

## **Marion Local Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**

Meeting was called to order by President Randy Bruns.

Randy Bruns, Phil Moeller, Dave Moorman, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

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

#### **18-17:**

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2018 be approved as read. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- Spring technology in-service opportunities will be starting soon. A list of sessions is available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>
  - Create a class website with Weebly
  - Google Classroom: Less paperwork more teaching

#### **Technology Purchases**

- 139 Targus cases for student Chromebooks for 2018-2019.
- 35 Desktop computers for the high school computer lab and high school art.

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

- Erate form 471 for FY18 has been filed.
- Working with Mr. Matt Elsass to find an interactive LED display for his classroom. We are demoing a Qomo 75" multi-touch display.
  - Image brightness does not fade over time, so classrooms can remain well lit.
  - Maintenance free, which allows for no calibration or bulbs to replace.

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

**Tri-Star Competition:**

I would like to congratulate Sr. Med Prep students Seth Pierron and Jonathan Schmitz as they are members of the Health Knowledge Bowl team that recently competed in the SkillsUSA regional contest in Bellefontaine. They finished 2nd in the region qualifying them to compete at the state level in April.

**Art Awards:**

Congratulation to the following students for having artwork chosen at the Governor's Art Show to move on to the state competition: Haley Heitkamp, Macy Spieth, Carrie Frysinger, Marah Moeller, Bradey Ungruhn, Ashley Bergman, and Madisyn Mescher.

**Talent Connection Forum:**

Juniors recently attended a career day at the Lake Campus put on by AMBE and the Mercer County ESC. This was an opportunity for students to learn about careers and to make connections for work and job shadowing opportunities.

**MAC Champs:**

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team on their recent success on the hardwood.

**Upcoming events:**

March 12	College Planning Night for Juniors
March 16	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 19	Freshmen to Mercer Health
March 20	Junior ACT Test
March 22	Student Council Field Trip
March 24	Band Pizza Sales

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

1. I would like to thank Judy Zircher from Relationships Under Construction for teaching our 7<sup>th</sup> grade abstinence class two weeks ago. I would also like to thank Rod Pleiman and Jeff Kaup for giving their class time to make this happen.
2. Congratulations to Halley Schmitz who won the Mercer county spelling bee. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that ML students have won the county bee. Marion Local had three of the top five finishes, Noah Budde came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Ryan human was 4<sup>th</sup> place. Marion Local has won 31% of the county bees since they have been keeping records.
3. Track practice officially started last week. I would like to thank Rod Pleiman, Matt Schmackers, and Sandy Bruns for coaching. We have 80 students participating, this is a significant increase in the past two years.
4. We had several students participate in STEM night at Coldwater tonight. I would like to thank Jeanna Heitkamp for organizing our participation and helping our students with the activities. There has been a great STEM initiative with quarterly challenges all of our student in the elementary participated in throughout the school year. These activities have

been sponsored by many generous companies throughout the county and organized by Wendi Moorman and Karen Rose at the ESC. We also have two STEM classes as part of specials rotations for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and three LEGO robotics teams that competed this school year.

5. Upcoming:

- a. March 16: End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks
- b. March 16-17: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade play
- c. March 23: Hall of Fame site visit
- d. March 24: Junior High Solo and Ensemble, Minster
- e. March 29-April 2: No School, Easter break

**Mr. Rod Pleiman, MLEA, submitted the following report:**

The third nine weeks is wrapping up this week.

The following teachers submitted information regarding what is happening in their classrooms:

***Mandy Koenig***

5th - kids are learning how to use Google Sheets - a spreadsheet program

4th - completing flyers for the Spring Arts Festival

3rd - learning research skills by researching presidents. They will use this research to write a report and do a Slides presentation.

2nd - working on typing paragraphs and font manipulation 1st - working on sentence typing

***Julie Sommer***

5th grade LA has been reading and learning about Mt. Everest, and media bias. We are writing opinion papers as to whether or not we would like to climb Mt. Everest, and working to support our information with facts that we have read.

***Emily Henschen***

8th grade LA has been reading Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie and learning about voice, characterization, theme, etc... The students are also running a fundraiser to tie in the novel.

