

**Marion Local Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 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.

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

Recognition of visitors:

John Bruns, of the American Legion Post in Maria Stein, was present to report the performance of the Marion Local students in the Government Americanism test that was given in November on election day. He thanked the Board of Education and Administrators for allowing the American Legion to provide the test to students in grades 9-12 and also the National Honor Society for grading the test. Winners will be recognized at the American Legion banquet in the spring.

17-78:

Randy Bruns motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2017 and the Special Meeting held on November 29, 2017 be approved as read. 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.

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

- Winter technology in-service opportunities are continuing. A list of sessions are available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>
- Technology demonstration at building staff meetings
 - How to download YouTube videos
 - How to use Google Drive File Stream to easily access files

Technology Purchases

- 4 Laptops for staff members

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Looking at different vendors/software to make the Marion Local website compliant for the American Disability Act.

Technology Highlight

December 4th through 10th was the National [Hour of Code](#) week. Schools across the world including some students at Marion Local participated in projects where students spent one hour coding. Coding impacts everyone's life. Code drives the apps/games on our devices (phones,

tablets, and computers), the banking industry, automation in manufacturing, animated sequences in movies, many websites, features on cars, and many more things. There are many fun activities for young and old; novice and expert. Thanks to Mrs. B Bruns, Mrs. Dilworth, Mrs. Heitkamp, Mrs. Kessen, Ms. Rhonemus, Mrs. Rodeheffer, and Mrs. Smith for participating.

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

Ag Education:

Congratulations to Mr. Elsass for winning a \$5,000 DuPont Pioneer Case grant. The money is to be spent on advanced lab equipment.

Tri-Star:

Congratulations to senior Matt Tangeman for winning the UNOH Robotics & Automation Technology scholarship. Matt is in the Rec-Tech program at Tri-Star.

Career Day:

We had over 20 speakers discussing their careers with our students on November 22nd. Our students had an opportunity to ask questions and find out more information from these speakers. Thanks go out to the speakers for giving up a morning to share with our students. Mrs. Dippold put many hours into organizing this and I appreciate all of her efforts.



Tri-Star Field Trip:

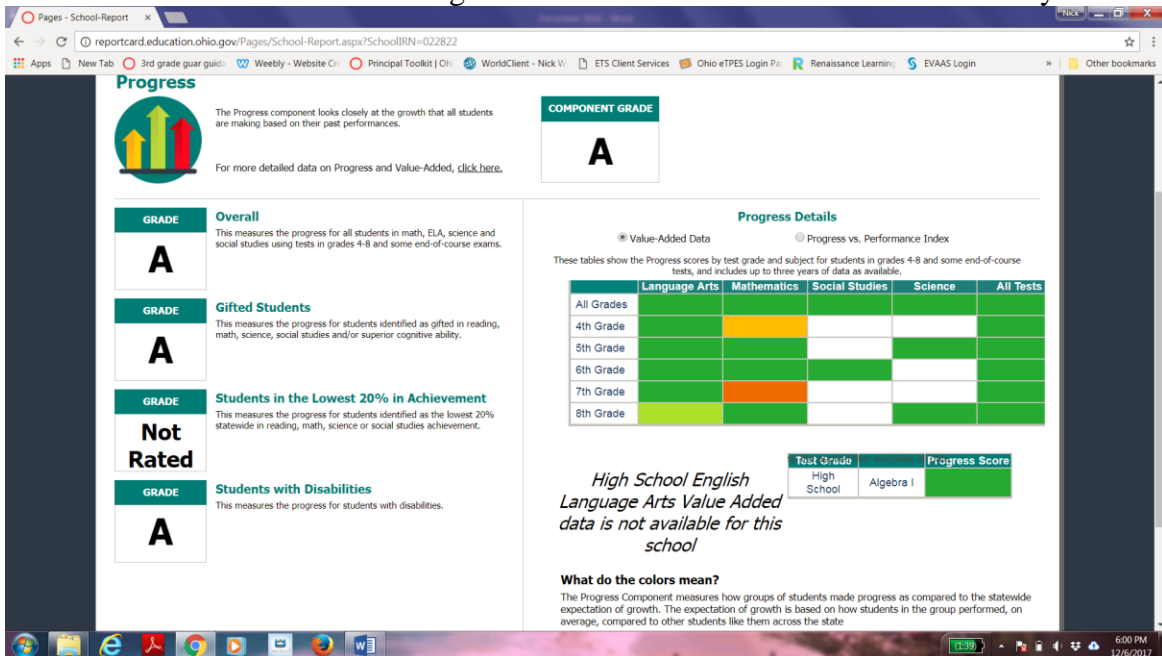
The entire sophomore class visited Tri-Star for an hour on the morning of December 1st. Students chose a program that they have an interest in and spent some time with the instructor to get a feel for the program.

