

**MARION LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY REPORT
February 8, 2021**

Professional Development

- A list of sessions is available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>
 - How to create editable digital worksheets
 - Google Keep
 - Quizlet

Technology Purchases

- 25 Teacher classroom desktop computers
- 2 Laptops for teachers
- 5 CAD desktop Computers
- 142 Chrome Management Licenses

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Working on Erate form 471 for FY21
- Starting to plan our summer maintenance tasks and purchases.

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Tri-Star Awards:

Congratulations to Caitlin Puthoff and Josie Kremer for receiving first place in recent BPA design contests through Tri-Star.

Scheduling:

Mrs. Dippold has met with all of the classes as a group and is now in the process of meeting with individuals regarding next year's schedule.

8th Grade Orientation:

Mrs. Dippold met with 8th grade students and their parents on Tuesday, February 2nd. This meeting provided information on scheduling, graduation requirements, and general information about high school.

Blood Drive:

The Student Council hosted a blood drive on Wednesday, February 3rd. Around 29 units of blood were collected. Thanks to the Student Council and Mrs. Dippold for organizing this event.

FFA:

Congratulations to Claire Mueller and Allison Dirksen for placing in the recent sub-district public speaking contest.

Upcoming events:

March 2	Band Concert
March 9	Juniors take ACT

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Spelling Bee – we held our local spelling bee on January 14th. Hannah Rindler took 1st place, Ryan Homan, 2nd place, Ian Rindler 3rd place, Audrey Hess 4th place, and Ian Langenkamp 5th place. Congratulations to these students. They will be representing Marion Local at the Mercer County Spelling Bee which will be held on Monday, February 22nd at 7pm at Ft. Recovery Elementary. Additionally, Hannah will compete in the regional spelling bee which will be held virtually and is a qualifier for the national spelling bee.



100th day of school – what an accomplishment that we finally got to the 100th day of school. We enjoyed some special announcements, Mrs. Rethman read a short book to the entire school, and all the students enjoyed a special 100th day of school cookie at lunch. Thanks to all of our staff for their hard work and dedication to get us to this point.



We held our Flyer Pride rewards for the end of the first semester in January. The 4th – 6th grade students enjoyed an afternoon of snacks and games and the 7th and 8th graders had a dodgeball and tug of war tournament, Chick-fil-A and Chipotle for lunch, and an afternoon of rotational games and volleyball.

PBIS – our team has completed the three required days of training. We will not meet as a team and design our final steps of implementation that will slowly take place the rest of this year and the beginning of the 21-22 school year.

Kindergarten registration – we are finishing registration packets for incoming kindergarteners. Currently we have 103 students registered for kindergarten for the 21-22 school year.

National Blue Ribbon application – Marion Local Elementary has been nominated by the Ohio Department of Education to be an applicant for the National Blue Ribbon School award. I am currently assembling a team to complete the application process. The application is due April 9th.

Upcoming:

Feb 12 and 15 – President’s Weekend holiday, no school

Treasurer's Report

February 8, 2021

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- Create new 019 account 019-9021 for \$2,500 for Be Kind First Foundation Grant
- Create new 499 account 499-9121 for \$4,362.33 for School Safety Training Grant
- Increase Fund 516 Title VI-B \$4,149.39 due to additional allocations
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Estimated Resources

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Additional Motion Items

035 Termination Benefits Transfer

- Approve the transfer of severance pay funds to prepare for potential retirements. Funds to be transferred this year amount to \$3,930.52 which is 2.5% of total gross payroll for calendar year 2020 less fund carryover. This will result in a fund balance of \$130,412.21. We have had minimal retirements the last several years and do not expect many again this year.

Other Informational Items

Casino Tax Revenue

- We received \$25,291.88 from casino tax on January 29th. This is up from the \$23,240.79 we received last year. For fiscal year 2020-2021 we received a total \$37,532.00 which is about \$14,000 more than I forecasted. Casinos were shut down due to COVID so our August receipt was much lower. I anticipated this would also happen with the January payment, but thankfully it was able to rebound and be closer to what we typically receive. As a result of COVID, overall this was a decrease from the \$47,221.91 we received in fiscal year 2019-2020. The next receipt will be at the end of August.

Records Commission Meeting

- We will need to hold our annual records commission meeting. We typically do this in March at 6:45 before the regularly scheduled meeting. This committee includes Randy, Mike and I. This meeting is held to approve all records disposed of in the last fiscal year. The only records we have disposed were within our records retention schedule or paper duplicates of items that are also maintained digitally.

