

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2024 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, Phil Moeller and Tim Pohlman answered roll call by the Treasurer, Amy Reineke. Shannon Everman and Jesse Rose were absent.

Visitors present were Lydia Kelch, College Student observing; and Christy and Payton Eilerman proposing to the board to add gymnastics as a Marion Local School sport.

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

24-30:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2024 be approved as read. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Marion Local Technology Coordinator, Michelle Mescher, did not submit a report:

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

FFA:

FFA week was held in late February with various themes and activities including a “slushied” fundraiser.



Girls Basketball:

Congratulations to the girls team for winning the MAC and also a district championship.

Blood Drive:

The senior class sponsored a blood drive on February 28th. 31 units were collected.



Upcoming events:

March 12	Juniors take ACT
March 14	FFA Banquet
March 15	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
March 15-20	Band trip to FLA

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

- PTO's Read-A-Thon is taking place during the month of March. The PTO helps support our students in a variety of ways. Thank you to the PTO officers for their planning and execution of the Read-A-Thon, and all they do for Marion Local students and staff!
- 6th grade organized and completed the Iron Giraffe Challenge, a fundraiser for wells in Sudan. The students far exceeded their goal of \$1000.
- 8th Grade boys' basketball team ended their season as MAC Champions. Congratulations on their achievement!
- Thank you to community members, Judge Speelman and Ed Buschur, for taking time to come in to speak with our students. (Judge Speelman - Mrs. Giere's class, Ed Buschur - 4th grade)
- Junior High Quiz Bowl remains undefeated and will compete in the Junior High MAC competition on March 18.
- Junior High track is underway with 76 students participating.
- March is Music in our Schools month. Our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in choir, band, and musical performances with the drama club. Thank you to Mr. Spettel, Ms. Kremer, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. Brunswick, and Mrs. Tunte for helping our students grow musically.
- March 18, Marion Local Elementary staff will be at Minster McDonald's for McTeacher night. Money raised from this event supports the activity fund.

Upcoming Events:

- March 22 & 23 - 5th/6th grade Play
- March 25 - 27 - Hope Squad week

Upcoming State Test schedule:

April 16 & 18 - ELA (grades 3-8)

April 30 & May 1 - Math (grades 3-8)

May 2 & 3 - Science (grades 5 & 8)

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

The financial report for February 2024 including reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$933,059.97, income was \$2,688,725.10 and interest income was \$32,751.54.

Motion Items

- Monthly Financial Reports

Appropriations

- Decrease 001-0000 obj. 400 by \$25,000
- Increase 001-0000 obj 900 by \$25,000
- Increase Safety Grant 499-9124 by \$4,082.35

Estimated Resources

- Increase Safety Grant 499-9124 by \$4,082.35

Other Informational Items

Records Commission Meeting

- We will need to hold our annual records commission meeting. We will hold this in April at 6:45 before the regularly scheduled meeting. This committee includes Randy, Mike, and I. This meeting is held to approve all records disposed of in the last fiscal year. The only records we have disposed were within our records retention schedule or 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 2024-2025 school year for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants and allow for feedback regarding how the money is spent.

OASBO Conference

I will be out of the office April 16th through the 19th to attend the OASBO Conference in Columbus. Ryan will also be attending.

Ryan Goldschmidt

Ryan will be attending a few OASBO trainings starting in March. He will be spending a few days with me here in the district to start training until the end of the school year and then will be with us on a more consistent basis starting in June.

24-31:

Phil Moeller motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mrs. Reineke. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman 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 and Activity Budget

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

24-32:

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

Marion Local Superintendent, Mr. Mike Pohlman, submitted the following report:

STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve Ryan Goldschmidt as Treasurer effective August 1st and also approve the personal service contract effective March 15th on an as needed basis, accept the resignation of Connie Brunswick as Elementary Guidance Counselor, resignation of Tessa Kremer and Kim Stucke as cheerleading advisors, approve payment of the list of workers on the consent agenda for boys and girl's tournament basketball games, and approve Doug Everman as a volunteer for the softball program.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve our open enrollment policy.

