

**Marion Local Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board
Conference Room.**

Meeting was called to order by President Randy Bruns.

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

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

18-11:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2018 be approved as read. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- Winter technology in-services have come to a close. Spring in-services will be starting in March. A list of sessions can be found at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>
- Attended staff building meetings at the elementary and high school. Demonstrated some tips and tricks for Gmail and using internet browsers.

Technology Purchases

- Two projectors for classroom replacement
- 12 Chromebook screens for replacement

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Working on Erate form 471 for FY18
- Starting to plan our summer maintenance tasks and purchases.

**Marion Local High School Principal, Tim Goodwin, submitted the following report:
Tri Star Competition:**

Congratulations to Tyler Wolters and Hailey Platfoot for placing in the top six at the BPA regional contest.

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, January 30th. This meeting provided information on scheduling, graduation requirements, and general information about high school.

Blood Drive:

The Student Council hosted a blood drive on Friday, February 9th. Around 50 units of blood were collected. Thanks to the Student Council and Mrs. Overman and Mrs. Dippold for organizing this event.

Coming Home:

Congrats to Tyler Mescher for being named Coming Home King at the recent dance.

Upcoming events:

Feb 19-23	FFA Week
Mar 1	JETS Team to ONU
Mar 1	Juniors to Career Connection @ WSULC
Mar 5	Band/Choir Concert

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

1. DC Quote for next year: Our 8th grade DC trip is scheduled for October 15-19, 2018. Initial quotes from K & K Tours is as follows:
 - a. \$798 for two buses 96-106 people (\$742 in 2017)
 - b. We have 75 seventh graders currently eligible to go on the trip.
 - c. No night travel means we will leave at 6am Monday morning and come back by 11:30 on Friday night.
2. In January we celebrated our 2nd Flyer Pride Party. We had 80 students earn this award for various criteria each grade level set. Students were treated to a pizza lunch and movies.
3. Kindergarten registration update: We have 65 students eligible to attend kindergarten next fall.
4. Winter sporting seasons are winding down. We had a pep rally to celebrate their accomplishments. I would like to thank Deb Kremer, Aaron Rose, Ted Jones, David Koenig, and Michelle Kessen for working with all of our students.



5. Upcoming:
 - a. Feb 16 & 19 – No School, President’s break
 - b. Feb 26 – 7th grade first DC meeting
 - c. March 5 – Mercer County Spelling Bee, Wright State Lake Campus
 - d. March 12 – STEM Showcase, Coldwater Schools, 5-8 Band/Choir concert

Jesse Rose arrived to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

Kim Droesch

- The fourth grade students just finished a unit about the cause of the Civil War and Ohio involvement in the war. In science, the students learned about electricity. They enjoyed building parallel and series circuits.

Jeanna Heitkamp

- 3rd grade students are studying the Olympic sports and athletes
- 4th grade students are multiplying fractions
- 5th grade students are dividing fractions
- 6th grade students are working with expressions, equations and inequalities
- 7th grade students are programming Boe Bots

Karla Huwer

- Sheriff Jeff Grey spoke to 7th and 8th grade classes about his job and rescuing people; this fits with an argumentative essay unit on rescuing people who make risky choices.

Matthew Begley

- Woodworking: planning/starting 3rd shop project
- Exploratory: finishing up electrical wiring and starting to design their first shop project
- Basic Drafting: finishing up practice drawings and starting on first drawing project

Emily Henschen

- 8th ELA – Literature (reading short stories) and revisiting informative writings

Kim Bruns

- Over the past couple of years, the projects that I do with the JH students has been inspired by a TAB-based approach to learning (Teaching for Artistic Behavior). Most of these TAB-inspired projects are more open-ended and student-centered. These projects allow students to take more creativity and ownership of their own learning. For each lesson, students are first introduced to a new skill and/or practice an existing skill, and then they have the freedom to decide how they will use those skills to create a final project of their choosing. This TAB-based approach has been great as students are able to make art that is personally meaningful and relevant to them. This is what the 6th and 7th Graders are learning about right now.
 - 7th Grade is working with clay. These students have the flexibility to make any clay project of their choosing. To begin this project, students were responsible for developing their own idea and working method. All students sketched out an idea or

found an inspiration image online. Then, they had to decide which clay building techniques (slumping, pinch pot, coils, slab, ect) would work best for each part of their project and shared their ideas with me during a planning conference. Once the project was built, students used their choice of paints and glazes to create a surface decoration for the final piece.

