

## **Marion Local Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**

Randy Bruns, Phil Moeller, Dave Moorman, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

Phil Moeller motioned to approve the agenda. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

#### **19-74:**

Dave Moorman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2019 be approved as read. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

#### **Recognition of visitors:**

Wes Farno, President of 29:11 Strategies in Minster, was present to inform the Board of Education about ways they can poll the opinions of community members in regards to facility issues if they wished to contract his services in order to gain insight to the desires of the community. He discussed the need for qualitative and quantitative information to get accurate insight of how the community feels. Wes explained the different types of polling options and also recommended focus groups with moderated discussion and the importance of making sure all demographics are represented. He also discussed voter tendencies and trends including reasons why some people don't vote at all.

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. 228 students took the test. Winners will be recognized at the American Legion banquet in the spring. John also thanked the administration and staff for the Veteran's Day assembly for grades K-12 that included a speaker and recognizing local Veterans.

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

- Winter technology in-service opportunities are now available. A list of sessions are available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>
  - Pear Deck
  - ProgressBook Gradebook Tools
  - Google Keep
  - Edulastic
- Attended staff building meetings at the elementary and high school. Discussed
  - How teachers can approve YouTube videos for students to view

- How to view parent contact information in ProgressBook Gradebook
- Chromebook shortcuts

### **Technology Purchases**

- None

### **Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous**

- December 9th through 15th is National Hour of Code week. Schools across the world including some students at Marion Local are participating in projects where students spend one hour coding. For more information on the National Hour of Code visit <https://hourofcode.com/us#>

### **Marion Local High School Principal, Tim Goodwin, submitted the following report: Veteran’s Day:**

Thanks to all who have served and special thanks to those who shared this day with us. I would also like to thank Ed McClurg of the American Legion for his help in securing the speaker. I would also like to thank Julie Overman and Jenny Dippold for their guidance with the student council. It was a great assembly and our kids learned about the sacrifices made by our service men and women.



### **Career Day:**

We recently had a successful career day, as led by counselor Jenny Dippold. We had 20 breakout speakers and Angela Dine Schmeisser as our keynote speaker.

### **CCP:**

We plan to add another in-house CCP course the second semester, Physics. Thanks to Todd Ashbaugh for putting in the coursework to make this happen.

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

1. On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Karen Rose, Curriculum Director at the Mercer County ESC, worked with our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Math and ELA teachers on a new tool designed to break apart each content standard. This tool provides data on how high our students are scoring and what kinds of shifts we need to make in our instruction to ensure we are covering all standards at highest levels. The teachers were also able to take time and look at their individual Value Added reports.

2. The LEGO Robotics teams finished their season on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> with our local competition in Versailles. The students learned a great deal this year and did a great job at their competition. I would like to thank Jeanna Heitkamp who coached and coordinated their schedule this year.



3. DARE graduation was November 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate the 72 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will graduate from the DARE program, Deputy Bird and Deputy Miller from the sheriff's department for teaching the program, and Sheriff Grey for participating in the program, and Jerry Kanney from the Mercer County DARE Boosters for speaking at the graduation.



4. On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> the K-8 ELA teachers had a professional development day where they spent time reviewing writing samples from students at each grade level and collaborating on instructional needs to improve writing skills and instructional strategies.
5. Christmas concerts:
  - a. Tuesday, December 10 – K-4 concert at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the high school gym.
  - b. Monday, December 16 – 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades choir and band concert at 7pm 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.
6. I would like to thank Scott Sommer and Julie Sommer for applying for and receiving over \$1200 in alternative seating for their classrooms through the Donors Choose program.
7. The junior high basketball teams have both kicked off their seasons in the last two weeks.
8. Finally, I would like to thank the PTO for their help in coordinating a very successful fall fundraiser with our Read-A-Thon capped off by a carnival all held in November. This fundraiser's main goal was a final push for our new playground which is scheduled to be installed this summer and be ready for the 2020-2021 school year.

Upcoming:

December 23-January 1 – Christmas vacation

January 9 – Spelling Bee

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

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

***Stephanie Kramer***

- The High School Choir members were thankful for the opportunity to sing the National Anthem and Armed Forces Medley on the district Veteran's Day Program. In addition, the choir traveled to Dayton Children's Hospital to carol and give gifts to the residents and their families last Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donation of gifts from the Marion Local staff were appreciated by the residents.
- The Music Department will be presenting their annual Christmas concerts on December 10<sup>th</sup> (K-4) at 9:30 and 7:00 and December 16<sup>th</sup> (5-12 band and choir) at 7:00 PM, all in the HS Gym.

