

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Meeting was called to order by President Elaine Pierron

Randy Bruns, Dave Moorman, Elaine Pierron, Tim Pohlman and Brenda Schwieterman answered roll call by Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

Randy Bruns motioned to approve the agenda. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bruns yea, Pohlman yea, Moorman yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

17-52:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2017 be approved as read. Brenda Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea, Bruns yea, Moorman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

Marion Local Technology Coordinator, Michelle Mescher, submitted the following report:

Professional Development

Staff members have completed a total of 76 hours of technology in-services so far this summer. The Fall in-service schedule will be released soon.

Technology Purchases

- 10 Chromebook screens for student replacement
- Aerohive yearly software maintenance agreement
- Nearpod yearly website subscription renewal

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- All students in grades 5 thru 11 will have a Chromebook to carry with them this year.
- 3rd and 4th grade have classroom sets of Chromebooks that stay in the classroom.
- Parents or students can check the one-to-one webpage to help answer any questions they might have about their Chromebook or the one to one program. The webpage can be found under family links, One to One Program or at this address <http://www.marionlocal.org/one-to-one-program.html>.
- Chromebooks will be handed out to students on the first day of school.

Marion Local High School Principal, Tim Goodwin, submitted the following report:

New Staff:

We will have two new teachers this fall, Matthew Begley and Kyle Grabowski. Both have been in the building this month preparing for the start of another school year.

Fall Sports and activities:

School must be just around the corner from the telltale signs of the band and athletic teams in full practice mode. Many teachers have been working in their classrooms preparing for the start of the school year as well.

Summer Maintenance:

I would like to thank Kevin Hartings, Marilyn Bomholt, Linda Zumwald, and Sarah Fleck for their efforts this summer in preparing the high school building for the new school year.

Upcoming events:

August 21st Staff Meetings and Open House

August 23rd First day of school

Mr. Nick Wilker, K-8 Principal, submitted the following report:

1. Testing results from the spring, 2017 AIR testing sessions have been returned to districts.

Grade	Test	Advanced	Accelerated	Proficient	Basic	Limited	Total		% Passed	P.I.
Third	Read	23	10	17	6	3	59		84.7	101.9
	Math	27	17	9	2	2	57		93.0	108.6
Fourth	Read	26	20	17	8	3	74		85.1	102.6
	Math	48	18	5	0	3	74		95.9	112.6
	SS	31	22	18	2	1	74		95.9	109.3
Fifth	Read	25	17	5	4	0	51		92.2	98.8
	Math	40	7	4	0	0	51		100.0	117.1
	Science	36	11	3	2	0	52		96.2	114.4
Sixth	Read	23	24	20	5	1	73		91.8	105.9
	Math	36	19	15	4	0	74		94.6	110.1
	SS	25	28	16	3	2	73		94.5	108.5
Seventh	Read	34	12	14	7	0	67		89.6	107.8
	Math	15	20	5	1	1	42		95.2	109.3
Eighth	Read	14	23	20	12	5	74		77.0	95.7
	Math	44	15	10	2	2	73		94.5	111.1
	Science	24	32	16	1	2	75		96.0	108.3
	Alg 1	17	7	1	0	0	25		100.0	116.4
	Geo	2	0	0	0	0	2		100.0	120.0
Total		490	302	195	59	25	1070		92.2	108.2

Overall testing information:

- Building performance index was 108.2 (this is a measure of how advanced students are answering questions and scoring. Our score in 2016 was a 106.3).
- Saw an increase in ELA (Reading) scores. In 2016 we had an average proficiency passage rate of 76%. In 2017 we increased to an 87% proficiency passage rate.
 - o Writing overall (2017): 3% were below proficient, 22% were at proficient, 75% were above proficient.
 - o Writing overall (2016): 12% were below proficient, 41% were at proficient, and 47% were above proficient.
 - o I cannot thank the ELA teachers enough for the time they devoted to embracing a new writing curriculum.
- Math saw an increase from 93% to 96% proficiency passage rates from 2016-2017.

