

**Marion Local Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2024 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.

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

24-22:

Shannon Everman motioned that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024 and the Special Meetings held on February 3, 2024 and February 7, 2024 be approved as read. 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.

Joe Meyer was in attendance as a guest. He addressed the Board of Education about forming a community committee to oversee the construction project.

**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

- Adobe Creative Cloud yearly license agreement

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Working on our Erate form 471 for FY23 school year.
- Working on our cybersecurity incident response plan.

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

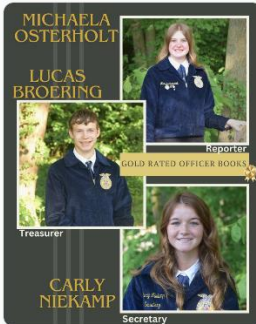
Mrs. Dippold has met with all of the classes as a group and is now in the process of meeting with individuals regarding next year's schedule.

8th Grade Orientation:

Mrs. Dippold met with 8th grade students and their parents on Monday, January 22nd. This meeting provided information on scheduling, graduation requirements, and general information about high school.

FFA:

Congratulations to the below officers for earning a gold rating on their record books!



Band:

Congratulations to the following band members for earning a superior rating at the recent solo and ensemble contest: Emily Moeller, Michaela Osterholt, Kayla McClurg, Lauren Kuck, Ava Mescher, Allie Moeller, Clara Barlage, Madison Steinbrunner, Alayna Birt, Brody Otte, Jayme Buening, Kenzie Bohman, Alyssa Homan, Mallory Hemmelgarn, David Kuck, and Kara Dahlinghaus.

Upcoming events:

- Feb 21 FFA Community Breakfast
- Feb 28 Student Council Blood Drive
- Mar 4 HS Band Winter Concert

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

Students:

- Current Kindergarten Registration numbers: 99
- Winter sports are coming to an end. The basketball teams all had a successful season and the cheerleaders will have their competition on February 24 to conclude their season
- Thank you to Ava Werling and Ethan Osterholt for using their artistic abilities to touch up Freddy the Flyer in the gym and to add the missing N-O-P in the Kindergarten addition.
- 24-25 Student handbook

Staff:

- Kelly (Pleiman) Nieberding presented to the staff to provide information on Smart Play Therapy on February 5 and February 12.
- 2nd & 3rd grade staff will complete required dyslexia training at the end of February
- Room assignments are being discussed for the upcoming school year

Upcoming events:

- Sophomore Class will host the Father/Daughter dance - February 25
- County Spelling Bee - February 26; Haylee Schwieterman, Jordan Langenkamp, and Honor Fledderjohann will represent Marion Local.

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

The financial report for January 2024 including the additional reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,026,370.19, income was \$1,012,500.04 and interest income was \$34,816.31.

Motion Items

- Approve updates to Permanent Appropriations.
 - Decrease Fund 001 object 100 by \$50,000
 - Decrease Fund 001 object 200 by \$60,000
 - Decrease Fund 001 object 400 by \$75,000
 - Decrease Fund 001 object 500 by \$20,000
 - Decrease Fund 001 object 600 by \$93,000
 - Increase Fund 001 object 900 by \$298,000
 - Increase Fund 507 by \$19,910.40
- Note: No changes to Estimated Resources

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 \$25,127.72 which is 2.5% of total gross payroll for calendar year 2023 less fund carryover. This will result in a fund balance of \$149,101.30. We have had minimal retirements the last several years.

Other Informational Items

Casino Tax Revenue

- We received \$30,090.53 from casino tax on January 29th. This is up from the \$29,792.69 we received last year. For fiscal year 2023-2024 we received a total \$61,609.39 which is about \$997.61 more than last year. The next receipt will be at the end of August.

IDEA Part B & Title I Public Hearing

- We will be holding a public hearing during the regular March meeting to discuss district plans for 2024-2025 for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

24-23:

Tim Pohlman motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mrs. Reineke. 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.