Upcoming events:

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| Dec 18 | Band and Choir Christmas concert |
| Dec 20,21 | Semester Exams |
| Jan 5 | End of 9 weeks/first semester |

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

1. Marion Local Elementary was awarded a Momentum Award from the State Board of Education for our performance on state AIR testing last spring. As stated in the letter received from Board President, Tess Elshoff, “the Momentum Award is the Board’s way of recognizing schools that have received A’s on each Value Added measure... Your school report card shows your pupils enjoyed greater than expected growth in reading and mathematics.” Once again, I would like to thank all of the staff, students, and families of the district that work together to make these wonderful results a reality.



2. On Wednesday, November 22nd we celebrated our first Flyer Pride reward day with 82 4th-8th grade students earning the goals their teachers had set for them in the first quarter of the year. They were rewarded a trip to the Pizza Hut lunch buffet.
3. Christmas concerts:
 - a. Thanks to Amanda Rhonemus, Brad Spettel, the K-4 teaching staff and all the students. We had two great performances on Monday, December 4th with many compliments from parents and grandparents.
 - b. 5th-8th grade band and choir concerts are set for Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm in the high school gym.
 - c. I would like to thank all of the coaches and Dan Koenig for all of their work in rescheduling and moving practices to accommodate all of these performances in the gyms.
4. DARE graduation was held this morning. I would like to congratulate the 75 5th graders who graduated from the DARE program, their teachers from the Mercer County Sheriff’s Office and our 5th grade teachers.

Upcoming:

- December 13th – District staff Christmas luncheon
- December 18th – 5th-8th grade band and choir concert, 7pm, high school gym
- December 21st – Spelling Bee
- December 22-January 1 – Christmas vacation

Mr. Rod Pleiman, MLEA, submitted the following report:

The following teachers submitted information regarding what is happening in their classrooms:

Tracy Dilworth

- My class also participated in the Hour of Code this week. The students learned the basics of "unplugged" programming using block-style coding to get the gingerbread boy to the gingerbread house.
- The kindergarten classes participated in a Gingerbread Exchange. We wrote stories, riddles, and letters and decorated gingerbread people to exchange with students in other states. My class exchanged with a class in Maryland!

Matthew Begley

- 8th grade industrial arts students are getting ready to paint their CO2 dragsters.
- Woodworking students are working on their first project.
- Exploratory students are practicing their welds and turning their riveting hammer handles down on the lathe.
- Special interest students are finishing their second project.

Jeanna Heitkamp

- My 3rd grade students are working on a national monuments/memorials/park project. They will be working on Christmas cards for their pen pals in France and sending a small gift along with their cards-we're looking forward to receiving a similar package from them as well!
- 4th grade TAG math students are just starting their fraction unit. (looking at equivalent fractions/simplest form/etc)
- 5th grade TAG also beginning their fraction unit. (looking at fractions on a number line, estimating/benchmark fractions/eventually multiplying & dividing these)
- 6th grade TAG working with exponential numbers (negative and positive)
- 7th STEM students beginning their bridge unit.
- This month in collaboration (with K-2 students), we discussed the word "Imaginative" and created Christmas cards to be distributed to residents at area nursing homes.

Mandy Koenig

- First grade is still working on learning the keyboard and mouse control.
- 2nd grade just finished Letters to Santa, with adding borders to the page.
- 3rd grade is in the process of making Christmas Cards
- 4th grade is working on a Google Slides Idioms Presentation
- 5th grade is in the middle of an Internet safety unit - we are currently talking about cyberbullying, then will talk about talking safely online, and talk about privacy.

Laura Post

5th grade science has been studying force and motion. They recently completed a STEM activity where they built a model of a satellite using limited supplies to represent solar panels, solar cells, and other tools such as cameras and water sensors which needed to be placed on the model. The model had to be indestructible being able to be dropped from a height of 1 meter. Teams then competed to see whose would travel the farthest being powered by a balloon. Students had to record data about the mass, speed, and acceleration of their models.