2. Jeanna Heitkamp sent 20 students and several parents to Coldwater June 26-27 for LEGO robotics camp. We are excited to have two LEGO teams for competition this fall and winter.
3. Murals: Thank you to Kim Bruns and several 7th grade students who worked to paint the area around Mrs. Huwer and Mrs. Weitzel's classrooms.



4. Camp Laffalot – July 24-28 – this is our 3rd year hosting Laffalot and Lori Albers was in charge of the event. We had 58 registered students for the week.
5. The building looks great and is ready to go for the school year. I would like to thank Spider, Pooch, Cody, Pam, Sharon, and our high school students for all of their help to make the building look great.
6. New murals throughout the building are in the process of being painted in the gym, library, and primary hallways. I want to thank the PTO for funding this project.



7. I would also like to thank our teaching staff in advance of the upcoming school year. There have been one or more teachers in the building every week this summer. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional teaching staff.

Upcoming events:

August 21 – Back to School Night/Open House, 7:00-9:00pm

August 22 – Junior High Cross County and Volleyball open their seasons

August 23 – First day of school

August 24 – Junior High Football opens their season

August 25 – First home varsity football game – our K-8 students and staff will be wearing their We Are Flyers t-shirts

Mrs. Heather Cramer, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:

The financial report for July 2017 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$336,593.13 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$337,740.13 was issued in warrant checks and \$105,456.08 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$1,704,259.31 and interest income was \$5,931.86.

Motion Items

Exhibit 2B-1

Changes to Temporary Appropriations

- No changes this month

Exhibit 2B-2

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- No changes this month

Additional Motion Items

None

Other Informational Items

Renewal Tax Levy

- The language for the renewal tax levy for the November 7th ballot was approved and sent to me for review. I have included it in your folders.

Biennial Budget

- The House Bill 49 final state foundation aid estimates for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 show Marion Local being flat funded for both years provided there are not any changes in enrollment. It is guaranteed that all districts will receive at least the same amount of core foundation funding in both years that they received in fiscal year 2017 unless their enrollment has decreased more than 5% from FY 14 to FY 16. Although our enrollment has decreased approximately 2.75% since fiscal year 2014, it has not decreased more than 5% so our funding was not decreased. I will have more information about how our district was impacted by the biennial budget after I work on the forecast.

5th Quarter Agricultural Education Grant

- Marion Local will receive \$4,347.82 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

BWC Billion Back Rebate

- We received \$10,352.10 in July from the BWC in their “A Billion Back” initiative.

Capital Conference

- Capital Conference is November 12-14. I will need to get a head count at this meeting so we can decide what type of registration to submit to OSBA. Please check your calendars to see if you can attend.

Investment Update

- On July 10th, our MMDA interest rate increased from 1.05% to 1.10%

17-53:

Dave Moorman motioned that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented by Mrs. Cramer. Randy Bruns seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Bruns yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

Marion Local Superintendent, Mr. Mike Pohlman, submitted the following report:

1. NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We continue to prepare for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. We will be conducting an optional in-service day for teachers on August 17th which will consist of them having the opportunity to complete in-service hours through online training with our “Safe Schools” program or online training provided by Michelle Mescher. The entire staff will come in August 21st in the morning for in-service with **open house** from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

2. SAFETY WEEK

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide coordinated effort encouraging families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools. We will conduct our safety week during the week of September 11-15.

3. GOALS FOR THE YEAR

- Increase student Achievement.
- Be fiscally responsible to our tax payers.
- Continue to build trust in the community.
- Strengthen our collaboration and connection with the business community to provide our students with career pathways.
- Build a highly effective, rigorous, student-centered, project based learning environment across the curriculum. This will evolve through the development of teacher leadership skills tied to the county-wide initiative through InvestED.
- Continue to advance our 1:1 initiative in the higher grade levels. (5th-11th)
- Effectively communicate to our community the renewal levy information.

- Develop opportunities through community meetings and newsletter articles to communicate the advancement of our facility study.
- Continue to work with area legislators to gain local control for our district with less government mandates.

4. Graduation Requirement Update

Students who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, have multiple pathways to earn a high school diploma.

There are three pathways in Ohio law.

1. Ohio’s State Tests

Earn 18 out of 35 points on seven end-of-course state tests. You can earn up to five points on each test. You need a minimum of four points in math, four points in English language arts and six points across science and social studies.

