

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2025 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, Ryan Goldschmidt.

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the agenda. 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.

25-06:

Shannon Everman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2024 be approved as read. 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 Technology Coordinator, Michelle Mescher, submitted the following report: **Technology Purchases**

- None

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Over Christmas break we installed 8 interactive displays in high school classrooms. Thanks to Kevin and Cody for their help.



- 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 14,15,23,24,28,29 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 11.

Semester:

We are officially halfway through the school year as the semester ended on January 3rd. Exams were held before Christmas break. All classes start over in terms of grades with the new semester.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 3 Freshmen orientation meeting/CCP Meeting

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

- Thank you to the Class of 1974 for their donation of a bench on the playground!
- Mercer County DD Board's STEM Challenge: Mayah Schwieterman & currently 11 JH students. Winning design will be decided in March.
- 4th grade gifted students participated in Math Science Tech day at WSU Lake Campus with Mercer County ESC and local schools on January 9 for a day of STEM challenges.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open and on the school's website.

Upcoming events:

- Mini Cheer night - January 14
- 3rd Grade to perform the National Anthem - January 16
- Marion Local Spelling Bee - January 22



Mr. Ryan Goldschmidt, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:
The financial report for December 2024 including reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$2,500,018.09, income was \$1,124,153.98 and interest income was \$117,579.90.

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- Increase Fund 022 by \$4,676.73 to \$8,872.06

Estimated Resources

- Increase Fund 022 by \$4,676.73 to \$8,895.47

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 \$2,643,200 to \$208,019,020. Our effective millage actually increased by 0.1 mill. The change was an increase to the following:

- Emergency Levy – 5.7 mills to 5.8 mills

The new effective rate is 26.80 mills plus inside millage of 4.5 mills totaling 31.30 mills.

- The overall valuation increased 1.29%, which was significantly lower than the 50% increase from last year, which was a reappraisal year. However, it is much closer to the normal 3% increase we have seen in year' past. Here is the breakdown of the increase.
 - Ag/Residential – (1.17%)
 - Commercial/Industrial – (-0.3%)
 - Public Utilities – (1.27%)

Memorandum of Understanding

- We have agreed with the MLEA to make an update to the HSA contributions from January 2024 through the end of the contract in June 2027. Instead of paying backwards 6 months at a time, we will be making these contributions monthly, in the month that coverage is being taken.

Renewal of Permanent Improvement Levy

- Move to accept resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax and requesting the county auditor to certify matters in connection with a proposed tax levy.

Other Informational Items

Mileage Rate

- Due to the IRS increasing their business mileage rate to 70 cents from 67 cents, our mileage rate will increase to match this rate. Policy 6320H states that the mileage reimbursement rate is equal to the IRS rate.

Offer Insurance to Board

- This is to remind you that medical, dental, and vision insurance is available to you at full cost. You will need to contact me if you are interested.

Donations

- John Spoltman \$74 to the football team for tournament expenses. He wrote the donation check for this amount more than he agreed to donate.

School Board Recognition

- January is School Board recognition month. Thank you all for all that you do! You have been very welcoming and helpful in my transition into this new position, and I greatly appreciate everything you have done!

25-07:

Shannon Everman motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mr. Goldschmidt. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Rose yea, Pohlman 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

Changes in Estimated Resources and Appropriations: Reports: FY 2025 Estimated Resources and FY 2025 Permanent Appropriations

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

25:08

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources. 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.

25-09:

Jesse Rose, 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. 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.

**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 25-26 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION MODEL POLICY

A motion to approve the adoption of the Special Education Model policies that were released by the Department of Education and workforce.

FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the FFA field trip to Unique Roots and Fenning Equipment on January 20th.

INDOOR TRACK

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

OSBA

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the membership with the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,729.00.

DONATION

A motion to accept the donation of \$74 to the football team from John Spoltman for tournament expenses.

MOU

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the MOU with the MLEA for HSA contributions.

PI LEVY

On a separate resolution is a motion to approve the necessity of a levy to go on the ballot for a renewal of our PI levy.

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 2024.

FACILITY UPDATE

Touchstone recently conducted a pre-bid meeting at Marion Local for any contractor interested in bidding the upcoming project. Currently, bids are due January 21st. We are currently proceeding through the early site package and weather has been sufficient to progress with moving dirt. We are encouraging community members to visit our website to see pictures of the project as we periodically update the site.

WATERLINE PROJECT

Shinn Bros. started site work along state route 716. It is good to see the progress.

25-10:

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

1. To approve the revisions to the High School Course Curriculum Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. To approve the FFA field trip to Unique Roots and Fennig Equipment on January 20, 2025.
3. To approve the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. To approve the membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,729.00.
5. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marion Local Education Association and the Marion Local Board of Education to change the Board contributions to the HSA language changing the payment from semi-annually to monthly as listed: For those employees choosing to utilize the HDHP, the Board shall annually contribute the following amounts to the employee's Health Savings Account without requiring an employee match. Single - \$1,000 Family – \$2,000
Payments will be made monthly on the first pay of each month.

25-11:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education adopt the Special Education Model Policies and procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

25-12:

Jesse Rose, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned to approve the resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax and requesting the county auditor to certify matters in connection with a proposed tax levy. 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.

25-13:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller 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. 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.

25-14:

Tim Pohlman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve Kyle Grabowski as a volunteer as the indoor coach. 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.

25-15:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve the \$74 donation to the football team for tournament expenses from John Spoltman. 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.

25-16:

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:

- 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.

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.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:32 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:40 p.m.

25-17:

Shannon Everman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.