

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Randy Bruns, Shannon Everman, Phil Moeller, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the agenda. 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.

20-06:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 9, 2019 be approved as read. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Everman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- Winter technology in-service opportunities are now available. A list of sessions are available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>

Technology Purchases

- 10 Chromebook Screens for student replacement
- 6 Chromebook Batteries

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Diagramming all of our wiring closets and fiber connections.
- AX a new Wi-Fi standard is going to be ratified mid 2020. Over half of our current access points will not be compatible with the new wireless technology.
- I would like to thank all of you for your time and commitment and the wonderful job you do for the students and staff of Marion Local.

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

On behalf of the high school, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Education for serving our district in this capacity.

Testing Update:

We will be administering end of course tests on April 6,7,22,23,27,28 this year. Tests will be given to Freshmen in Math, Biology and American History. Sophomores will take tests in Math

(Geometry only) and English. Juniors will be tested in American Government. Also, all juniors will take the ACT on the morning of February 25th.

Senior Citizen Luncheon:

Thanks goes out to Barb Kahlig, NHS students, Brad Spettel, Stephanie Kramer and the band and choir for making our annual Christmas Luncheon a success. We served 180 people at the lunch.

New Graduation Requirements:

Work in continuing on the local graduation seals. Mrs. Dippold and myself are working in conjunction with the Mercer County ESC and area schools to develop the requirements for these local seals. More information will be upcoming in the next couple of months.

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

1. I'd like to thank Stephanie Kramer and Brad Spettel for their hard work in preparing for all of the Christmas concerts. All were well attended and the kids did an exceptional job performing.
2. We recently received our fall 3rd grade AIR testing results. Our students did very well. 76% of our students met the proficiency rate and 89% of the students have met the threshold to be promoted at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. These scores are higher than the past couple years. Please remember that this is designed as an end of 3rd grade test that our students take within the first two months of 3rd grade. We will be doing some item analysis work as a 2nd and 3rd grade staff to see what we can do to help bridge any grade level gaps in instruction.
3. On December 20th, we had an assembly before the end of school for Christmas break. We celebrated the success of our Read-A-Thon by honoring the promises made if the students achieved their goals. We had a sumo wrestling tournament, I dressed like a clown at lunch, and was slimed as part of the assembly. The students did a fantastic job raising over \$17,000 for the new playground.



4. Our annual Spelling Bee was held last week. Our top five students to place will advance to the Mercer County Bee that will take place on Monday, February 24th at Wright State University Lake Campus. The first place winner also advances to the regional bee in Lima which is a qualifier for the national bee held in Washington, DC.

1st place: Brennen Hess – 4th grade

2nd place: Luke Wuebker – 8th grade

3rd place: Tanner Hartings – 4th grade

4th place: Brody Otte – 6th grade

5th place: Trey Goettemoeller – 6th grade

5. January is National Board Appreciation month. On behalf of the elementary staff and students, I would like to thank all of you for the time you give to serve as five voices for this community and help shape the education for the students and families of Marion Local. Welcome Shannon!

Upcoming:

Jan 20 – No School, MLK day

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

The financial report for January 2019 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$503,956.68 was spent on two regular payrolls and one supplemental payroll. \$234,707.00 was issued in warrant checks and \$134,147.28 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$522,292.29 and interest income was \$12,907.76.

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- Increase 003 Permanent Improvement Fund \$250,000 for playground equipment
- Increase 018 Staff \$1,000 to allow for additional expenses
- Increase 019 Other Grants \$2,000 for Honda Lego League donation
- Increase 022 OHSAA Tournament Fund \$2,236 to issue check to OHSAA for checks that were deposited into our account
- Increase 516 Title VI-B \$2,200.63 due to change in allocation
- Increase 587 Early Childhood Special Education \$1.46 due to change in allocation

Estimated Resources

- Increase 003 Permanent Improvement Fund \$250,000 for transfer from general fund and donations for playground equipment
- Increase 018 Staff \$1,000 due to increase in revenue
- Increase 019 Other Grants \$2,000 for Honda Lego League donation
- Increase 022 OHSAA Tournament Fund \$2,236 for checks issued to OHSAA that were deposited into our account
- Increase 516 Title VI-B \$2,200.63 due to change in allocation
- Increase 587 Early Childhood Special Education \$1.46 due to change in allocation

Additional Motion Items

Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund for Playground Equipment

- Approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund 003 for the new playground equipment.

