

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

24-06:

Jesse Rose motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2023 be approved as read. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Everman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- None

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Over Christmas break, we cleaned all classroom projectors. Along with updated the Smartboard software on all teacher computers.
- 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 17,18,24,25,29,30 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 12.

Semester:

We are officially halfway through the school year as the semester ended on January 5th. Exams were held before Christmas break. All classes start over in terms of grades with the new semester.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 22 Freshmen orientation meeting/CCP Meeting
- Feb 28 Student Council Blood Drive

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

- 2024 Washington DC trip on the agenda for approval.
- 5th & 6th grade gifted students participated in Team Ventures on January 5 at WSU-Lake.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open and on the school's website.

Staff:

- ELA staff will collaborate to review, analyze, and discuss writing performance and goals
- Congratulations to Kim Droesch for receiving a Toshiba America Foundation grant for \$999 to utilize to incorporate STEM materials and lessons into classroom instruction

Upcoming events:

- Marion Local Spelling Bee - January 11 (34 students in grades 4-8 will participate)
- 3rd Grade to perform the National Anthem - January 12

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

The financial report for December 2023 including the addition reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,092,821.06, income was \$13,021,360.50 and interest income was \$37,027.08.

Permanent Appropriations

- See updated report

Estimated Resources

- See updated report

Additional Motion Items

Budget Commission Rates

- Move to approve Bond Retirement Fund 002-9024.
- Move to approve Capital Improvement Fund 070-9002 for Gym, Classrooms, Ag Suite, etc.
- Move to accept rates as determined by the budget commission. New tax valuations were received from the county auditor and our valuation increased by \$67,776,750 to \$205,375,820. Since valuations went up our effective millage decreased. Changes include decreases to the following:

- Emergency Levy – 8.8 mills to 5.7 mills

The new effective rate is 26.70 mills plus inside millage of 4.5 mills and bond millage of 3.7 mills totaling 31.20 mills. This is an increase of 0.6 mills from 30.6 mills.

- The overall valuation increased 50%, which was significantly higher from the 3% increase last year. 2023 was a reappraisal year. Here is the breakdown of the increase.
 - Ag/Residential - 52%
 - Commercial/Industrial – 27%
 - Public Utilities – 15%
- Move to approve the resolution authorizing installment payment or lease-purchase financing in the form of one or more series of installment payment obligations, lease-purchase obligations, or certificates of participation issued as tax-exempt obligations, providing for acquisition, construction, equipping and improving of real and/or personal property for school district purposes, including one or more installment payment agreements, ground leases, lease-purchase agreements, and/or trust indentures, and matters related thereto.

Other Informational Items

Bond Anticipation Notes

- Marion Local School's 2023 BANs closed on 12/28/2023. \$12,318,251.92 was wired to the district. This will allow us to have money to pay some of the beginning fees of contracts that we need to pay for the project. We contracted with Red Tree Investment Group to help guide us on investment options for the bond proceeds. I spoke with Randy about this and he agreed with me to proceed with them. I wired \$12,315,000 to our investment account with Red Tree. The remaining \$3,251.92 was receipted to the bond retirement fund.

Mileage Rate

- Due to the IRS increasing their business mileage rate to 67 cents from 65.5 cents, our mileage rate will increase to 64 cents from 62.5 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!

24-07:

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

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

24-08:

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

24-09:

Phil Moeller, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, 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. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Everman 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 24-25 school year.

STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Caitlin Homan and Taylor Kramer as Co-Head JH. volleyball coaches, accept the resignation of Kinsey Thobe as freshman volleyball coach, and approve John Tangeman as a volunteer for the track program.

FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. on October 21-24, and the FFA to J&M Manufacturing on January 15th.

INDOOR TRACK

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve M.L. students to participate in the OATCCC indoor track championships and also approve Kyle Grabowski as a volunteer indoor track coach.

DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from MVP Sports and More for \$700 to the Football Camp Fund account.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the school calendar for the 24-25 school year.

OSBA

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the membership with the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,997.00.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the rankings for Professional Design Services and authorize the execution of an agreement for architect services.

LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING

On the consent agenda is a motion to finance real property and/or personal property improvements on District property.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve soliciting a "Request for Qualifications" for CMR services. This will be a 30 day advertisement.

C. Advisory Items

None

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 have been zero verified incidents of hazing and or bullying reported at Marion Local since August 2023.

FACILITY UPDATE

At tonight's Board meeting you received the rankings of architects for professional design services. Once that ranking is approved, I will enter into discussion with the top ranked firm and hopefully receive a contract that I will bring back to the Board of Ed. and have you approve. Tonight, you were also asked to approve soliciting a RFQ for a Construction Manager. This will be open for 30 days and then we will rank these firms and bring in the top 2 or 3 to interview as we request a proposal for their technical pricing. After that is complete, we will select a Construction Manager.

The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) is a delivery method which entails a commitment by the Construction Manager (CM) to deliver the project within a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) which is based on the construction documents and specifications at the time of the GMP plus any reasonably inferred items or tasks.

24-10:

Jesse Rose motioned to approve motions contained on the consent agenda for the regular meeting as presented.

1. To approve the revisions to the High School Course Curriculum Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. To approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington DC on October 21-24, 2024.
3. To approve the FFA field trip to J & M Manufacturing in Ft. Recovery, OH on January 15, 2024.
4. To approve the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,997.00.
6. To approve the Toshiba America Foundation Grant for \$999 to Kim Droesch.
7. To approve fund 070-9002 Capital Improvement Fund for Gym, Classrooms, Ag Suite, etc.
8. To approve fund 002-9024 Bond Retirement Fund.
9. To approve the resolution Ranking Professional Design Firms and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Architect Services.
10. To approve the resolution authorizing installment payment or lease-purchase financing in the form of one or more series of installment payment obligations, lease-purchase

obligations, or certificates of participation issued as tax-exempt obligations, providing for the acquisition, construction, equipping and improving of real and/or personal property for school district purposes, including one or more installment payment agreements, ground leases, lease-purchase agreements, and/or trust indentures, and matters related thereto.

11. To approve the resolution to solicit a request for qualifications for CMR services.

24-11:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Caitlin Homan as Co-Head Jr. High Volleyball Coach. 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.

24-12:

Shannon Everman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Taylor Kramer as Co-Head Jr. High Volleyball Coach. 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.

24-13:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Kinsey Thobe as Freshman Volleyball Coach. 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.

24-14:

Tim Pohlman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve John Tangeman as a volunteer for the track program. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

24-15:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve the eligibility for Marion Local students to participate in the OATCCC indoor championships for track if they qualify through competing in preliminary events. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

24-16:

Phil Moeller, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve Kyle Grabowski as a volunteer as the indoor track coach. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

24-17:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve the \$700 donation to the Football Camp Fund from MVP Sports & More. 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.

24-18:

Jesse Rose, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, 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: 7:38 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:49 p.m.

No action was taken.

24-19:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.