**Marion Local Board of Education**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 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, Phil Moeller, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Amy Reineke. Shannon Everman was absent.

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 and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

**23-14:**

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2023 be approved as read. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

**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 Monday, January 23rd.  This meeting provided information on scheduling, graduation requirements, and general information about high school.

**Tri-Star:**

Congratulations to Ally Mescher for advancing to the state level competition in visual design.

**Upcoming events:**

Feb 15 Student Council Blood Drive

Feb 16 Varsity M to OSU

Feb 22 FFA Community Breakfast

Mar 1 Juniors to Career Connection

**Marion Local K-8 Principal, Nick Wilker, submitted the following report:**

1. Spelling Bee – congratulations to Mason Utrup, Owen Hess, Landen Ray, Alyssa Homan, and Colleen Dirksen who were the top five winners in the Marion Local Spelling Bee which was help on Thursday, January 19th. These winners will all participate in the Mercer County Spelling Bee which will be held on Monday, February 27th at the Mercer County ESC.
2. DARE graduation – was help on Wednesday, February 1st. Our 5th graders and many of their parents and grandparents attended the graduation. I would like to thank the Mercer County Sheriff’s Department and the Mercer County DARE Boosters for supporting this the DARE program as well as Deputy Scott Geiss for teaching and Sheriff Jeff Grey for speaking at the graduation.
3. 100th day of school – We celebrated the 100th day of school on Friday, February 3rd. An even greater accomplishment celebrated was our 5th grade students who completed their 1000th day of school by celebrating with an ice cream party and wearing PJ’s to school.
4. Writing PD – our K-8 ELA teachers participated in a professional development day last week. They focused on writing skills necessary for students to be successful as the progress through their elementary years finding gaps in instruction that will help from grade level to grade level. I would like to thank all of the teachers who participated and taking the time to be away from their classrooms and especially to Julie Sommer who led these meetings.
5. Dyslexia training – our K-1 teachers will be completing their first part of state required training for the new Dyslexia mandate that will go into effect next year. Kristin Hange, our literacy coach, will be leading the training the week of February 27th. This will be the first half of the training. The second half will take place early this summer.
6. Kindergarten registration – we are finishing the registration process for our incoming kindergarten class, the class of 2036. Currently we have 86 students registered for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upcoming:

Feb 17 and 20 – President’s Weekend holiday, no school

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

The financial report for January 2023 including the additional reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled $907,634.25, cash receipts were $652,990.50 and interest income was $19,342.95.

### **Motion Items**

**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 $45,040.22 which is 2.5% of total gross payroll for calendar year 2022 less fund carryover. This will result in a fund balance of $140,761.33. We have had minimal retirements the last several years.

**Other Informational Items**

**Casino Tax Revenue**

* We received $29,792.69 from casino tax on January 29th. This is up from the $29,685.74 we received last year. For fiscal year 2022-2023 we received a total $60,611.78 which is about $3,213.03 more than last year. The next receipt will be at the end of August.

**Records Commission Meeting**

* We will need to hold our annual records commission meeting. We typically do this in March 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. The only records we have disposed were within our records retention schedule or 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 2023-2024 for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

**23-15:**

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mrs. Reineke. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Moeller 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 approve Treva Fortkamp and Don Heitbrink as groundskeepers on an as needed basis, approve Taylor Feasel as a volunteer for the softball program, approve Nathan Ungruhn and Alex Hemmelgarn as co- j.v. baseball coaches, and approve the payment of $600 to Mandy Koenig for HS drama and $200 for the 5th and 6th grade play.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

**CHAPEL HILL**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the contract with Chapel Hill preschool for the use of one room during the 2023-2024 school year at the amount of $2,000.

**FARM LEASE**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Farm Lease agreement with Dave Pohlman for 1 year consisting of 9 acres at $225 per acre.

**WAIBEL CONTRACT**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Chiller Preventative Maintenance annual contract with Waibel for $10,975.

**FIELD TRIP**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the 8th grade Washington DC trip on October 24-27, jh band trip to perform at King Island on May 6th, Varsity M trip to OSU on February 16th, 2nd grade trip to the Ft. Wayne zoo on May 10th, Ag. Science field trip to Versailles on February 13th, and the Livestock science class to Indian Lake on March 15th.

**OSBA**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the membership with the Ohio School Boards Association.

**DONATION**

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from Hopewell Grange to the library in the amount of $200.

**OHSAA**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve membership with OHSAA for the 2023-2024 school year.

**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the elementary student handbook revisions.

**C. Advisory Items**

**None**

**D. Informational Items**

**FRANKLIN B. WALTER**

The Franklin B. Walter banquet is April 5th at 6:30 at the new Mercer County ESC building. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

**CALAMITY DAYS**

Currently, we have used three calamity days.

**COMMUNITY MEETING:** We recently had our fifth Task Force committee meeting and we are now planning our second community meeting. This community meeting will take place on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. We are encouraging all Marion Local community members to attend. Our plan is to present the proposed design option that our Task Force developed with architects Garmann Miller and also discuss the proposed financing.

**23-16:**

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

1. To hire Treva Fortkamp and Don Heitbrink as Groundskeepers on one-year contracts on an as needed basis at a rate of $15.00/hr.
2. To hire Alex Hemmelgarn and Nathan Ungruhn as Co-JV Baseball Coaches on a one year contract per the established pay schedule pending proper certification.
3. To approve Taylor Feasel as a volunteer for the softball program.
4. To approve payment to Mandy Koenig for $600 for assisting with the High School drama. This will be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Fund along with retirement expenses.
5. To approve payment to Mandy Koenig for directing the 5th and 6th grade drama to be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Fund for $200.00 along with retirement expenses.
6. To approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC on October 24-27, 2023.
7. To approve the 7th/8th grade band field trip to Kings Island, Mason, OH on May 6, 2023.
8. To approve the Varsity M Club field trip to the Schottenstein Center on February 16, 2023.
9. To approve the 2nd grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Children’s Zoo in Ft. Wayne, IN on May 10, 2023.
10. To approve the Ag Science field trip for the Ag Sales Contest in Versailles, OH on February 13, 2023.
11. To approve the Livestock Science class field trip for the Indian Lake Livestock Invitational at the Logan County Fairgrounds on March 15, 2023.
12. To approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.
13. To approve the elementary student handbook changes presented by the Elementary Principal.
14. To approve the contract with Chapel Hill Preschool for the use of one room for the Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of $2,000.
15. 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 2022, as stated on the W-2 final report. The calculated maximum amount for this year’s fund is $140,761.33. Using the current balance of the Termination Benefit Fund 035 fund of $95,721.11 and subtracting that from the approved new amount for fund 035 equals a net transfer of $45,040.22 from 001 to fund 035 for fiscal 2022/2023.
16. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of $3,867.00.
17. To approve the Farm Lease Agreement with Dave Pohlman for one (1) year consisting of 9 acres commencing on April 1, 2023 and ending on March 31, 2024 at a rate of $225 per acre.
18. To approve the donation from Hopewell Grange to the library in the amount of $200.00.
19. To approve continued membership in the OHSAA for the 2023-2024 school year.
20. To approve the Chillers Preventative Maintenance Contract with Waibel Energy Systems in the amount of $10,975.00 effective February 1, 2023 thru January 31, 2024.

**23-17:**

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

Entered into Executive Session: 7:23 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:39 p.m.

No action was taken.

**23-18:**

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium for a community meeting to discuss building options.

The next regular board meeting will be on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the board Conference Room.