

## **Marion Local Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**

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

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

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

Phil Moeller motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2019 be approved as read. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

#### **Recognition of visitors:**

Everyone in attendance at the meeting walked down to the middle school computer lab for a presentation from the Lego League participants, volunteer coaches and teacher, Jeanna Heitkamp. They explained the Lego League competition which includes core values/team building, a project and robot programming. The Lego League at Marion Local was started three years ago and has developed into three teams which is completely funded by grants, the PTO and local businesses. A lot of time and hard work is put forth from the students, volunteer coaches and staff outside of school hours for this extracurricular.

#### **Discussion on Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Grants for the 2019/2020 school year:**

A discussion was held to explain how Marion Local uses federal grant money and allow for community members to provide feedback on how the money should be spent. We currently use Title I funds to help pay for a portion of Angie Leugers salary. We act as a pass through agent for the IDEA Part B funds in order to pay the Mercer County ESC for their special education services. No community members were present to provide feedback.

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

- Teachers completed at total of 98 hours of technology in-service hours so far this school year. Spring technology in-service opportunities will be available soon.

#### **Technology Purchases**

- 10 Chromebook screens for student replacement
- 6 Chromebook batteries for student replacement

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

- Erate form 471 for FY19 has been filed.
- Looking into different internet filtering options starting the 2019-2020 school year.

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

**Speaker:**

I would like to thank Nancy Grieshop for speaking to our students and community about addictions and how family life is affected.



**Art Awards:**

Congratulation to the following students for having artwork chosen at the Governor’s Art Show to move on to the state competition: Ella Kleinhenz, Aubrey Thobe, Macy Spieth, Mary Kahlig, Haley Heitkamp, and Samantha Garmann.

**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.

**Upcoming events:**

March 15	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 16	Ag to Mercer Co Competition
March 21	Freshmen to Mercer Health
March 22	Scholastic Bowl Field Trip

**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.
2. Congratulations to Ryan Homan and Maggie Frey who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively in the Mercer County Spelling Bee.
3. Track practice officially started last week. I would like to thank Rod Pleiman, Matt Schmackers, and Sandy Bruns for coaching. We have 72 students participating.
4. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM class participated in a local BOE Bot competition held at the YMCA in Celina. This event is sponsored by staff from Wright State University-Lake Campus.
5. Upcoming:
  - a. March 15: End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks
  - b. March 22-23: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade play

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

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

***Emily Henschen***

- 8th graders completed *The Outsiders* novel and have read a few mythology stories for the purpose of breaking down the text to help develop a clearer understanding of the text. The students will begin an argumentative writing unit and will focus on including pieces of their counterclaim throughout the text. The students will have to research their claim and counterclaim to develop knowledge on both sides of the argument.

***Amanda Layer***

- All K-6 students are working on selections for the K-6 Spring Arts Festival and Open House. Students in grades K-3 are preparing songs celebrating music, 4th graders are well into their recorder unit, 5th grade is working on learning a song from Brazil and the 6th grade sections are working on crafting their own performance from scratch. The performance of all of these songs will take place on Monday, April 29th.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir has been hard at work preparing their songs for tonight's concert. The group will be showcasing songs of contrasting styles: spirituals, a song from the 1930s, as well as some contemporary pop music.
- This past Saturday the high school choir performed as a part of the OMEA Adjudicated Performances taking place at Parkway High School. At this event three judges scored the choir on their performance of their choral selections, each giving the choir an "Excellent" rating. The choir then moved into a sight-reading room, where the students had to sing a song they have never seen before. Testing their ability to READ the music, the judge said the students earned a "Superior" rating for their sight-reading performance. With the ratings from all four judges, the MLHS Choir received an overall "Excellent" rating.
- The 7-12 Drama Club The 7-12 Drama Club students, as well as several 3-4th grade students acting as "munchkins" are hard at work preparing for the spring production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The students have been dancing and singing since the end of February and are getting more and more excited to perform for everyone at the end of April. The students will give a sneak peak of some of the selections at a Music in Our Schools Month performance at the end of March!

***Lisa Brunswick***

- The HS Art Club sponsored 38 artworks to compete in the Ohio Governors Youth Art Exhibition in Ada last weekend. 8 Artworks from 6 artists were selected by the regional judges to move on and compete at the State level. The artists who had artwork chosen were:
  - Macy Spieth (2 pieces), Haley Heitkamp (2 pieces), Aubrey Thobe, Samantha Garmann, Ella Kleinhenz and Mary Kahlig
- We got news this morning that Macy Spieth's artwork was chosen to be displayed in Columbus in the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower and she is now eligible for a \$3,000. This is the second year in a row that Macy's artwork has been chosen for this level and to be chosen even once is quite an accomplishment, as this artwork is the best of the best in the entire state!

