

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 23, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in the cafeteria of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:02 pm.

Board members present:

Mr. Aaron Vermilion	President
Mr. Scott Murphy	Secretary
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Member
Mr. Chuck Griffin	Member
Mr. Todd Nicholson	Member

Board members absent:

Mrs. Cathy Moritz	1 st Vice President
Mr. Greg Kitts	2 nd Vice President

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
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson	President, Marion Teachers Association
Ms. Andrea Yeater	Chronicle Tribune
Mr. Tim George	WBAT-WCJC-WXXC
Ms. Alexis Alicea	WBAT-WCJC-WXXC

Spectators/Patrons

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

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Glenda Davis, District Office – 10 years
Jack Marshall, Justice Marshall – 12 years
Brenda Deavers, Transportation – 15.5 years
Mary Pat Fuller – Justice Marshall – 19 years
David Ladd, McCulloch – 25 years
Elizabeth Rice, MRCC – 25.5 years
Karen Clevenger, McCulloch – 26 years
Bette Jarvis, Transportation – 27 years
Marie Secrest, Allen – 28 years
Patricia Rogers, MHS – 31 years
Rhonda Lakin, Transportation – 32 years

Sally Melching, McCulloch – 36.5 years
Sherry Grogg, MHS – 37 years
Karen Norris, Kendall – 38 years
Darrell Wisser, McCulloch – 39 years
Laurie Kocher – Justice Marshall – 41 years

35 YEAR RECOGNITION

Mark Hyman – MHS

IREAD3 – STUDENTS WITH PERFECT SCORES

Allen

Chase Madsen
Areanna Miller
Raven Sollars

Frances Slocum

Cambria Hamner
Timotheus Jones

Kendall

Kaimani Bradley
Grace Carpenter
Timothy Cullen
Jace Freshwater
Jaiden Harms

Riverview

Gwynneth Hamilton
Allyson Williams
Navaeh Copeland
Aniyah Jones
Za’Fier Gee

MHS ACADEMIC TEAM SUCCESS

Micah Hoeksema and Truman Bennet represented the MHS Academic Teams. The Math and Science Academic Teams placed 3rd in the State at the State Academic Team competition.

WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Yichaun Yan was recognized as the Indiana World Language Teacher of the Year and the Indiana Chinese Teacher of the Year.

INDIANA ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

Micah Hoeksema was recognized as an Indiana Academic All-Star by the Indianapolis Star and the Indiana Association of School Principals. Only forty students in the state of Indiana were selected for this honor. Truman Bennet was named the Indiana STEM Math Student of the Year by the governor’s office

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 17-076 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MAY 9, 2017*
- 17-077 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2017*
- 17-078 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2017*
- 17-079 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 17-079.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORT*
- 17-080 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST*
- 17-081 APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES*

17-082 APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS (7)

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

17-076 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MAY 9, 2017

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the Executive Session held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

17-077 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2017

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:02 p.m.

17-078 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2017

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the special meeting held Monday, May 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

17-079 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

5/23/17

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Leslie Cryderman	From Riverview, Title/EEMG Preschool to Frances Slocum, Head Start Preschool	8/9/2017
Kimberly Prater	From Justice Marshall, Title/EEMG Preschool to Riverview, Title/EEMG Preschool	8/9/2017
Sarah Summersett	From Kendall, Little Giants Preschool to Preschool Interventionist Coach	8/9/2017
Stacy Thompson	From Frances Slocum, Head Start Preschool to Kendall, Head Start Preschool	8/9/2017

Summer School Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Lisa Burchette	MHS, Special Education*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Danielle Christianson	MHS, English*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Pat Cohee	MHS, Math*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Carl Guaneri	MHS, Plato*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Bobbie Owensby	MHS, Plato*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Layne Maki	MHS, Science*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Cean Rench	MHS, Math*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Sharon Suarez	MHS, Special Education*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
David Vaughn	MHS, English*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17

Marsha Vermilion	MHS, English/Plato*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Ronnie Vermilion	MHS, Plato*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
*Summer employment will be based on enrollment and need.		

