

## **Marion Local Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2025 at 5:30 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, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Ryan Goldschmidt. Phil Moeller was absent.

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

#### **25-20:**

Shannon Everman motioned that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025 and the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2025 be approved as read. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- Action1 Subscription
- Two Lenovo 14e Chromebooks

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

- Installed Action1 on all Windows computers. Allows us to push out software and updates remotely.
- Working on our E-rate form 471 for FY25 school year.
- Meeting with staff to discuss SB29. Working with teachers to compile a list of all software and applications used by students.

#### **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.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation:**

Mrs. Dippold met with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents on Monday, Feb 3rd. 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!

A graphic celebrating FFA officer books for the 2024-2025 school year. It features three circular portraits of officers: Carly Niekamp (Secretary, Gold), Michaela Osterholt (Treasurer, Gold), and Jozlyn Schlarman (Reporter, Silver). The background is green and white with a brick wall pattern. The text 'Congratulations!' is in large green letters, followed by 'Marion Local FFA Officer Books' in green. A quote says 'We are proud of the hard work that our officers put into the chapter and these ratings show it!'. A list of officers and their ratings is provided. A green button says 'Great Job!' and the year '2024-2025' is at the bottom.

# Congratulations!

## Marion Local FFA Officer Books

We are proud of the hard work that our officers put into the chapter and these ratings show it!

**OFFICER BOOKS**

- ✓ Carly Niekamp - Secretary - Gold
- ✓ Michaela Osterholt - Treasurer - Gold
- ✓ Jozlyn Schlarman - Reporter - Silver

**Great Job!**

**2024-2025**

**Upcoming events:**

Feb 19	FFA Community Breakfast
Feb 25	Student Council Blood Drive
Mar 3	HS Band Winter Concert

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

- 25-26 Kindergarten Registration is currently at 81 children
- Mindy Muhlenkamp, Occupational Therapist, will be working with our K-2 teachers and local preschools to share information, strategies, and the importance of handwriting (grip, letter formation, etc.)
- Winter sports are coming to an end. Student athletes had successful seasons in basketball, cheer, and bowling. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers for working with our students to provide these opportunities!
- Junior High Quiz Bowl is kicking off their season. 15 students make up this year's JH quiz bowl team.
- Marion Local Spelling Bee was held for students in grades 4-8. Honor Fledderjohann, Hayden Thobe, and Haylee Schwieterman will represent Marion Local at the County Spelling Bee on March 3
- Changes will be made to some of the upcoming performances scheduled for the Elementary/Junior High:
  - Spring Arts Festival will include K-7 art show/open house
  - Spring Arts Festival will have K-2 perform musical selections with Ms. Kramer
  - May's grade 5-8 band/choir performance will add 4th grade to allow the students to perform with their recorders.
- 2025-26 Student handbook is on the agenda to be approved. Changes include artificial intelligence (referencing board policy) and stating honor roll requirements.

**Upcoming events:**

- Sophomore Class will host the Father/Daughter dance - February 16

**Mr. Ryan Goldschmidt, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:**

The financial report for January 2025 including reports provided, was approved by the board.

For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,641,016.93, income was \$972,892.66 and interest income was \$96,566.73.

**Motion Items****Permanent Appropriations**

- Increase Fund 516 – Title VIB IDEA by \$7,728.99 to \$194,844.86
- Increase Fund 572 – Title I by \$583.64 to \$113,205.58
- Increase Fund 587 – ECSE IDEA by \$34.34 to \$8,290.40
- Increase Fund 590 – Improving Teacher Quality by \$514.50 to \$25,594.63

**Estimated Resources**

- 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 \$39,443.40 which is 2.5% of total gross payroll for calendar year 2024 less any fund carryover. This will result in a fund balance of \$162,966.67. At this point we are expecting 2-3 retirements at the end of the school year.

**Other Informational Items****Casino Tax Revenue**

- We received \$31,983.75 from casino tax on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is up from \$30,090.53 that we received last year. For fiscal year 2024-25 we have received a total of \$63,170.11 which is up \$1,560.72 from last year. Our next receipt will be in August.