Andrea Greve

- 6th grade ELA: Students have finished reading "Maniac Magee". Students are completing one-pagers, where they complete a visual representation of all the elements of the story. This is a review of many concepts we have learned this year, including theme, setting, character, and conflict.
- 6th grade STEM: Students just finished a Whirlybird competition. Next, they will be making "Santa Sleigh" prototypes to see which design can hold the most pennies (presents) using a fixed number of supplies.
- 7th grade ELA: Students are finishing their Civil War book studies this week. They have been creating life-size versions of the main character of their book and labeling them with evidence of character traits. They will be writing a paper to compare the historical fiction account to historical facts as their final project of this unit.

Paul Utendorf

6th grade students have been working on an integer timeline that describes their lives. They had to come up with events that happened before and after they were born and had to present the project to their classmates. They found out a lot about positive and negative integers, as well as some family history!

Kim Droesch

4th grade science has been learning about heat transfer. They have completed several experiments explaining the difference between the heat transfer of convection, conduction, and radiation. Some of these include melting ice with a metal spoon and their hand. In another experiment, the students watched colored water move from warm areas to cooler areas.

Rod Pleiman

- 7th Grade SS recently conducted a Break Out session for our India lesson. It was good to see them attempt this problem solving activity. It was interesting to see how they interacted with each other when it came to solving the puzzles.
- 8th grade just completed a Constitution lesson in which they take the student handbook and they get to dissect it and revise it. They go through the process of a bill turning into a law (Think School House Rock from back in the day.). It is a long and sometimes tedious process but they get to understand what is involved in our law making branch.

Brenda Rodeheffer

In math, the fourth graders completed an hour of coding last week. The students recently learned how to divide a 4-digit dividend by a 1-digit divisor and are currently working on applying their division skills in solving story problems.

Jean Smith

Third graders completed their first hour of code last Friday. They experienced logical thinking and problem solving during the activity.

Emily Henschen

8th grade ELA students have recently finished an argumentative writing unit.

Brad Spettel

- The high marching band had a very eventful Fall season. They received numerous 1st place awards at Local marching band events. Not once were they beaten by another band performing in Class C. The band also received their 3rd Superior Rating at the State Marching Band Finals in the past 3 years. Lastly for the HS band, the students performed at Bands of America- Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. This was definitely a memorable experience for the group!
- 5th Grade- The 5th grade band students are currently preparing for their very first performance with the band program on Dec. 18th. They've also been working on a new program for beginners called 'Band Karate' in which they perform songs from the book for me to receive their belts. The ultimate goal is to achieve status of Black Belt!
- 6th grade- The 6th grade band has been hard at work learning how to play more music for concert band rather than exercises from the textbook. This is very important because our concert band music requires the students to play different parts and listen to how they fit together.
- Jr. High Band- The Jr. High band has also been busy preparing for the Dec. 18 Christmas concert. This group will present 3 pieces of music written at a higher grade level than 6th grade band and will also performance a piece of music with the High school concert band. There will be approximately 93 performers for the combined tune.
- 5-12 Band and Choir Concert on Monday, Dec. 18th at 7pm! We look forward to performing for the community!

Kim Bruns

- Kindergarten, First, and Second are busy making Christmas/Winter themed art projects.
- Kindergarten just finished up snowman sculptures and clay Christmas ornaments.
- First grade drew and colored Christmas elves.
- 2nd grade started drawing winter self-portraits that are inspired by Charlie Brown and other characters from the Peanuts comic.
- Third grade is learning about exaggerated forms and are using these to create torn paper masks.
- Fourth grade built penguin sculptures and are decorating them.
- Fifth grade is learning about silhouettes and implied texture. Both are being used to create an animal drawing.
- 6th grade is learning about Pop Art and are making their own Pop Art prints.
- 7th grade is experimenting with various watercolor and colored pencil techniques to complete their animal project using the grid drawing method.

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

The financial report for November 2017 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$385,574.88 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$243,133.83 was issued in warrant checks and \$395,867.73 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$593,848.14 and interest income was \$6,309.59.