Addenda Position Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Rachel Lynn	McCulloch, 8 th Grade Volleyball Coach	5/16/17
Tawny Wood	McCulloch, 7 th Grade Volleyball Coach	5/16/17

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Kevin Doyle	MHS, Special Education Teacher	8/9/2017

Contract Cancellation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katrina Blackmon	MRCC, Alternative Education	5/24/17

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katherine Beavers	Transportation	5/9/2017 and 5/10/2017
Kristi Hawkins	Kendall, HS Community Partnership Coordinator	1/2/2018 through 2/28/2018
Nakoa Scott	Transportation	3/16/2017, 4/21/2017

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Kathryn Duncan	From Frances Slocum, Instructional Educational Assistant to Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	8/9/2017
Morgan Miller	From Riverview, Instructional Educational Assistant to Frances Slocum, Instructional Educational Assistant	8/9/2017

Family Medical Leave

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Gregory Rice	MHS, Working Lead Custodian	5/15/2017 to 5/22/2017

Retirement

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
David Ladd	McCulloch, Computer Technician	6/30/2017

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Shelbe Mann	MRCC, Instructional Educational Assistant	5/23/2017

Declined Summer School Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
David Nelson	Elementary Summer School Instructional Educational Assistant	5/15/17

17-079.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORTS

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 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

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BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Carey Byrd	McCulloch, Science	5/9/17

Summer School Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Virginia Drake	Detention Center Summer School Teacher	5/25/17 through 6/21/17
Courtney Etherington	Elementary Summer School Teacher*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Rhonda Johnson	Elementary Summer School Teacher*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Carina Castillo	Summer School Special Education Teacher*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17

*Summer employment will be based on enrollment and need.

Addenda Position Recommendation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katelyn Hughes	MHS, Color Guard Sponsor	6/19/17

Addenda Position Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Dale Gearheart	MHS, Assistant Baseball Coach	5/23/17
Nate Larson	MHS, Assistant Girls Golf Coach	5/23/17

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katelyn Letterman	MHS, English	6/5/17

Contract Cancellation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Angela Murray	MHS, English	5/24/17

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Adam Handley	MHS, Physical Education	6/30/17
Hilary Lochner	Riverview, Grade 2	8/1/17
Crystal Palmer	Kendall, Kindergarten	8/2/17
Alyssa Perry	Kendall, Grade 1	5/25/17
JoAnn Stephens	Justice Marshall, Grade 5	5/24/17

Retirement

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Mary Pat Fuller	Justice Marshall, Grade 5	6/1/17
Laurie Kocher	Justice Marshall, Grade 6	6/1/17

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Brian Horton	Kendall, Lead Custodian	5/2/17 through 6/5/17
Mildred Robinson	MHS, Kitchen Assistant	5/2/17

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
David Chapman	Transportation, Bus Mechanic Shop Foreman	6/30/17
Sandra Wade	Frances Slocum, Social Service Specialist	5/24/17

Summer School Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Truman Bennet	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17 – pending successful completion of the hiring process
Adam Betz	Summer School Instructional Educational	6/5/17 through 6/29/17 –

	Assistant*	pending successful completion of the hiring process
Payton Blair	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17 – pending successful completion of the hiring process
Michelle Contreras	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Ann Ferguson	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Rocky Fouce	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Shelia Goodwin	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Megan Griffin	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17 – pending successful completion of the hiring process
Tonya Guy	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Annette Hueston	Detention Center Instructional Educational Assistant	5/24/17 through 6/21/17
Anna Hussong	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Hannah Lindsay	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Curtis McClung	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Richardo Pena	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Briana Reid	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17
Christal Young	Summer School Educational Assistant*	6/5/17 through 6/29/17

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Laycee Bruner	From MRCC, Bookkeeper/Receptionist to MHS, Secretary – Guidance	5/24/17