Payroll Items

- Move to approve payment to Connie Brunswick and Mandy Koenig at \$200 each for directing the 5th/6th Grade Drama. This cost, in addition to retirement costs, will be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Student Activity Fund.
- Approve Kelsey Koenig's hourly rate at \$8.70 for 2020 which is the federal minimum wage.

Other Informational Items

Organizational Meeting – Offer Insurance to Board

- During the organizational meeting we will be reminding you that medical, dental and vision insurance is available to you at full cost. You will need to contact me if you are interested.

Audit

- We received our audit report for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. I have not requested to have a post audit conference.
- I have discussed the findings Marion Local received with Randy. There was a noncompliance citation in regards to GAAP Reporting and a material weakness in regards to a reclassification of receipts and fund balance on the OCBOA financial statements. The board has determined that preparing the GAAP Report is not only ineffective as a management tool, but also is very costly to the district to prepare and audit. A copy of the draft audit report was e-mailed to all of the board members and will be on the table at the meeting.

Mileage Rate

- Due to the IRS decreasing their business mileage rate to 57.5 cents from 58 cents, our mileage rate will decrease to 54.5 cents from 55 cents. Policy 6320H states that the mileage reimbursement rate is the IRS rate minus 3 cents per mile.

School Board Recognition

- January is School Board recognition month and I would like to personally thank all of you for the commendable job you have done and will continue to do for the school district. I would also like to welcome Shannon to the board. Thank you for having the desire to make important decisions that are sometimes difficult in order to do what is best for the students of Marion Local. All of your time and commitment is very much appreciated. Thanks!

20-07:

Phil Moeller motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented by Mrs. Cramer. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

20-08:

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

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

BOARD RECOGNITION

I would like to recognize the board members for their dedication to the Marion Local school district. We appreciate your willingness to serve and make decisions for the benefit of our students. A certificate is in your packet to express our gratitude.

BULLYING REPORT

There has been one verified incidents of hazing and or bullying reported at Marion Local since August 2019.

20-09:

Phil Moeller motioned to approve items 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, Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

1. To accept the resignation of Katie Heitkamp as Head Cross Country Coach.
2. To accept the resignation of Renee Wilker as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach.
3. To hire Eric Prenger as a substitute bus driver.
4. To pay Kelsey Koenig as Athletic Secretary at a rate of \$8.70 effective January 1, 2020.
5. To approve Family Medical Leave to Renee Hartings retroactively from December 13, 2019 to January, 2, 2020.
6. To approve Family Medical Leave to Marilyn Bomholt retroactively from December 18, 2019 through March 18, 2020.
7. To approve Family Medical Leave to Sandy Bruns retroactively from January 2, 2020.
8. To approve Family Medical Leave to Marcia Tebbe retroactively from January 2, 2020.
9. To approve the revisions to the High School Course Curriculum Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

10. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,673.00.
11. To approve payment to Connie Brunswick and Mandy Koenig for directing the 5th and 6th grade drama to be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Fund for \$200.00/ea. along with retirement expenses.
12. 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.
13. To approve Kyle Grabowski as a volunteer as the indoor track coach.
14. To approve the high school band field trip to perform at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis, IN on November 12, 2020.
15. To approve the donation from the Marion Local Athletic Boosters for new signage in the high school gymnasium.
16. To accept the donation towards the new playground from the Marion Local PTO in the amount of \$47,000.
17. To approve the donation from Honda for \$2,000.00 for the Lego League.
18. To approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the 003 Permanent Improvement Fund for new playground equipment.
19. To authorize the Treasurer to seek or solicit bids for the renovating/sealing of the high school and elementary drives and parking lots.
20. To approve membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2020-2021 school year.
21. To approve the Tri Star Fee Billing Notice at a cost of \$25,350.00.
22. To approve the Tri Star Advisory Board's recommendation to allow on-line purchases of over \$7,500 for online auctions without prior approval from the Tri Star Advisory Board and local school boards.
23. To approve the Tri Star Advisory Board's recommendation to approve the purchase of a skid loader at a cost of \$46,603.33. To be used in Construction, Ag. Mechanics and Animal Health, plus be used for snow removal. Funds used would come from the Building Fund, Reserve Capital Fund and the Building Maintenance Budget Account.

20-10:

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

Entered into Executive Session: 7:33 p.m.

Mike Pohlman, Heather Cramer, Tim Goodwin and Nick Wilker were invited into executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:31 p.m.

No action was taken.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

20-11:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. 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.