FIELD TRIPS

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the 2nd grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo on May 8th and the Ag. Science field trip to the state FFA convention on May 2-3.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the revisions made to the high school student handbook for the 24-25 school year.

FIBER NETWORK

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the purchase of a new fiber network throughout the school at a cost of \$25,105 from Nu Wave Technology.

CLASSROOM RENOVATION BID

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the bid from Baumer Construction to complete the renovation of the central office into two classrooms at a cost of \$159,600.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the rankings of CMR's based off their qualifications for the purpose of sending out Request for proposals to these firms.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

FRANKLIN B. WALTER

The banquet takes place at the Mercer County ESC in Celina on April 3rd at 6:30. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

I would like to congratulate our winter sports athletes and coaches on a successful season and wish our spring sports athletes the best as they begin their season.

FACILITY PROJECT UPDATE

We recently completed the ranking of our Construction Managers based on qualifications and those firms include Peterson, Touchstone, H.A. Dorsten, and Baumer Construction in combination with Grand Lake Building Co. Request for proposals are due March 28th and we hope to interview on April 15th.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

On Monday, April 8th the Marion Local school district will be closed due to the solar eclipse. We have communicated with county officials and others about the anticipated issues that may occur on that day, it has been decided to close school. We do not intend to be in session academically or any extra-curricular activities. What are the plans for the Board of Education meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m.?

24-33:

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 and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

1. To approve the resignation of Connie Brunswick as K-8 Guidance Counselor effective the end of the school year.
2. To approve the resignation of Tessa Kremer as Co-Sr. Cheerleader Advisor.
3. To approve the resignation of Kim Stucke as Co-Sr. Cheerleader Advisor.
4. To hire Ryan Goldschmidt as Treasurer effective August 1, 2024 on a three (3) year contract per the established pay schedule.

5. To approve the Personal Service Contract with Ryan Goldschmidt effective March 15, 2024 on an as needed bases until July 31, 2024 at a per diem rate of \$288.90.
6. To approve payment to the following for hosting the OHSAA Girls Basketball tournament games from the 022 fund retroactive to February 21, 2024 & February 24, 2024.

Dan Koenig - \$400	Marilyn Bomholt - \$60
Jacob Sherrick - \$150	Sheryl Lange - \$60
Kyle Grabowski - \$50	Nora Eckstein - \$50
Karla Eckstein - \$80	
7. To approve payment to the following for hosting the OHSAA Boys Basketball tournament game from the 022 fund retroactive to February 28, 2024.

Dan Koenig - \$200	Marilyn Bomholt - \$30
Kyle Grabowski - \$100	Sheryl Lange - \$30
Kevin Hartings - \$100	Nora Eckstein - \$25
Trina Griesdorn - \$40	
8. To approve Doug Everman as a volunteer for the softball program.
9. To approve the 2nd grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo in Ft. Wayne, IN on May 8, 2024.
10. To approve the Agricultural Science field trip to the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH on May 2-3, 2024.
11. To approve the student handbook changes as presented by the high school principal.
12. To approve the Open Enrollment Policy.
13. To approve Fund 200-9829 for the Class of 2029.
14. To approve Fund 499-9124 for the Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,082.35.
15. To approve a then and now certificate for a purchase order to Herff Jones in the amount of \$2,500.00
16. To approve the proposal from NuWave Technology to install a new fiber network throughout the school at a cost of \$25,105.00.
17. To approve the bid from Baumer Construction to complete the Central Office renovation into 2 elementary classrooms at a cost of \$159,600.00.
18. To authorize the purchase of competitive retail electric service for the billing period commencing with the December 2024 billing cycle and terminating no later than the December 2027 billing cycle.

19. To approve the ranking of Construction Managers At Risk based on qualifications for the purpose of sending out a request for proposal to those firms.

24-34:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Tim Pohlman motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to prepare for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:22 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:36 p.m.

No action was taken.

24-35:

Phil Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting will be on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.