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

17-080 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 5/1/17 through 5/23/17 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #13,428 through #13585 for a total of 149 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$918,439.71; of that amount \$281,066.83 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. **(Exhibit “A”)**

17-081 APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (Exhibit “B”)

Per Board Policy #5830, Student Fundraising, a list of all fundraising activities for the upcoming school year shall be submitted for Board approval at the second scheduled meeting of the Board in May. **(Exhibit “B”)**

17-020 APPROVE OF FIELD TRIPS (6)

The administration recommended approval of seven (7) field trips, as follows:

1. An out of state field trip request to participate in the JROTC Marksmanship Team Competition at Camp Perry in Ohio. Students will leave Marion High School on June 10, 2017 at approximately

10:00 a.m. and return on June 16, 2017 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Colonel Farlow will drive the activity bus to transport the students to and from the event. There will be approximately 5 students and 3 adult supervisors.

2. An overnight field trip request to participate in the JCLC (Summer Camp) at Camp Atterbury, IN. The group will leave Marion High School on Monday, June 12, 2017 at approximately 8:00 a.m. and return on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at approximately 6:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided by Marion Community Schools. There will be approximately 20 students participating and 1 adult supervisor.
3. An out of state field trip request to participate in the JROTC National Marksmanship Championship at Camp Perry, OH. Students will leave Marion High School on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at approximately 2:30 p.m. and return on Saturday, February 18, 2018 at approximately 11:00 p.m. Colonel Farlow will drive a regular 15 passenger bus, provided by the school corporation. There will be approximately 5 students and 4 adult supervisors.
4. An out of state field trip request to participate in the JROTC Staff Camp at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. Students will leave Marion High School on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at approximately 4:00 a.m. and return on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Colonel Farlow will drive the Activity Bus, provided by the school corporation. There will be approximately 8 students and 1 adult supervisor.
5. An overnight field trip request to participate in Cross Country Camp at the Indiana Dunes State Park. Students will leave Marion High School on Monday, July 31, 2017 at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at approximately 3:00 p.m. The group will take two Activity Buses, provided by the school corporation. There will be approximately 15-20 students and 3 adult supervisors.
6. An out of state field trip request to participate in the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in Buffalo, NY. Students will leave Marion High School on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at approximately 6:00 a.m. and return on Friday, July 21, 2017 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided by Eagles Wings, Inc. There will be approximately 27 students and 6 adult supervisors.
7. A field trip to Miller's Merry Manor for JROTC on May 15, 2017. This field trip did not require Board approval.

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.

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 17-067 through 17-073. After a second by Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Murphy abstained on 17-078 with all other items aye. Mr. Griffin abstained on items 17-067 through 17-069 with all other items aye. Mr. Vermilion abstained on 17-078 with all other items aye. All other votes were aye.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL FUND

This part of the meeting was a public hearing to hear comments from the public regarding the recommendation for an additional appropriation for the General Fund in the amount of \$950,000.

IV. ACTION

17-083 RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL FUND

Dr. Schultz recommended the Board approve a \$950,000 additional appropriation from the General Fund.
(Exhibit "C")

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the recommendation for an additional appropriation. After a second by Mr. Nicholson, the motion unanimously passed.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

17-084 – TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR 2017-18

Brenda McVicker reviewed the textbook rental fees for the elementary and junior high grade levels. There is less than a \$5 difference in the fees from last year.

17-085 – 1ST READING – POLICY 7540 COMPUTER, NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY AGREEMENT

Michele Smith reported on the changes to Policy 7540 – Computer, Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement. Michele stated that representatives from each building including teachers reviewed and made changes to the policy. This included lessening the restrictions regarding the download of software and updating the language. Mr. Vermilion asked if there could be an agreement screen each time you log on to a computer verifying that the user agrees to the terms of Policy 7540. Michele thought this was a possibility for computers, but would check on the ability to add this to iPads.