Motion Items

Exhibit 2

Changes to Permanent Appropriations

- Created new account for \$5,000 grant received from DuPont Pioneer CASE Grant
- Move Fund 591 to 599 for Title IV-A
- Increase 022 OHSAA Tournament Fund \$10,846 for State Football Tournament

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- Created new account for \$5,000 grant received from DuPont Pioneer CASE
- Move Fund 591 to 599 for Title IV-A
- Increase 022 OHSAA Tournament Fund \$10,846 for State Football Tournament

Additional Motion Items

Resolution Declaring to be Special Needs District & Submit Bond Issue

- On a separate resolution we will be asking you to approve a resolution declaring Marion Local School District to be a special needs district and applying for consent to submit a bond issue to the electors of this school district at the May 8, 2018 election.
- In order to move forward with a bond levy, this resolution has to be approved by the board of education and submitted to the Tax Commissioner and the Superintendent of Public Instruction along with a statistical report at least 120 days prior to the election which is January 8, 2018.
- If we would decide not to put the bond levy on the May ballot we can either not act upon this resolution or rescind it. However, this resolution is only good for the May 8, 2018 election so if we would choose to go on the ballot at a future election we would have to pass this resolution again before the 120 day deadline for that election.
- Consent is being requested to submit the issuance of bonds to popular vote at the election on May 8, 2018 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of school facilities in the principal amount of not to exceed \$18 million. We chose this dollar amount based on the \$15-18 million projection provided by Garmann Miller Architects.

Other Informational Items

Proposed Facility Project - Next Steps

- After the special needs documentation is submitted, we will need to wait for the approval. After that is received, we will need to pass a resolution of necessity followed by a resolution to proceed. Both of these resolutions must be passed and filed with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Taxation by January 30th in order to comply with the requirements to get special needs district approval. The deadline to submit these resolutions to the Board of Elections for the May 8, 2018 election is February 7, 2018.

17-79:

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

17-80:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Randy Bruns motioned that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources. Dave Moorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bruns yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

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

I would like to congratulate coach Goodwin, the entire coaching staff, and players for bringing home their 10th state championship.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Once again we will have our staff breakfast at the elementary cafeteria on December 21st at 7:30 a.m. Christmas break will start on Friday, December 22nd and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The senior citizen luncheon went very well I would like to thank Barb Kahlig for coordinating the event along with everyone who helped to make this a great event for our community.

FACILITIES

We had our first community meeting on Wednesday, November 29th and had approx. 200 people in attendance. I want to thank the community for attending this presentation and appreciate all of the great questions. We have placed the "frequently asked question" document on our home page, and I encourage any community member to review this document and not to hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

BOARD MEMBERS

I would like to recognize and thank Elaine Pierron and Brenda Schwieterman for their years of service on the Marion Local Board of Education. It has been a joy and honor to work with you and your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. You truly have put students first and are leaving Marion Local with making it a better place. Thank you for your insight and vision.

17-81:

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

1. To hire Angie Osterholt as a 2.5 hour/day Dishwasher on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule retroactive to November 20, 2017.

2. To hire Mike Bruns as a Groundskeeper on an as needed basis on a one-year contract at \$14.00 per hour retroactive to November 30, 2017.
3. To hire the following coaches on one-year contracts per the established pay schedule.
 - Head Jr. High Girls Track – Sandy Bruns
 - Head Jr. High Boys Track – Rod Pleiman
 - Assistant Jr. High Track – Matt Schmackers
4. To approve payment to the following for hosting OSHAA Tournament games from the 022 fund retroactive to November 3, 2017.

<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Football</u>
Dan Koenig – \$60.00	Dan Koenig - \$350.00
Doug Jutte - \$30.00	Todd Ashbaugh - \$60.00
Sandy Bruns - \$30.00	Emily Kahlig - \$25.00
Mary Lou Bruns - \$30.00	Bob Wenning - \$35.00
5. To approve Sue Bruns as a Credential OTES Evaluator for Marion Local Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.
6. To approve the donation from Osgood State Bank in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Flyergate.
7. To accept the donation of an American flag and stand from the VFW.
8. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,538.00.
9. To approve the DuPont Pioneer CASE Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

17-82:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Dave Moorman motioned that the Board of Education appoint Randy Bruns as the President Pro-Tem effective January 1, 2018. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Bruns abstained. Motion passed.

17-83:

Dave Moorman, upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education establish January 8, 2018 as the date of the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting for the upcoming year. The organizational meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

17-84:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Randy Bruns motioned that the Board of Education declare the Marion Local School District to be a special needs district and apply for consent to submit a bond issue to the electors of this school district at the May 8, 2018 election. Brenda

Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

17-85:

Dave Moorman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employee. 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.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:25 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 10:04 p.m.

17-86:

Dave Moorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Brenda Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted a follows: Moorman yea, Schwieterman yea, Bruns yea, Pohlman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.