**Grant Reimbursements**

- Title I – we have received \$69,910.17 of the allotted \$103,205.58
  - Title II – we have received \$18,535.16 of the allotted \$20,594.63
  - Title IV – we have received \$23,386.15 of the allotted \$24,386.15
- They only allow us to pull 90%-95% of allotted amounts until April/May timeframe. We have already been reimbursed for full allowable amount in Title II and IV until that time.

## **IDEA Part B & Title I Public Hearing**

- We will be holding a public hearing during the regular March meeting to discuss district plans for 2025-2026 Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants. This will allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

## **Donations**

- Whirlpool Foundation \$75 to the general fund.

### **25-21:**

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mr. Goldschmidt. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Pohlman 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 2025 Estimated Resources and FY 2025 Permanent Appropriations

**Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report**

### **25-22:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman 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 Alana Topp as a part time cleaner on an as needed basis. On a separate resolution is a motion to hire Max Link as a volunteer for the baseball program.

### **DONATION**

On a separate resolution is a motion to accept a donation from the Whirlpool Foundation for \$75.

### **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 2025-2026 school year.

### **FARM LEASE**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Farm Lease agreement with Randy Goettemoeller for 1 year consisting of 6 acres.

### **FIELD TRIP**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the J.H. band to perform at Kings Island on May 17<sup>th</sup> and to compete in Solo and Ensemble at Elida on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. You are also asked approve

the field trip for the Ag. Ed. Students to attend the FFA state convention on May 1-2 and the trip to the Marysville Livestock on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **OHSAA**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve membership with OHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year.

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the student handbook revisions for the 25-26 school year.

### **C. Advisory Items**

None

### **D. Informational Items**

### **FRANKLIN B. WALTER**

The Franklin B. Walter banquet is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Mercer County ESC building. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

### **PROJECT UPDATE:**

We are currently continuing our site work with it being slowed due to weather. Once ground is thawed work on the pad will begin. Hope to have that in place by mid-March. The waterline project is progressing and this past week they were boring at the intersection of state route 716 and 119.

### **25-23:**

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

1. To hire Alana Topp as a Part-time Cleaner at \$12.00/hr. on an as needed basis effective February 10, 2025.
2. To approve the student handbook changes as presented by the principals.
3. To approve the contract with Chapel Hill Preschool for the use of one room for the Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$2,000.
4. 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 2024, as stated on the W-2 final report. The calculated maximum amount for this year's fund is \$162,966.67. Using the current balance of the Termination Benefit Fund 035 fund of \$123,523.27 and subtracting that from the approved new amount for fund 035 equals a net transfer of \$39,443.40 from 001- to fund 035 for fiscal 2024/2025.

5. To approve the Farm Lease Agreement with Randy Goettemoeller for one (1) year consisting of 6 acres commencing on April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2026 at a rate of \$300 per acre.
6. To approve the Jr. High Band field trip to perform at Kings Island on May 17, 2025.
7. To approve the Jr. High Band field trip for the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest in Elida, OH on March 22, 2025.
8. To approve the Agricultural Science class field trip to the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH on May 1-2, 2025.
9. To approve the Agricultural Science class field trip to the Marysville Livestock Invitational in Marysville, OH on March 1, 2025.
10. To approve continued membership in the OHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. To approve the donation of \$75.00 from the Whirlpool Foundation.

**25-24:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve Max Link as a volunteer for the baseball program. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained.

**25-25:**

Jesse Rose, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for consideration of one or more of the following matters. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

- x   1. To consider the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
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| a. <u>    </u> appointment                                                           | b. <u>  x  </u> employment | c. <u>    </u> dismissal |
| d. <u>    </u> discipline                                                            | e. <u>    </u> promotion   | f. <u>    </u> demotion  |
| g. <u>    </u> compensation                                                          |                            |                          |
| h. <u>    </u> investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested) |                            |                          |
2. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
3. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
4. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees.
5. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.
6. Specialized details of security arrangements.

Entered into Executive Session:      5:57 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 6:20 p.m.

No action was taken.

**25-26:**

Tim Pohlman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Everman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 10, 2025 in the Board Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.