

# MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MARION, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MARCH 20, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Room 2-29, Marion High School, 750 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, Indiana, at 7 p.m.

Board members present:

Cathy Moritz	President
Todd Nicholson	1st Vice President
Chuck Griffin	Secretary
Greg Kitts	Member
Scott Murphy	Member

Board members absent:

Aaron Vermillion	2nd Vice President
Katie Morgan	Member

Also present:

Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Shelley Preston	Human Resources Director
Michele Smith	Elementary Education Director
Lynn Gosser	Director of Exceptional Learners
Olivia Wright	Director of Special Education
Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mike Ripperger	Director of Marion Regional Career Center
Josh Huff	Director of Bands, Marion High School
Christina Huff	Choir director, McCulloch Junior High School

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Scott Simpson	Marion Teachers Association
Lucas Robinson	Chronicle-Tribune

Spectators/Patrons: none

## I. CALL TO ORDER

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

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

18-047 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 13, 2018  
 18-048 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2018  
 18-049 PERSONNEL REPORTS  
 18-050 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION  
 18-051 RESOLUTION TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT

## 18-047 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 13, 2018

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6 p.m.

## 18-048 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2018

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7 p.m.

**18-049 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

3/20/18

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Melissa Jessup	Allen, RTI Interventionist	6/1/2018

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jasmine Boyd	Riverview, New Beginnings EA	TBD upon successful completion of the hiring process

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Beth Hamilton	MHS, Discipline Secretary	3/13/18, 3/15/18

**Declined Offer of Employment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jennifer Click	Riverview, EA	3/15/18

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

**18-050 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION**

Donation to McCulloch Junior High Jazz Choir for new uniform components was presented for approval.

**18-051 RESOLUTION TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT**

This resolution authorizes the superintendent to offer employment March 21, 2018, through April 10, 2018, between board meetings. The Board approved and signed the resolution (Exhibit "A").

Scott Murphy entered a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Greg Kitts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **III. ACTION**

#### **18-052 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT**

At the previous meeting (3/13/18), Dr. Bob Schultz presented information regarding obsolete kitchen equipment (4 floor mixers) that would be traded in for credit toward new equipment. Superintendent Lindsay brought it back to the board for approval.

Greg Kitts entered a motion to approve. Chuck Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **18-053 BANKING SERVICES RENEWAL**

At the previous meeting (3/13/18), Dr. Bob Schultz presented information regarding renewal of banking services with Salin Bank, which will increase interest returns on our savings with them. Superintendent Lindsay brought it back to the board for approval.

Todd Nicholson entered a motion to approve. Scott Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **18-046 DISTRICT TARGET 2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE - MCS music program**

Christina Huff, McCulloch Junior High School choir director, and Josh Huff, Marion High School director of bands, presented an update on the junior high and high school music programs.

McCulloch's music competition season began Jan. 27 and has now concluded. MJHS has again earned gold at all ISSMA competitions, therefore has qualified for All-Music Total Department award (not officially awarded yet, but all qualifications met). This is four years in a row - only school in the state to accomplish this!

Christina noted they have academic incentive trips coming up to Beef and Boards and Indiana Beach, which gives students added push to work hard in all of their classes — not just music.

The Honor Choir would be recruiting at Justice Intermediate, encouraging 6th-graders to consider music next school year at MJHS.

Band will be performing at area nursing homes.

Both will have year-end concerts coming up.

At Marion High School, Josh noted that 240 are enrolled in band (120) and choir (120). This is up from fewer than 65 students in band in his four years.

Similarly, the first year he had 20 students in marching band, up to 60 last year, numbers looking up again for next year.

For choir, he noted that Innovations made the show choir finals for first time last year.

He also emphasized that our students are getting recognition not just for their music ability, but for their behavior and leadership, when they are out at competitions and community events. He specifically noted the recent Grant County Honor Band experience on the campus of Taylor University.

Next year, both choir and band programs at MHS will be expanding into more ensembles. We also bring in professional musicians to work with our kids on a regular basis. We project growth again in both programs. Band expected to be the largest since at least 2000.

Our MCS music program is increasingly being recognized for quality instruction, rising musicianship, and the best students in the state, he said. He gave credit for this to staff at all levels, and expressed thanks to the administration and board for their support.

Scott Murphy thanked the Huffs and all music faculty for their work.

Aaron Vermilion noted it is nice to see the growth and the public performances at MHS (specifically noted pep band's influence on the atmosphere at basketball games).

Todd Nicholson asked if there are any scheduling problems for music students at MHS. Josh said very, very rarely.

Chuck Griffin expressed thanks to both and congratulations on success. Both of his daughters have enjoyed the band program, he said.

Cathy Murphy said she appreciated their enthusiasm for music education, and said our students love having both of them as teachers.

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

Scott Simpson encouraged all to put the end of the year concerts on their calendar, said listening to these groups is a treat. He also noted that Marion Regional Career Center would be having their annual awards ceremony on May 9, invited all to attend.

He also highlighted that both the Chronicle-Tribune and WIWU-TV recently featured MRCC's aviation class, a unique offering in the area.

He thanked the Juffs and all of the other teachers "who put their heart and soul into serving our kids and community."

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

Superintendent Brad Lindsay said there is a lot of good going on headed into spring break. We're engaging and planning for success during the last half of the year and into the summer.

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

Chuck Griffin invited all to the MHS Band Boosters' Bunny Breakfast on March 31.

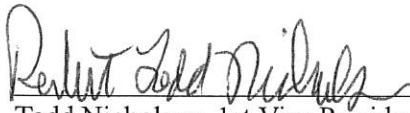
#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Room 2-29 at Marion High School. There being no further comments, Cathy Moritz adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



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Cathy Moritz, President



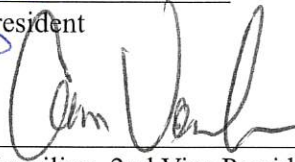
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Todd Nicholson, 1st Vice President



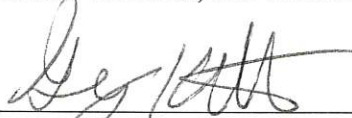
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Chuck Griffin, Secretary



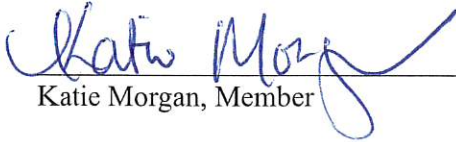
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Aaron Vermilion, 2nd Vice President



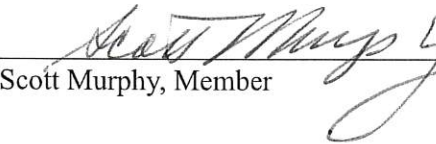
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Greg Kitts, Member



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