

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Meeting was called to order by President Randy Bruns with the pledge of allegiance recited by all present.

Randy Bruns, Shannon Everman, Phil Moeller, Tim Pohlman and Jesse rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Amy Reineke.

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

23-80:

Shannon Everman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2023 be approved as read. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- A list of sessions is available at <https://www.marionlocal.org/In-ServiceSchedule.aspx>

Technology Purchases

- Renewal of PDQ Deploy software

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- The chart below shows the number of Chromebooks that have needed repaired since school started.

	August	September	October	November
Repairs/Problems	7	15	10	12
Broken Screens	1	0	2	1

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

Congratulations to the varsity squad for their second place in the MAC regular season. Members include: Vincent Winner, Morgan Spieth, John Mescher, Ally Mescher and John Kramer.



Senior Citizens Lunch:

We served around 150+ community members at our annual luncheon. Thanks to Barb Kahlig, Deb Ruhenkamp, Stephanie Kramer with some elementary students for entertainment and the NHS students for planning and working the luncheon.

Career Day:

Thanks to Jenny Dippold for organizing this day and for the many speakers who came in and presented. Special thanks to Dave Buschur for being the keynote speaker.

Upcoming events:

Dec 20,21	Semester Exams
Jan 5	End of 1 st Semester

Kelli Thobe, Marion Local K-8 Principal, submitted the following report:

Students:

- The Senior Citizens Luncheon was recently held, thank you to the JH choir and Ms. Kremer for their entertainment!
- Hope Squad collected hats, gloves, blankets, and monetary donations for Rustic Hope. Hope Squad set up a collection for hats, gloves, and blankets and also sold Candy Cane grams to help raise money to donate.
- The fall ELA test scores for 3rd grade have been released, currently we have 88% of our 3rd grade students who have met the criteria for 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee.

Staff:

- Congratulations to Spider on his retirement!

Upcoming events:

- Grades 5-8 Band & Choir concert - December 19
- Winter Pep Rally - December 21
- Marion Local Spelling Bee - January 11

Mrs. Amy Reineke, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:

The financial report for November 2023 including the additional reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$774,429.48, cash receipts were \$746,457.25 and interest income was \$33,669.20.

Motion Items

- Move to approve the transfer of \$292,416 from the general fund to the capital improvement fund to be used toward the project to build new facility including additional classrooms, a new gym, and Ag suite.

Permanent Appropriations

- None

Estimated Resources

- None

Donations

- Move to approve two donations for the amount of \$3,226 each from John Spoltman and Buschur Custom Farm Service for the charter busses for the football team transportation to the State Tournament.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$1,000 from Mercer In-Sight for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$750 from St. Henry Bank for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$300 from Steller Tool for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$1,000 from Homan, Inc. for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$500 from Minton Vet. Service for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$1,500 from Buschur Unlimited for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$750 from Moeller Trucking for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$500 from Brian Seitz for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$150 from Heitkamp Developers for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$1,000 from Sajack's for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$500 from Klosterman Concrete for football tournament expenses.
- Move to approve donation for the amount of \$500 from Schwieterman Farms for football tournament expenses.

23-81:

Shannon Everman motioned that the following reports be approved as presented by Mrs. Reineke. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Moeller, yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Monthly Bills: Reports: Disbursement Summary Report

Financial Report: Reports: Cash Reconciliation, Cash Summary Report, Revenue Account Activity Report, and Monthly Spending Plan Summary

Investments: Report: Investment Report

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

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

STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Greve as bus driver, resignation of Anthony Chappel as head volleyball coach, approve pay rate change for Nora Eckstein as student athletic secretary at \$10.45/hr, and approve the contracted services with Dustin Thobe as a class 1 certified water operator.

DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from John and Kathy Spoltman, Buschur Custom Farm Service, and Buschur Unlimited, Moeller Trucking, St. Henry Bank, Brian Seitz, Stellar Tool, Heitkamp Developers, Sajak's, Minton Vet. Service, Mercer In-Sight, Homan Inc., Schwieterman Farms, and Klosterman Concrete for the cost of three charter buses to the state football game. You are also asked to accept a donation from the Marion Local PTO for purchasing a drone.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

On the agenda is a motion to recommend Randy Bruns as the president pro-tem for the organizational meeting in January.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A motion item is on the agenda to approve the date for the organizational meeting for January 8, 2024. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

POLICIES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the second and final reading of the policies listed as recommended by NEOLA.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPS

I would like to congratulate our football team, Coach Goodwin and his entire coaching staff for their Div. VII state football championship.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

We conducted our senior citizen luncheon and I would like to thank Barb Kahlig, Renee Hartings, Deb Ruhenkamp and the entire kitchen staff for their work. It was great to celebrate the holidays with our senior citizens in the school district.

23-82:

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

1. To approve the resignation of Jessica Greve as a bus driver effective December 1, 2023.
2. To approve the contracted services with Dustin Thobe as a Class 1 Certified Operator for the water supply systems at Marion Local Schools at a rate of \$550 per month.
3. To approve the donation from the Marion Local PTO in the amount of \$609.00 for a drone.
4. To approve the transfer of \$292,416 from the general fund to the capital improvement fund to be used toward the project to build new facility including additional classrooms, a new gym, and Ag suite.
5. To approve a then and now certificate for the BWC 2024 Premium in the amount of \$10,255.00 due to the invoice date being 11/24/2023 and PO created on date 12/8/2023.
6. To read for a second time and approve the following policies;
 - 0141.2 – Conflict of Interest
 - 1432 – Sick Leave
 - 2623.02 – Third Grade Reading Guarantee
 - 3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
 - 4120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
 - 4432 – Sick Leave
 - 5320 – Immunization
 - 5330 – Use of Medications
 - 5337 – Care of Students with Active Seizure Disorders
 - 6240 – Board of Revision Complaints and Countercomplaints
 - 6700 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
 - 7440 – Facility Security
 - 8120 – Volunteers
 - 8210 – School Calendar
 - 8330 – Student Records
 - 8600 – Transportation
 - 8650 – Transportation by School Van
 - 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events
 - 9211 – District Support Organizations
 - 9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extra-Curricular for Students Not Enrolled in the District

23-83:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve Nora Eckstein as Athletic Secretary at a rate of \$10.45/hr. effective January 1, 2024. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

23-84:

Shannon Everman, upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve donations to the football team for tournament expenses. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

John Spoltman - \$3,226.00	Buschur Unlimited - \$1,500.00
Buschur Custom Farm Service - \$3,226.00	Moeller Trucking - \$750.00
St. Henry Bank - \$750.00	Brian Seitz - \$500.00
Steller Tool - \$300.00	Heitkamp Developers - \$150.00
Homan, Inc. - \$1,000.00	Sajack’s - \$1,000.00
Minton Vet. Service - \$500.00	Mercer In-Sight - \$1,000.00
Klosterman Concrete - \$500.00	Schwieterman Farms - \$500.00

23-85:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Anthony Chappel as Head Volleyball Coach effective December 6, 2024. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

23-86:

Jesse Rose, upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education appoint Randy Bruns as the President Pro-Tem effective January 1, 2024. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Everman yea, Moeller yea and Pohlman yea. Bruns abstained. Motion passed.

23-87:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education establish January 8, 2024 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. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

23-88:

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Jesse Rose motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employee. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:12 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:41 p.m.

No action was taken.

23-89:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.