- 6th grade is focusing on realism in art. For the last two class, students experimented with different colored pencil techniques (such as burnishing, directional lines, crosshatching, scumbling, and watercolor wash) and learned how these techniques can be used to describe the surface texture of an object. They will soon be introduced to the grid drawing method and discover how mathematical angles, ratios, and proportions can help them draw more accurately. This unit culminates with student applying what they learned about colored pencils and realism to create a drawing depicting anything of their choosing.

Mandy Koenig

- 1st - started on typing sentences
- 2nd - working on typing paragraphs and manipulating fonts
- 3rd - finished an All About Me Powerpoint presentation
- 4th - finished an Idioms Google Slides presentation
- 5th - Talked a lot about internet safety and worked on Martin Luther King Posters and made snowflakes online

Trisha McMurray

- The fourth grade students are beginning an Iditarod unit.

Laura Post

- We are making a model of the solar system including the sun, planets, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets, and meteors. Students researched these items and then used a predetermined scale to compare sizes of the planets and distances between the planets.

Paul Utendorf

- The 6th grade students just completed a project on the expenses that go with buying a car. (Insurance, interest, monthly payments, loans etc.)

Amanda DeMange

- In the 6th grade, the students are learning about how to construct a formal informative 5 paragraph essay. After reading a variety of samples, and modeling high quality informative essays, the students created their own informative paper over a monument of their choice. For extra tickets and and a popcorn sticker, the students could create a model replica of the monument they wrote about. Many of our students took advantage of this opportunity, and they were very proud to bring in their final products to go along with their papers. On February 9, the 4th grade students from Mrs. McMurray's class visited Mrs. DeMange's and Mrs. Greve's room to meet with the 6th grade students. The 6th grade students used this time as a "teaching time" to show off their final papers and products to the 4th grade. They also used this time to point out important elements of their paper such as what a thesis sentence is,

how to create topic sentences, how to use higher level transitional words, and how to edit properly. The 4th grade students were also able to show the 6th grade students a paper they are currently working on to receive some pointers from the 6th graders. All of the final products are currently on display in the 6th grade hallway.

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

The financial report for January 2018 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$380,634.13 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$281,273.38 was issued in warrant checks and \$143,484.86 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$585,962.91 and interest income was \$6,258.14.

Motion Items

Exhibit 2

Changes to Permanent Appropriations

- None

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- None

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 \$25,691.28, which is 2.5% of total gross payroll for calendar year 2017 less fund carryover. This will result in a fund balance of \$115,688.38. We have had minimal retirements the last several years and do not expect many again this year.

Budget Commission Rates

- Move to accept rates as determined by the budget commission. New tax valuations were received from the county auditor and our valuation increased by \$157,170 to \$120,356,920. Since our valuation increased minimally most of our effective millage remained the same. Changes include decreases to the following:
 - Bond Levy – 0.9 mills to 0.8 mills

The new effective rate is 30.2 mills plus inside millage of 4.5 mills totaling 34.7 mills. This is a decrease of .1 mills from 34.8 mills.

Other Informational Items

Debt Limitation

- Although the Board of Education has decided to target the November election instead of May for a bond levy, we received approval from ODE and ODT to be declared a

special needs district and to submit a bond issue not to exceed \$18 million on the May 8, 2018 ballot. However, this approval was only permitted for the May election and will need to be requested again in order to have a bond issue that exceeds our current debt limitation on the November ballot. As a result of already receiving approval, bond counsel advised that since our tax valuation did not decrease for calendar year 2018, we should not have any trouble with being approved for the November election and could possibly even be approved for more than \$18 million, if desired. The deadline to resubmit our request for the November election is July 9, 2018. Therefore, we will need to pass another resolution requesting approval for Marion Local School District to be a special needs district and consent for a bond issue in May or June in order to meet that deadline.

