit eligible Food Service positions.
 - b. Increase cafeteria supervisors wages by \$1 per hour; move supervisors to Level B benefits
 - c. Increase cafeteria assistants and substitutes wages by \$0.50 per hour:
4. Page 31 – Professional
 - a. Add Alternative Learning Specialist – Anthony Weaver
 - b. Delete Grant Manager – Tara Asbury
5. Page 36 – Social Service Specialist
 - a. Add Head Start Community Partnership Coordinator – Kristy Hawkins
 - b. Delete Head Start Family Events Coordinator

17-050 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

The administration recommended approval of the following donations:

Marion High School Donations:

M Club

\$150 Nick McKinley

\$500 Irving Materials, Inc.

Media Center

\$100 Peter Snow

\$200 George Rauch

JROTC

\$100 Insurance Management Group

Black History Club

\$75 Kellise & Bobbie Owensby

\$100 Janet Barnett

\$200 Anthony & Jennifer Maidenberg

\$250 James & Lois Jones

\$400 Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

\$500 Bradley & Vicki Lindsay

Girls Basketball

\$25 Lori & Geoffrey Eltzroth

Mrs. Moritz entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 17-044 through 17-047. After a second by Mr. Griffin. Mr. Murphy abstained on items 17-045 and 17-046 with aye votes on all other consent agenda items. All other votes were aye.

III. ACTION

17-051 MARION HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE 2017-18

Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the MHS Course Description Guide 2017-18 which was discussed at the March 14, 2017 Board meeting.

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve MHS Course Description Guide 2017-18, as presented. After a second by Mr. Griffin. All other votes were aye.

17-052 APPROVAL OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT TIP-IN GRANT MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Dr. Schultz reviewed the details of the Advanced Placement TIP-IN Grant Memorandum of Cooperation discussed at the March 14, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the TIP-IN Grant Memorandum of Understanding.

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the Advanced Placement TIP-IN Grant Memorandum of Cooperation, as presented. After a second by Mr. Griffin. All other votes were aye.

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

17-053 MATH TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Mrs. Brenda McVicker explained the process utilized for selecting the math textbooks which included allowing all math teachers to vote. Mr. Josh Halliwell reported that Envision Math was selected by teachers for grades K-4. K-4 teachers appreciated the continual spiral model and the alignment with Indiana Standards while keeping in mind the Federal requirements of Common Core. The majority of elementary teachers voted for Envision Math.

Mrs. Michele Smith presented the Board with information regarding the Math Curriculum Adoption selection for Grades 5 and 6. Mrs. Michele Smith reported that for grades 5-6 Saxon Math was the selected curriculum. Mr. Matt Stout, Justice Math Teacher, explained the reasoning that both curriculums had pros and cons that were considered. Intermediate teachers like that as a new concept is taught previous concepts are reviewed. The vote at the intermediate level was unanimous.

17-054 NEED FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND FOR TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES

Dr. Bob Schultz presented information regarding the need for an additional appropriation from the General Fund for Technology expenses. The Board approved the \$950,000 for technology expenses. This item will be on the next Board agenda as an action item. Following that vote a public hearing is required. At the end of the public hearing the Board will be asked to vote to appropriate the additional funds from the General Fund. Dr. Schultz updated the Board on HB1009, SB1001, and HB1003, bills currently being considered at the State level. Dr. Schultz responded to a question from Mr. Nicholson regarding the IDOE takeover of Muncie Community Schools. Dr. Schultz commented that the Marion School Board recognized the decline in enrollment and took action to avoid takeover by the IDOE with regard to finances. The Board closed buildings, reduced staff, reconfigured grade levels and moved to a two-tier transportation system to reduce costs to remain financially sound.

17-055 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE

- Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up – Mrs. Brenda McVicker reported that Kindergarten Round-up will take place Thursday, April 13 at the elementary buildings. Open Enrollment for preschool was conducted last week. There are currently 293 PK students enrolled. Sixteen additional appointments with potential preschool parents are scheduled. That will place preschool at its maximum capacity of 309. There will be students on a waiting list.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Simpson commented that McCulloch Junior High is doing a great job with their Music Department. The Music Department is the only Junior High School to receive a gold rating not only this year, but for the last three years. Scott commented that the 2nd ISTEP window will open and NWEA testing will follow that. He will be at the State House tomorrow to advocate for public schools with our representatives regarding the budget versions being considered and voicing his opinion about online Preschool. Scott stated that he expects to hear from Purdue University regarding the grant for the MCS Aviation Program soon. He believes the district is in a good position to be awarded the grant. Scott reported that on Monday, April 24, 2017 there will be an opportunity for the public to participate in an online chat with the IDOE regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and suggested that Board members participate and share their opinions with the IDOE. Mrs. Cathy Moritz asked Scott to email the information to the Board. .

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Lindsay commented that some schools are losing students to early graduation and our students are staying in high school to earn dual credits to graduate early from college. He noted the McCulloch Music program, the success of the McCulloch Academic Team Regional win, the JROTC inspection rating, AP pass rate success, and the success of the dual credit offerings. These are all things that highlight the success of the P-12 journey through MCS.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Morgan voiced appreciation for each of the donors to Marion High School.

Mr. Murphy commented that he spent the day at the Purdue Aviation Program in March. It is a phenomenal program with at least eight possible majors. This partnership would create a premier program for MCS.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2-29 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Aaron Vermilion, President



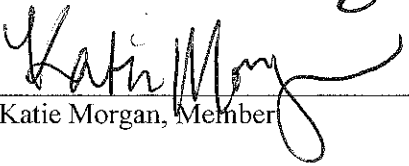
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