

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

22-06:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2021 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.

Recognition of visitors: John Bruns, of the American Legion Post in Maria Stein, was present to report the performance of the Marion Local students in the Government Americanism test that was given in November. He thanked the Board of Education and Administrators for allowing the American Legion to provide the test to students in grades 9-12. 183 students took the test. Winners will be recognized at a later date.

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

- A list of sessions is available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>

Technology Purchases

- 18 desktop computers for elementary teachers

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Over Christmas break, we finished hooking up all the technology in the new kindergarten classrooms.
- 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 4,5,20,21,25,26 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 March 1st.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 22 Coming Home Dance
- Jan 31 Freshmen orientation meeting/CCP Meeting
- Feb 2 Student Council Blood Drive

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

1. 7th grade DARE – is taking place throughout the month of January reinforcing and adding important content for our students to make better decisions in regards to drugs, alcohol, and social media content. Thank you to the Mercer County Sheriff’s Department and Deputy Geis for supporting and teaching these important skills to our students.
2. Collaboration – We are in the midst of grade level collaboration meetings this week. As part of our discussion teachers are reviewing plans to identify and intervene with students who are projected to be on the bubble between advanced-accelerated-proficient, etc.
3. End of semester student incentive rewards – 7th and 8th grade students traveled to Main Event in West Chester on January 7th for their first semester reward trip. 129/131 students enjoyed this trip by meeting the incentive of not earning a detention during the first half of the school year. The 4th-6th graders will enjoy bowling and pizza at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen later this week.
4. 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.

Upcoming:

- Jan 13 – Spelling Bee for 4th-8th grade students
- Jan 17 – No School, MLK day

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

The financial report for December 2021 including the additional reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,062,454.58, cash receipts were \$530,083.64 and interest income was \$1,345.31.

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- None

Estimated Resources

- None

Additional Motion Items

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 \$1,960,620 to \$134,035,300. Since valuations went up our effective millage decreased. Changes include decreases to the following:

- Emergency Levy – 9.1 mills to 9.0 mills

The new effective rate is 27.0 mills plus inside millage of 4.5 mills totaling 31.5 mills. This is a decrease of 0.1 mills from 31.6 mills.

- The overall valuation increased 1%, which was down from the 5.5% increase last year. Here is the breakdown of the increase. I will have to wait until I receive the tax abstract to know the breakdown between ag/residential and commercial/industrial.
 - Ag/Residential - 1%
 - Commercial/Industrial – 5%
 - Public Utilities – 4%

Other Informational Items

Mileage Rate

- Due to the IRS increasing their business mileage rate to 58.5 cents from 56 cents, our mileage rate will increase to 55.5 cents from 53 cents. Policy 6320H states that the mileage reimbursement rate is the IRS rate minus 3 cents per mile.

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.

School Board Recognition

- January is School Board recognition month. Thank you all for all that you do!

22-07:

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mrs. Reineke. Jim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Pohlman yea, Everman yea, Moeller 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

22-08:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing

the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. 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:
COURSE HANDBOOK**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the revisions to the high school course curriculum handbook for the 22-23 school year. A copy is on the table.

OSBA

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,814.

STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve an additional hour for Noah Heitkamp as a cleaner for a total of 5 hours.

DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from Joint Township District Memorial Hospital for basketball for the amount of \$1,188.

C. Advisory Items

D. Informational Items

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 zero verified incidents of hazing and or bullying reported at Marion Local since August 2021.

22-09:

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 an additional hour per day to Noah Heitkamp's contract as a Cleaner retroactive to December 14, 2021.
2. To approve the revisions to the High School Course Curriculum Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,814.00.

4. To approve the donation from Joint Township District Memorial Hospital of \$1,188.00 for basketballs.

22-10:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jesse Rose motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss 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: 7:26 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:54 p.m.

No action was taken.

22-11:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting will be on February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.