***Amanda DeMange***

- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students recently just finished the novel *A Long Walk To Water*. The students enjoyed the book as it taught about the life lessons of perseverance and hard work. The main character of the book is based off a true account and showcased at the end how he used his life lessons to help impact and change the lives of others. During the novel the students learned about the character traits, and we read a great deal of nonfiction to learn about main idea. After the novel the students wrote informative papers.

***Trisha McMurray***

- Miss Abbey Bruggeman, a sophomore at Wright State Lake Campus, came to Mrs. McMurray's fourth grade language arts classroom on Wednesdays. Abbey worked individually with students, led small groups, and even designed her own lesson and taught it to the entire class. It was a candy corn synonym/antonym activity done on Halloween. The students loved having Miss Bruggeman in the classroom and hope she comes back to visit soon. In other fourth grade news, the students are creating a superhero avatar and writing a superhero story with a kindness theme. These stories will eventually be published into class books.

***Jeanna Heitkamp***

Here is what has been happening in my classes!

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: We recently finished up a national monument/park project, where students selected one park or monument to research and present. They are now working on how to logic puzzles.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: We are finishing up long division and are beginning to learn about number and shape patterns. They will explore the work of MC Esher and create their own tessellations.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: The students are working on Prime factorization and using that to help them find Least Common Multiples & Greatest Common Factors of numbers.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: These kids are working with algebraic expressions and equations. They are using distributive property, evaluation and combining like terms to help them with these.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: The Qtr. 2 STEM class is beginning to design their balsa wood bridges. They will have until the end of the quarter to design and build their bridges using just balsa wood and glue.
- Lego League: This season’s theme was “City Shaper.” The focus was on architecture. To prepare, the kids met 2-3 times per week from Aug until late November. They attended the Honda Robotics scrimmage, met with Brad Garmann, Mr. Pohlman and Mrs. Brunswick for professional advice, and presented to other nearby FLL teams and parents. We wrapped up our season on Nov. 23 at the Versailles Competition. Although neither of our teams advanced to the next level of competition, one ML team earned the Coopertition award. Overall it was a great season, the kids had a great time attending the various events and learned a lot along the way!

***Karla Huwer***

- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade would like to thank Mr. Monte Deigel and Ms. Rachel Williams from the Mercer County Central Dispatch for coming in to talk to the language arts classes about their jobs. They explained the difficulties and importance of rescue services in preparation for the argumentative paper that the students are writing.

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

The financial report for November 2019 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$414,310.62 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$225,954.10 in warrant checks and \$415,718.96 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$618,326.63 and interest income was \$13,583.16.

**Motion Items**

**Permanent Appropriations**

- None

**Estimated Resources**

- None

## **Additional Motion Items –**

### **Bond Fund Transfer**

- In the consent agenda is a resolution asking you to approve to transfer the balance of \$96,305.49 in the 1995 Bond Fund 002-0000 to the 1999 Bond Fund 002-9000 due to the 1995 Bond being paid off in November 2019.

## **Other Informational Items**

### **Long-term Debt**

- We made a bond payment in November that decreased our long-term debt from \$565,001.30 to \$285,001.30. The only long-term debt on the books is the 1999 OSFC Bond.

### **19-75:**

Dave Moorman motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented by Mrs. Cramer. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns 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 on a successful season with their state final football victory.

### **STAFF CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

Once again we will have our staff breakfast at the elementary cafeteria on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Christmas break will start on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and classes will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON**

The senior citizen luncheon is this Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### **19-76:**

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

1. To hire Mike Bruns as a Groundskeeper on an as needed basis on a one-year contract at \$12.50 per hour retroactive to December 1, 2019.
2. To approve Sue Bruns as a Credential OTES Evaluator for Marion Local Schools for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. To approve a contract with Snider Recreation through the State of Ohio Procurement Program for \$247,997.00 for the purchase of a new playground to be installed in the summer of 2020.

4. To approve the transfer of \$96,305.49 from Bond Retirement Fund 002-0000 to 1999 OSFC Bond Fund 002-9000

**19-77:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Tim Pohlman motioned that the Board of Education appoint Randy Bruns as the President Pro-Tem effective January 1, 2020. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Rose yea. Bruns abstained. Motion passed.

**19-78:**

Phil Moeller, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education establish January 13, 2020 as the date of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting for the upcoming year. The organizational meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

**19-79:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller 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: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Moorman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:49 p.m.

Mike Pohlman, Heather Cramer, Tim Goodwin, Nick Wilker and Shannon Everman were invited into executive session at 7:49 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:08 p.m.

No action was taken.

The next regular Board meeting and Organizational meeting will be held on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**19-80:**

Dave Moorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.