IDEA Part B & Title I Public Hearing

- We will be holding a public hearing during the regular March meeting to discuss district plans for 2021-2022 for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

Property Valuations and Real Estate Taxes

- Property taxes to be paid in 2021 increased due to rising property valuations brought on by the demand for housing over the past 3 years. A triennial update was completed in Mercer County to update property values to more accurately reflect the true market value. Over the last three years, the average price of a residential home exceeded the appraised value by significant margins – 19% in 2017, 29% in 2018 and 38% in 2019. Sellers are demanding higher prices that are above the appraised value due housing being limited and in some cases this creates a bidding war. Low financing rates have also allowed this to be possible. Along with the increase in property valuation typically comes an increase in property taxes.
- Agricultural values continued to decrease with this triennial update. The decrease was on average about 28% for cropland and 41.54% for woodlands. The decrease in Ag values transfers the shift in property taxes more to the residential property owners.
- New construction helps lift the burden of other taxpayers on levies that were approved to collect a specific dollar amount. When new homes are added, others pay less to collect the actual amount that was voter approved. However, levies set to collect on actual millage will still result in additional tax.

Executive Order for State Funding Reduction

- With the first state funding projection for FY2021, Marion Local was expected to have our state funding reduced by \$163,742.98 which would result in funding equal to FY2020. Recently, Governor DeWine signed an executive order that formalized the budget reductions for FY2021. The cuts to ODE were not as significant as the cuts in FY2020, which means that ML will receive funding above what was expected for this fiscal year. The executive order changed our reduction to \$73,940.13 which is an increase in revenue of \$89,802.85.

ESSER II Grant Funds

- Marion Local is expected to receive \$241,267.71 in the second round of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) funds. We used the first ESSER grant of \$37,871.28 toward the salary of a first grade teacher. By adding a fourth first grade teacher in FY21 we were able to maintain small classes. We can use this grant for costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared, but the funds are available through September 30, 2023. Mike and I are working together to determine the best way to allocate these funds within the allowable uses.

Superintendent's Report

A. Executive Sessions

The Board and its committees and subcommittees reserve the right to meet privately in executive session solely to discuss one (1) or more of the following issues exempted from public sessions:

- A. consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student
- B. investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, license, or student unless such employee, official, licensee or student requests a public meeting; except that consideration of the discipline of a Board member for conduct related to the performance of his/her duties or his/her removal from office shall not be held in executive session
- C. consideration of the purchase of property or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure or information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest
- D. discussion, with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action
- E. preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment
- F. matters required to be confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes
- G. specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of law

No official action may be taken in executive session. R.C. 121.22

Collective bargaining meetings between employers and employee organizations are private and not subject to R.C. 121.22. R.C. 4117.21

An executive session will be held only at a regular or special meeting. After the meeting is convened, any member may make a motion for an executive session, and must state the purpose or purposes of the session by citing one (1) or more of the reasons set forth above. If the session is to discuss a personnel matter listed in paragraph A above, the particular subject for which the session has been called must be identified in the motion. The motion does not need to name the person. Upon receiving a second to the motion and a majority roll-call vote of those present and voting, the chairperson shall declare the Board in executive session.

In keeping with the confidential nature of executive sessions, no member of the Board, committee or subcommittee shall disclose the content of discussions that take place during such sessions.

All members of the Board, committee or subcommittee are entitled to attend executive sessions. The Board, committee or subcommittee may invite any other person to attend an executive session.

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B. Motion Items February 2021

1. STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kramer as asst. band director supplemental, hire Diane Hoying as dishwasher, and hire Treva Fortkamp and Don Heitbrink as groundskeepers on an as needed basis.

2. SCHOOL CALENDAR

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. CHAPEL HILL

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the contract with Chapel Hill preschool for the use of one room during the 2021-2022 school year at the amount of \$2,000.

4. FARM LEASE

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Farm Lease agreement with Dave Pohlman for 1 year consisting of 9 acres at \$225 per acre.

5. DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from Osgood State Bank for \$1,500 from the proceeds from FLYERGATE.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

FRANKLIN B. WALTER

The Franklin B. Walter banquet is April 7th at 6:30 at Romers in Celina. I am not certain yet on how this will be conducted due to COVID.

CLASSROOM ADDITION

We are currently aiming for March 29th to break ground for the new classroom addition. At the March Board meeting, Garmann Miller will have completed the bid process and we should have a recommendation for a contractor.

CALAMITY DAYS: Currently we have used four calamity days. Any days over five we will implement remote learning at the superintendents discretion.