### ***Trisha McMurray***

- Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Mercer County Spelling Bee at Wright State Lake Campus on February 25.
  - Ryan Homan (6<sup>th</sup> grade): 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up
  - Maggie Frey (4<sup>th</sup> grade): 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up
  - Andrew Schmackers (4<sup>th</sup> grade): did not place
- Congratulations to Andrew Schmackers, who also made it to the third round at the Regional Spelling Bee in Lima on Saturday, March 9!

### ***Amanda DeMange***

- The 6<sup>th</sup> graders just finished reading the novel Maniac Magee. They enjoyed the humor contained within this novel along with the life lessons and large theme interwoven within the text. This novel was our final step in analyzing plot standards. The students wrote a literary analysis focused on how the author used different elements in the plot to develop the theme of this novel after we finished reading. The author of this novel also used a great deal of figurative language, so the students picked out numerous examples that were used in the story and explained how the figurative language enhanced the overall novel for the reader.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have some items on display showcasing their understanding of figurative language within popular music on the radio today in the cafeteria hallway and 5<sup>th</sup> grade hallway.

### ***Laura Post***

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying the solar system. They have been researching learning about the different characteristics of the planets, the Sun, dwarf planets, comets and asteroids. They then used this information to create models of the solar system comparing planet sizes and distances from the Sun.
- Every week on Wednesdays for 5 consecutive weeks, a group of engineers from Honda are currently working with the fifth grade students on a program entitled “A World of Motion.” The students build and experiment with balloon powered cars testing different variables to learn about their effects on the motion of the cars.
- On Thursday, February 21, 13 fifth grade students, 14 sixth grade students, and 9 junior high students attended the Mercer and Auglaize County Science Day at Wright State University Lake Campus. They presented their science projects to a team of judges. Seven of these students earned a superior rating allowing them to then compete at the District Science Day on Saturday, March 11 at Ohio Northern University. These students included Chloe Bergman, Olivia Schulze, Troy Stucke, Dean Hemmelgarn, Lydia Hess, Ian Rindler, and Dylan Dahms. Lydia Hess also received the award for Most Innovative Research. The Marion Local students received the Mercer County STEM trophy presented to the school with the most outstanding participation.

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

The financial report for February 2019 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$398,396.22 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$226,847.64 was issued in warrant checks and \$130,716.28 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$1,672,799.77 and interest income was \$12,625.59.

**Motion Items**

**Exhibit 2**

**Changes to Permanent Appropriations**

- Create new 499 State Grant Fund for BWC Safety & Security Grant of \$29,250.
- Increase 200 Fund Drama Club expenses \$7,000 to purchase stage lights.

**Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources**

- Create new 499 State Grant Fund for BWC Safety & Security Grant of \$29,250.

**Additional Motion Items**

**Activity Budgets**

- Approve the revised activity budget for the Drama Club to reflect the changes listed above.

**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 reorganized the central office this school year 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 2019-2020 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 \$15,871.47 for 2018-2019 compared to 2017-2018. This is a net increase of 2.54 FTE.

	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Difference</b>
FTE - Coming In	54.27	50.40	3.87
FTE - Going Out	(9.89)	(8.56)	(1.33)
Net FTE	<u>44.38</u>	<u>41.84</u>	<u>2.54</u>
Dollars - Coming In	\$321,427.48	\$299,658.41	\$ 21,769.07
Dollars - Going Out	\$ (56,817.32)	\$ (50,919.72)	\$ (5,897.60)
Net Open Enrollment Dollars	<u>\$264,610.16</u>	<u>\$248,738.69</u>	<u>\$ 15,871.47</u>

**19-20:**

Tim Pohlman 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: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

**19-21:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations, Certificate of Estimated Resources and Activity Budget. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose 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 27, 2019 at 6:30.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

We are looking at options for replacing asphalt shingles on portions of our High School roof. A pro-rated warranty material certificate was awarded to us from the asphalt shingle company that will allow us to receive 228 square free. I have a printout of the sections to be replaced. We are also still investigating options for retrofitting our chillers at each building.

**19-22:**

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

1. To approve the retirement of Jean Smith as a Teacher effective May 31, 2019.
2. To approve Jacob Kleinhenz as a volunteer for the baseball program.
3. To approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on May 8, 2019.
4. To approve the Drama Club fund raiser.
5. To approve the Tri Star Advisory Councils' referral to purchase a virtual welder at a cost of \$12,000. Payment will come from the Reserve Capital Fund.
6. To approve the Open Enrollment Policy.
7. To accept the School Safety and Security Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation for \$29,250.00.
8. To approve the purchase of keycard systems and security cameras for the elementary and high school from SecurCom for a total of \$39,000.00.

**19-23:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the Superintendent's evaluation. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:23 p.m.

Mike Pohlman, Heather Cramer and Nick Wilker were invited into executive session. Dave Moorman was also present for executive session.

Time In: 8:23 p.m. Time Out: 9:23 p.m.

Mike Pohlman was invited back into executive session at 9:27 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:42 p.m.

No action was taken.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**19-24:**

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.