Casino Tax Revenue

- We received \$21,574.47 from casino tax on January 31st. This is up from the \$20,684.71 we received last year. For fiscal year 2017-2018 we received a total \$44,467.80 which is about \$2,800 more than I forecasted. This was also an increase from the \$43,457.58 we received in fiscal year 2016-2017. The next receipt will be at the end of August.

Records Commission Meeting

- We will be holding our annual records commission meeting next month 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. We cleaned out the storage room across the hall from our office last summer and disposed of any records that were outside of our records retention schedule or were 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 2018-2019 for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

18-12:

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.

18-13:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Tim Pohlman motioned that the Board of Education accept the amended amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

**Marion Local Superintendent, Mr. Mike Pohlman, submitted the following report:
FRANKLIN B. WALTER**

The Franklin B. Walter banquet is March 28th. You can pencil in 6:30 as the start time.

Facility Update to the Community:

- Currently the Board of Education is targeting November 2018 as the potential date to place a levy on the ballot for the proposed new facilities.
- We need to schedule a date for a March community meeting in which our community will have a chance to learn about the proposed facility.
- The Board of Education has been working with Garmann Miller on reviewing different options as a response to feedback we have heard from the community.
- We urge all community members to come to the scheduled community meeting in March.

18-14:

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

1. To hire Treva Fortkamp as Groundskeeper on a one-year contract on an as needed basis at a rate of \$10.84/hr.
2. To hire Lora Pohl as a Special Education Co-Teacher effective 1-16-18 to be paid \$100 a day until her 61st day in the position when she will be placed at the minimum salary on the current teacher's salary schedule and will be eligible for fringe benefits provided to regular staff members. Lora's substitute employment for this position began 12-13-17.
3. To hire Jeff Kaup as an Assistant Baseball Coach on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule.
4. To approve the Family Medical Leave Request for Bev Seger from February 12, 2018 through February 27, 2018.
5. To approve to pay the athletic secretary \$8.30 per hour effective January 1, 2018.
6. To approve the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. To approve the 2nd grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo on May 3, 2018.
8. To approve the Art Club's Mother-Son Game Day fundraiser.
9. To approve the Drama Club fundraiser to have concessions and 50/50 tickets at the Drama Club play in April, 2018.
10. To approve the contract with Chapel Hill Preschool for use of one room for the Preschool for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$2,000.

11. To approve continued funding of the Termination Benefits Fund at a rate of (2.5%) two and one half percent times total gross payroll for the calendar year 2017, as stated on the W-2 final report. The calculated maximum amount for this year's fund is \$115,688.38. Using the current balance of the Termination Benefits Fund 035 fund of \$89,997.10 and subtracting that from the approved new amount for fund 035 equals a net transfer of \$25,691.28 from fund 001 to fund 035 for fiscal 2017/2018.
12. To approve the JETS Team Competition at Ohio Northern University on March 1, 2018.
13. To approve the eligibility for Marion Local students to participate in the OATCCC indoor championships for track if they qualify through competing in preliminary events.
14. To approve Dan Thobe as a volunteer as the indoor track coach.
15. To approve contracted services with Dustin Thobe as a Class 1 Certified Operator for the water supply systems at Marion Local Schools at a rate of \$400 per month effective 2-1-18.
16. To approve the Farm Lease Agreement with Dave Pohlman for one (1) year consisting of 9 acres commencing on April 1, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2019 at a rate of \$225 per acre.

18-15:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jesse Rose motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the Superintendent's evaluation. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Pohlman yea, Moorman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:26 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 11:07 p.m.

18-16:

Dave Moorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m. 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.