***Rod Pleiman***

8th Grade has just gone through their campaign for class presidents. They are going to start their court case trials this week.

7th grade studied Rome by conducting a Breakout box activity. They have also compared civilizations on tiered timelines.

***Kim Droesch***

The fourth grade students are learning about animal adaptations. The students then created their own animal with the different adaptations that they learned in class.

***Jean Smith***

Third graders finished informational writing and each student made a book to showcase their favorite writing piece from the unit.

***Jeanna Heitkamp***

This past Friday, Mar.9 Twenty-two 6th & 7th grade students participated in a robotics challenge hosted by WSU Lake Campus. Tonight, twenty students ranging from grades 3-8 will participate in the Mercer County STEM Showcase at Coldwater High School.

Here's what's happening in my classes:

3rd Enrichment: Solving Logic-Elimination grid puzzles

4th TAG Math: Working with decimals

5th TAG Math: Area of 2D figures

6th TAG Math: Solving and graphing linear equations

7th STEM: Designing/building balsa wood bridges

I forgot to mention that the TAG Math kids will be celebrating Pi Day this Wednesday, Mar.14! The students will be studying circles, discovering more about this special number and competing to see who can memorize the most digits of Pi!

***Amanda Rhonemus***

The students in grades K-6 are preparing for their Spring Arts Festival performances at the end of April. The junior high and high school choir are finishing up their concert cycle today and will be starting their next round of performances for the Spring Arts Festival at the beginning of May. This winter we had several students represent Marion Local in the District 3 Honors Choir Festival- Emma Brunswick and Sidney Rindler earned a spot in the high school honors choir and Aliyah Arling, Olivia Clune, Lauren Schmitz and Natalie Ungruhn participated in the junior high honors choir. This past weekend, the high school choir participated in the OMEA District 3 Large Group Adjudicated Performance at Van Wert High School and received an "Excellent" rating, showing that the young choir program is headed in the right direction!

***Brenda Rhodeheffer***

In math, the fourth graders are working on fractions. They learned how to create equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions using a variety of methods. In the upcoming weeks, they will learn how to decompose fractions, add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers, multiply a whole number by a fraction, put fractions into decimals, and compare decimals.

***Cody Smith***

3rd Grade Math- We've been working on finding area and perimeter of complex or irregular shapes. We completed Area Robots by cutting out rectangles to use as body parts. The students were given a perimeter for each body part and they had to think of a length and width for each rectangle. They then found the area of each body part to find the total area of their robot. These are hanging up by the cafeteria. We completed a second project by creating our Dream House. The students designed a blue print for their house and had to find the total square feet. These will be on display at the Open House in the Spring.

***Brad Spettel***

-The High School Band received a Superior (1) Rating at the OMEA District 3 Large Group Contest at Van Wert High School on March 10. This Superior Rating qualifies the band for the State Competition in April!

-5th-8th grade band will be performing their Winter concert Monday evening (March 12). They have been hard at work preparing since January. 7th and 8th grade band members will also be performing at the Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest at Minster Elementary on Saturday, March 24th.

***Andrea Greve***

In 6th grade students just finished a text structure project. With this project, they created paragraphs about a topic of their choice using each of the 6th text structures we learned about. We have also been focusing on argumentative reading. Students will be picking from a few current issues to write an argumentative essay on this week.

In 7th grade, we have also been focusing on argumentative writing. Students have decided whether or not we should save people who purposefully put themselves in harm's way and have gathered evidence supporting their opinion. The newest skill for this has been analyzing the research that they use. In Mrs. Greve's class they have been researching "passion projects" on Fridays during Genius Hour. They pick a passion and research it. At the end, the students will share what they found with their classmates.

In STEM, students have worked on programming the LEGO Mindstorm robots through a complex maze. The top group in each section was able to participate in the robotics challenge at WSU on Friday.

***Laura Post***

5th grade science has been working on creating objects that create sound and manipulating these objects to change the pitch and volume being produced.

5th math is working on making conversions with the customary and metric systems and then applying this skill to finding perimeter, area, or volume.

