

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
 MARION, INDIANA  
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
 March 14, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in room 2-29 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:02 pm.

Board members present:

Mr. Aaron Vermilion	President
Mrs. Cathy Moritz	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Mr. Greg Kitts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Member
Mr. Chuck Griffin	Member
Mr. Todd Nicholson	Member

Board members absent:

Mr. Scott Murphy	Secretary
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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. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications

Media/Distinguished Guests:

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

Spectators/Patrons

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**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**

**NATIONAL MATH COMPETITION WINNERS**

Mr. Doug Porter explained the process for the National Math Competition. Student recognized were:

Nicholas Spitzer  
 Elizabeth Wuertley

**ANTI-BULLYING NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Mrs. Justine Pond reported on the Anti-Bullying Conference attended by Mrs. Lori Brane, Mrs. Anita Brown, Mrs. Nancy Miller, Mrs. Sandra Wade and herself. Marion Community Schools was one of three recipients out of approximately 40 nominations of a 2017 National Anti-Bullying Award. MCS was the only school district to receive the award. The team presented information on the background of the MCS Anti-Bullying program and examples of how the program is working.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 17-040 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017
- 17-041 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 17-042 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 17-043 REQUEST TO APPROVE OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP - MHS BLACK HISTORY CLUB

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

**17-040 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**17-041 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

3/14/17

**BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

**Addenda Position Resignation**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Dewitt Weaver	MHS, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	3/1/17

**Addenda Position Recommendation**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Kris Burke	MHS, Cactus/Survey Co-Sponsor	3/15/17
Jerry Freshwater	MHS, Cactus/Survey Co-Sponsor	3/15/17
Josh Garcia	MHS, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Pending successful completion of the hiring process

**Change in Assignment**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Hannah Reed	From Substitute Teacher to McCulloch, Science	2/27/17

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**Family Medical Leave**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Brian Horton	Kendall, Custodian	2/21/17 through 3/29/17
Justine Pond	District, Assistant HR Director/District Safety Director	2/14/17 through 2/24/17

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
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Kathy Beavers	Transportation, Bus Driver	2/27/17
Misty Bartholomew	Transportation, Bus Aide	3/2/17
Kelly Colbert	MHS, Food Service Assistant	2/10/17; 2/17/17; 2/24/17
Tonya Guy	Allen, Food Service Assistant	2/24/17
Brittany Sowers	Frances Slocum, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/21/17 through 2/24/17
Deanna Vershaw	Transportation, Bus Driver	2/10/17

**New Employee**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Robert Cassidy	Transportation, Bus Driver	3/6/17
Breanna Elkins	Frances Slocum, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/21/17 - effective date

**Resignation**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Desiree Gordon	McCulloch, Secretary	2/27/17
Rachel Vermilyer	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/3/17

**Change in Assignment**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Dale Beck	From Bus Driver Trainee to Transportation, Bus Driver	2/24/17
Leah Knight	Riverview, Food Service Assistant to Food Service Substitute	2/25/17
Melissa Rogers	McCulloch, Food Service Assistant to Food Service Substitute	2/28/17
June Williams	From McCulloch, Educational Assistant to McCulloch, Discipline Secretary	3/13/17
Jonni Winegardner	From Bus Driver Trainee to Transportation, Bus Driver	2/27/17

**Retirement**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Rhonda Lakin	Transportation, Bus Driver	3/13/17

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

**17-042 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 3/1/17 through 3/14/17 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #12,626 through #12,800 for a total of 175 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$735,177.73; of that amount \$231,861.29 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. **(Exhibit "A")**

**17-043 REQUEST TO APPROVE OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP – MHS BLACK HISTORY CLUB**

The administration recommended approval of an out of state field trip for the MHS Black History Club to visit college campuses in Washington, DC. The group will leave at approximately 1:00 am, Monday, March 20 and will return to Marion at approximately 10:00 am on March 23, 2017. Transportation will be provided by American Heritage Trails – Fort Wayne, IN. There will be approximately 27 students and 11 adult supervisors.

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 17-040 through 17-043. After a second by Mr. Griffin, the motion passed with Mr. Vermilion abstaining on Item 17-040. All other votes were aye.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

##### **17-044 MARION HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE 2017-2018**

Mr. David Keller, Mr. Ryan Vermilion and Mr. Nathan McNeely reviewed changes to the MHS 2017-2018 Course Description Guide. The addition of several new courses was explained. These new classes provide opportunities for MHS students to earn additional college credits, earn credits toward Honors and/or Technical Honors diplomas, or to pursue careers directly from high school.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

Mr. Scott Simpson commented that teachers and students are finishing up ISTEP. He reported that the MTA is giving away two \$500 scholarships for students going into education. One of the applicants stated in her essay that they were very appreciative of Marion teachers and has a desire to come back and teach at MCS.

Representative Melody Wright visited the district last Friday. Representative Wright was impressed with the partnership programs MCS is offering through the Aviation and Bistro programs. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Ripperger are working to pilot a curriculum through Purdue University to explore the possibility of adding a four-year Aerospace program next year at MHS which would include flight operations and unmanned flight vehicles. Mr. Simpson thanked the Board for approving the lease agreement between MCS and the City Of Marion and Marion Airport. The lease enhances the chances for MCS to pilot this program. He also thanked Mrs. Shelley Preston and Mrs. Justine Pond for participating in a meeting highlighting the workshop on benefits that was provided to MCS teachers. About 40 teachers attended the event.

#### **VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

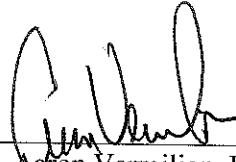
Mr. Lindsay stated that he is very excited about the possible Aerospace Program and the partnership between MCS and the Marion Airport. He asked Mr. Simpson if it was true that the instructor for the airplane mechanic's class purchased the plane himself that student will work on. Mr. Simpson responded that this was true. Mr. Lindsay wished everyone a good Spring Break next week.

#### **VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

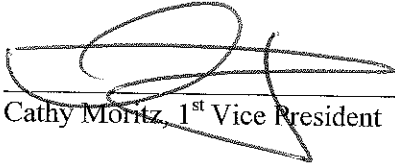
With no comments from the other Board members, President Vermilion commented that he appreciated the MTA and Human Resources Department partnering to present information about benefits to teachers. He feels this should be at least once a year event and be put on the calendar to continue. Mr. Vermilion thanked the high school staff for their work updating the course offerings for our students and the exciting thought that our students could be flying drones or leave high school with a pilot's license due to the district's course offerings.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

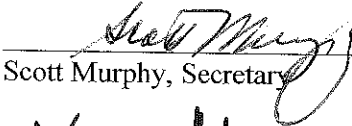
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2-29 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.



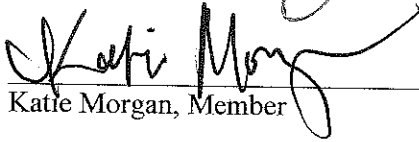
Aaron Vermilion, President



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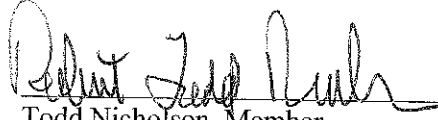


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