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

Changes in Estimated Resources and Appropriations: Reports: FY 2024 Estimated Resources and FY 2024 Permanent Appropriations and Activity Budget

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

24-24:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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, accept the resignation/retirement of Marge Weitzel effective June 1st, and resignation of Dan Koenig as Asst. football coach. You are asked to approve the payment of \$800 to Mandy Koenig for HS drama and \$300 for the 5th and 6th grade play. Finally, you are asked to approve Taylor Feasel and Amy Will as volunteers for the softball program.

DONATION

On a separate resolution is a motion to accept an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the athletic dept.

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 2024-2025 school year at the amount of \$2,000.

FARM LEASE

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Farm Lease agreement with Randy Goettemoeller for 1 year consisting of 9 acres.

ARCHITECT CONTRACT

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Professional Design Services contract with Garmann Miller Architects for the Facility project.

FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the H.S. band to perform at Indianapolis on November 14th, Spanish club to Kettering on March 20th, and Ag. Science class to Marysville on March 2nd.

OHSAA

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve membership with OHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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

FUNDRAISER

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the J.H. student council fundraiser. The 6th grade recently read a book that talked about providing clean water in Sudan, and they become very intrigued and asked their teacher Mrs. Andrea Greve if they could participate in the Iron Giraffe Challenge.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

FRANKLIN B. WALTER

The Franklin B. Walter banquet is April 3rd at 6:30 at the new Mercer County ESC building. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

FACILITY UPDATE: Amy and I recently completed the bond rating meeting with Moody's and will receive our rating approx. February 15th. We will be opening bid results on Feb. 15th for the central office renovation. We plan to move the deadline for our "Request for Qualifications" for a Construction Managers at risk to February 23rd. After that time our team will rank the CMR's based on qualifications with our rubric and will then approve that ranking at a future Board meeting. We will create a "short list" and will bring in the top two or three firms to interview.

24-25:

Phil Moeller motioned to approve motions contained on the consent agenda for the regular meeting as presented. 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.

1. To approve the resignation/retirement of Marge Weitzel as a teacher effective June 1, 2024.
2. To approve the resignation of Dan Koenig as an Assistant Football Coach.

3. To hire Treva Fortkamp and Don Heitbrink as Groundskeepers on one-year contracts on an as needed basis at a rate of \$16.00/hr.
4. To approve payment to Mandy Koenig for \$800 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 \$300.00 along with retirement expenses.
6. To approve the high school band field trip to perform at the BOA Grand Nationals Competition in Indianapolis, IN on November 14, 2024.
7. To approve the Spanish Class field trip to Kettering High School on March 20, 2024.
8. To approve the Agricultural Science Class field trip to the Marysville Invitational in Marysville, OH on March 2, 2024.
9. To approve the student handbook changes as presented by the elementary principal.
10. To approve the contract with Chapel Hill Preschool for the use of one room for the Preschool for the 2024-2025 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 2023, as stated on the W-2 final report. The calculated maximum amount for this year's fund is \$149,101.30. Using the current balance of the Termination Benefit Fund 035 fund of \$123,973.58 and subtracting that from the approved new amount for fund 035 equals a net transfer of \$25,127.72 from 001 to fund 035 for fiscal 2023/2024.
12. To approve the Farm Lease Agreement with Randy Goettemoeller for one (1) year consisting of 9 acres commencing on April 1, 2024 and ending on March 31, 2025 at a rate of \$300 per acre.
13. To approve continued membership in the OHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year.
14. To approve a then and now payment of \$2,000 to American Fidelity for an employee's HRA. The invoice is dated 12-20-23 and PO was approved on 1-4-24.
15. To approve the contract with Garmann & Miller Architects for the Facility Project.
16. To approve the Jr. High Student Council fund raiser Iron Giraffe Challenge to raise money for "Water for South Sudan".

24-26:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve Taylor Feasel and Amy Will as volunteers for the softball program. 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.

24-27:

Phil Moeller, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve the anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the Athletic Dept. 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.

24-28:

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

Entered into Executive Session: 7:20 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:10 p.m.

No action was taken.

24-29:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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 board meeting will be on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.