***Trisha McMurray***

In fourth grade language arts, students are learning about the Iditarod dogsled race that is going on in Alaska this week. Students selected a musher to study, created a profile, and are tracking the mushers during the race. Look for a few mushers to finish in the next couple of days! Students also created their own clothespin musher and popsicle stick dogsled. The musher profiles, clothespin mushers, and popsicle stick dogsleds are on display in the elementary hallway!

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

**Motion Items**

**Exhibit 2**

Changes to Permanent Appropriations

- Create new 019 account for Honda Lego League
- Create new 018 account for remaining balances of graduating class funds

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- Create new 019 account for Honda Lego League
- Create new 018 account for remaining balances of graduating class funds

## **Additional Motion Items**

**None**

## **Other Informational Items**

### **Records Commission Meeting**

- We will be holding our annual records commission meeting at 6:45 before the regularly scheduled meeting. This committee includes Randy, Mike and me. This meeting is held to approve all records disposed of in the last fiscal year. We cleaned out the storage room across the hall from our office last summer and disposed of any records that were outside of our records retention schedule or were paper duplicates of items that are also maintained digitally.

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

- We will be holding a public hearing during the regular meeting to discuss district plans for the 2018-2019 school year for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

### **Open Enrollment**

- Our net open enrollment has increased approximately \$32,000 for 2017-2018 compared to 2016-2017. This is a net increase of 5.85 FTE. The number of students coming in was comparable to last year (49.15) but the number of students leaving the district (8.55) decreased by 5.63 FTE. Some of this was due to some students from other districts moving into our school district but continuing to attend the other district and have since moved back out of our district. We have 4 seniors who currently leave our district so hopefully once they graduate our number of students leaving will remain below our previous average of 9 students.

#### **18-18:**

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

#### **18-19:**

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

**Marion Local Superintendent, Mr. Mike Pohlman, submitted the following report:  
FRANKLIN B. WALTER**

The banquet takes place at Romer's Catering in Celina on March 28, 2018 at 6:30.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

I would like to once again encourage all community members in the Marion Local school district to attend the Proposed Facility community meeting scheduled on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the high school gym. This meeting will dive deeper into the details about the proposed facility and we encourage even attendees of the previous community meeting in November to return to learn more information.

### 18-20:

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

1. To approve the list of sports coaches on one-year contracts per the established pay schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### Football

Head Varsity – Tim Goodwin  
Asst. Varsity – Dan Koenig, Greg Bruns,  
Kevin Otte, Dan Thobe  
Head Jr. High – Rod Pleiman  
Asst. Jr. High – Joe Thobe, Cody Smith

#### Volleyball

Head Varsity – Erica Schulze  
Asst. Varsity – Anthony Chappel  
Freshmen – Kyle Grabowski  
Head Jr. High – Erica Oldiges  
Asst. Jr. High – Renee Wilker

#### Golf

Girls - Adam Smith  
Boys – David Koenig

#### Cross Country

Head Varsity – Doug Jutte  
Asst. Varsity – Stephanie Pohlman

#### Softball – 2017-2018 school year

Asst. – Mindy Puthoff

2. To approve the following volunteers:  
Football – Jason Scheer, Brian J. Wolters, Jacob Sherrick  
Track – Kyle Grabowski
3. To approve to pay Mary Lou Bruns and Renee Wilker \$10.00/hr. for working at the Youth Volleyball Camp.
4. To approve to pay Sharon Chaney \$150.00 as the piano accompanist.
5. To approve the Open Enrollment Policy.
6. To approve the donation from the Mercer County ESC of \$2,000.00 for the Honda Lego League.
7. To read for the first time the following policies:  
4121 – Criminal History Record Check  
4162 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions

- 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- 5112 – Entrance Requirements
- 8400 – School Safety
- 8600.04 – Bus Driver Certification
- 9141 – Business Advisory Council
- 7530 – Lending of Board-Owned Equipment
- 7530.02 – Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
- 7542 – Access to District Technology Resources and/or Information Resources From Personal Communication Devices
- 7543 – Utilization of the District’s Website and Remote Access to the District’s Network

**18-21:**

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employee. Dave Moorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:19 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 10:05 p.m.

**18-22:**

Dave Moorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.