2. Industry-recognized credential and score on workforce readiness test

Earn an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earn the required score on the WorkKeys test. Ohio pays for you to take the test one time. Some districts offer the Senior Only program through which you can earn credentials in one school year.

3. College and career readiness tests

Earn remediation-free scores* in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT. Your district chooses either the ACT or SAT. You will take a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11 for free.

If you do not meet any of the above three pathways, Ohio law provides you two additional options to earn a high school diploma.

Option 1 – Available to all students in the class of 2018.

Students must take and pass courses that constitute the curriculum requirements and take all seven end-of-course exams. If the student receives a score of “1” or “2” on any math or English language arts test, the student must retake the test at least once.

Additionally, students must meet at least *two* of the below requirements:

- Attendance rate of 93 percent during the 12th grade year;
- Earn a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all courses completed during 12th grade (must complete at least four full-year courses);
- Complete a capstone project during 12th grade that the district or school defines;
- During 12th grade, complete a work or community service experience totaling 120 hours that the district or school defines;
- Earn three or more [College Credit Plus](#) credits at any time during high school;

- Earn credit for an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course *and* earn an AP exam score of 3 or higher or IB exam score of 4 or higher at any time during high school;
- Earn a WorkKeys exam score of 3 on each of three test sections;
- Earn a State Board-approved [industry-recognized credential](#) or credentials that equal at least three points;
- Meet OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal requirements (under development).

Option 2 – Available to the students in the class of 2018 in career-technical programs.

Students must take and pass courses that constitute the curriculum requirements and take all seven end-of-course exams. Students must finish a career-technical program that includes at least four courses in a single career pathway and complete at least *one* of the options below:

- Earn a total score of proficient or better based on all career-technical exams or test modules;
- Earn an industry-recognized credential or credentials that equal 12 points;
- Complete a workplace experience totaling 250 hours with evidence of positive evaluations.

5. Career Advising Policy

Every two years we must review our career advising policy and update it by reporting to the Ohio Dept. Of Ed. This policy has been reviewed, and no changes were made.

17-54:

Tim Pohlman motioned to approve the items contained on the consent agenda for the regular meeting as presented. Brenda Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea, Bruns yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

1. To approve the resignation of Sarah Clune as a Cook.
2. To hire Andrea Greve as a Teacher on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending completion of all requirements for proper certification.
3. To hire Sarah Clune as an Aide on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending completion of all requirements for proper certification.
4. To approve the transfer of Kiley Huelsman as a 2.5 hrs./day Dishwasher to a 4 hrs./day Cook.
5. To hire Sharon Evers as a Dishwasher on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule.
6. To hire Sherry Schoenlein as a Dishwasher on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule.

7. To hire Paul Utendorf as Co-Jr. High Boys Faculty Manager and Head Baseball Coach on one-year contracts per the established pay schedule.
8. To hire Todd Ashbaugh as a High School Co-Girls and Boys Faculty Manager and Co-Varsity M Advisor on one-year contracts per the established pay schedule.
9. To hire Rod Pleiman as Co-Weight Room Coordinator on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule
10. To approve Judy Brewer as a substitute teacher on an as needed basis.
11. To approve Jacob Sherrick, Jason Scheer and Brian Wolters as volunteers for the football program.
12. To approve Mary Lou Bruns as a volunteer for the volleyball program.
13. To approve the contract with St. John the Baptist Church for 23 classrooms for religious education on Wednesday nights commencing September 6, 2017 and concluding May 2, 2018 at a cost of \$3,565.00.
14. To approve the list of substitute bus drivers for the 2017-2018 school year as per the established pay schedule.

Linda Broering	Dan Koenig
Bill Elking	Dan Thobe
Brad Everman	Keith Westrick
15. To approve the bus routes for the 2017-2018 school year per the exhibit.
16. To approve the Ag Science/FFA field trip to Markin Farms in West Liberty, OH for FFA officer training retroactive to July 28, 2017.

17-55:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Dave Moorman motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Randy Bruns seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Bruns yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:30 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:03 p.m.

17-56:

Dave Moorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea, Bruns yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.