17-086 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE
DISTRICT TARGET #2 PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS

- **GIANT SUMMER ACADEMY** – Brenda McVicker reported that 458 K-6 students have enrolled in the Giant Summer Academy. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided for students. The administration is excited to see so many students participating in the academic and enrichment sections offered. Numbers for grades 7-12 have not been determined.
- **ON MY WAY TO PRESCHOOL PROVIDE (EEMG)** – Brenda McVicker and Kerri Wortinger shared the exciting news that the Little Giants Preschool has been selected as an On My Way to Preschool Provider by the State of Indiana regardless of whether Grant County is named a provider. This grant will continue to be funded until such a time as the legislature changes the law. This provides a sustainable funding source and has the added bonus of only requiring a 5 percent match rather than the 50 percent match required by the EEMG grant. Kerri Wortinger commented that MCS has been grandfathered into the program. Deb Hendricks reported that the current number of preschoolers enrolled is approximately 275. More slots that are income based will be added and will likely make the total enrollment 300 preschool students.
- **MCCULLOCH SUMMER EXPERIENCE** – Mrs. Melissa Pogue and Ivy Tech Chancellor Alex Huskey reported on the partnership between McCulloch Junior High School and Ivy Tech Community College to provide the Credit Counts summer experience at McCulloch Junior High School. This program is funded by American Electric Power and the Marion Ivy Tech campus was the only Ivy Tech campus selected to receive this grant. Course offerings include Credits Count Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp. The summer experience will be offered from July 5 through July 31, 2017 at McCulloch Junior High School. Ivy Tech will provide most of the faculty for this program. Ninety students have been identified to be a part of this program. Chancellor Huskey reported that currently 28 dual credit courses are offered at Ivy Tech and that will be expanded to 32 dual credit courses for the 2017-18 school year.
- **SUMMER TRAINING** – Michele Smith stated that summer training for teachers will be ongoing throughout the summer. At this time 143 teachers have signed up for summer training. Training will include Apple Training, PowerSchool Training and pilot training.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Simpson commented that it was great to recognize students and teachers this evening both for the success of IREAD perfect scores, recognitions and retirements. He stated that he and Mr. Ripperger would be traveling to Michigan to a high school with an existing Aviation Academy and that he is excited for the program to begin.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Lindsay stated that he is thankful that at Marion Community Schools there is something for every student. Mr. Lindsay commented that early start is so important to the success of our students and specifically thanked Mrs. Brenda McVicker for her leadership and pursuit of early start. He also thanked Mrs. Kerri Wortinger and the Board for their support of the program. He stated that extended day, extended week and extended year is important. The many programs the district office is unique. He thanked all the staff, parents and students for a phenomenal year. There have been growth and great accomplishments. There are still areas to improve but he is confident that it will happen. Next year will be the best year yet. The Girls Tennis Team won the sectional title and will advance to the regional competition.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy thanked all the teachers for their 12 months of hard work as well as administrators and support staff. It stated that it has been a great year.

Mr. Griffin congratulated all the students for their hard work it also stems from teachers. He congratulated teachers and administrators for their hard work.

Mrs. Morgan commented that there is no better way to know what is happening in the district than to have your children in the district. She stated that her children have received an excellent education. She would not trade the experiences her 1st grade, 3rd grade and almost junior students have been fortunate to have and she can't wait to have a Little Giant next year. All the different opportunities K-12 for students are wonderful.

Mr. Nicholson congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their dedication to Marion Community Schools. He thanked the administrators and staff for a good school year. He also commented that he appreciated the welcome to the Board from his fellow Board members.

Mr. Vermilion thanked everyone for caring believing that is where good things start. He stated that his children would not leave Marion Community Schools for \$1 million. They love it at Marion Community Schools. He is proud of everyone that is working to educate our kids. He commented that every year the Board recognizes more student success because more students are succeeding at high levels. He encouraged everyone to enjoy their summer no matter how short.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Room 2-29. There being no further comments, President Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

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