

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 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.

Shannon Everman motioned to approve the agenda. 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.

25-30:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting hold on February 10, 2025 and the Special Meeting held on February 20, 2025 be approved as read. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Public Hearing on Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Grants for the 2025-2026 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 our Title I teachers' salaries and benefits. We act as a pass-through agent for the IDEA Part B funds in order to pay the Mercer County ESC for the special education services that they provide to us. No community members were present to provide feedback on this topic.

Marion Local Technology Coordinator, Michelle Mescher, submitted the following report: Technology Purchases

- ETLA District Membership

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Starting to plan our summer maintenance tasks and purchases.
- Working on creating data privacy agreements for websites and applications used in the classroom. Below is a compiled list of these websites and applications.
https://sdpc.a41.org/district_listing.php?districtID=4887

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.

Cheer:

Congratulations to the cheer competition squad for placing third at the State OASSA competition!



Blood Drive:

The senior class sponsored a blood drive on February 26th. 27 units were collected. Thanks to Mrs Dippold and the senior class officers for organizing this service event.

Upcoming events:

March 11	Juniors take ACT
March 14	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
March 18	FFA Banquet
March 19	Franklin B Walter Banquet

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!
- Congratulations to our JH Band members; Adellyn Overman, Audrey Kuck, and Noah Brunswick for representing Marion Local at the OMEA D3 Middle School Honors Band, and to Norah Koesters for the opportunity to perform with the WSU Middle School Honor Band!

- 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, Mrs. Kuck, and Mrs. Tuenté for helping our students grow musically.
- Mr. Owen Kitzmiller is on the agenda tonight for your consideration to approve as a 6th grade ELA/SS teacher. Mr. Kitzmiller currently attends Ohio State Lima and is completing his student teaching with Minster Junior High.

Upcoming Events:

- PTO Read-A-Thon throughout the month of March
- CogAt & Iowa testing for grades 1 & 3 will be administered the week of March 24

Upcoming State Test schedule:

April 8 & 10 - ELA (grades 3-8)

April 29 - 30 - Math (grades 3-8)

May 1 & 2 - Science (grades 5 & 8)

Mr. Ryan Goldschmidt, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:

The financial report for February 2025 including reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,343,326.55, income was \$3,288,418.13 and interest income was \$117,455.13.

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- Increase Fund 001 Object 500 – Supplies and Materials by \$100,000
- Increase Fund 001 Object 900 – Transfers & Advances by \$40,000
- Increase Fund 002 – Bond Retirement by \$150,000
- Increase Fund 004 – Building by \$700,000
- Increase Fund 035 – Termination Benefits by \$105,000
- Decrease Fund 070 – Capital Projects by \$3,000,000
- Increase Fund 599 – Safety Grant by \$4,096.92

Estimated Resources

- Increase Fund 004 – Building by \$700,000
- Decrease Fund 034 – Classroom Facilities by \$78,798.90
- Decrease Fund 070 – Capital Projects by \$11,000,000
- Decrease Fund 599 – Safety Grant by \$145,207.75

Additional Motion Items

Other Informational Items

Records Commission Meeting

- We will need to hold our annual records commission meeting. We will hold this in April at 6:45pm 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 of 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 2025-2026 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 8th through the 11th to attend the OASBO Conference in Columbus.

Donations

- PTO donated \$1,076.94 to the general fund for library books.
- MVP Sports & More donated \$1,500 to the football program.

25-31:

Jesse Rose motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mr. Goldschmidt. 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.

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

25-32:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman 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: Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Rose 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 the retirement of Jody Gerlach as a teacher, resignation of Adam Smith as girl's golf coach, resignation of Jonathon Schmitz as head swim coach, hire Owen Kitzmiller as a teacher, hire Kaitlyn Homan as J.V. volleyball coach, and

approve payment for workers at the boys' and girls' OHSAA basketball tournament games. On a separate resolution is a motion to approve the resignation of Marcia Moeller as 8th grade volleyball coach and to approve Marcia Moeller and Mary Lou Bruns as volunteers for the volleyball 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 7th and the Varsity M trip to OSU on March 28th.

DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the donation of \$1,500 to the football program from MVP Sports & More and a donation from the Marion Local PTO of \$1,076.94.

PROJECTOR

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the purchase of a new Panasonic projector to use for the backdrop of the school play from American Sound for a cost of \$33,646.80.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

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

In the past two weeks the weather has not cooperated with preparing the building pad, but we are still in a good position in regards to our overall timeline. We are continuing our plan to add geopiers in areas with unsuitable soil. The waterline project has progressed to the pump house.

25-33:

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

1. To approve the retirement of Jody Gerlach as a Teacher effective June 1, 2025.
2. To approve the resignation of Adam Smith as Head Girls Golf Coach.
3. To approve the resignation of Jonathon Schmitz as Head Swim Coach.
4. To hire Owen Kitzmiller as a Teacher on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending proper certification.

5. To hire Kaitlyn Homan as the JV Volleyball Coach on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending proper certification.
6. To approve payment to the following for hosting the OHSAA Girls Basketball tournament games from the 022 fund retroactive to February 15, 2025.

Dan Koenig - \$200	Marilyn Bomholt - \$30
Jacob Sherrick - \$100	Sheryl Lange - \$30
Kevin Hartings - \$100	Natalie Evers - \$25
Karla Eckstein - \$40	
7. To approve payment to the following for hosting the OHSAA Boys Basketball tournament game from the 022 fund retroactive to February 21, 2025.

Dan Koenig - \$200	Marilyn Bomholt - \$30
Kyle Grabowski - \$100	Sheryl Lange - 30
Kevin Hartings - \$100	Natalie Evers - \$25
Trina Griesdorn - \$40	
8. To approve the Open Enrollment Policy.
9. To approve the 2nd grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo, Ft. Wayne, IN on May 7, 2025.
10. To approve the Varsity M field trip to the OSU Hockey game in Columbus, OH on March 28, 2025.
11. To approve the purchase of a Panasonic Projector System from American Sound at a cost of \$33,646.80 for the drama department.
12. To approve the donation of \$1,500 to the football program from MVP Sports & More.
13. To approve the donation of \$1,076.94 from the Marion Local PTO to the library.

25-34:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Shannon Everman motioned that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Marcia Moeller as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Rose yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Moeller abstained. Motion passed.

25-35:

Tim Pohlman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education approve Marcia Moeller and Mary Lou Bruns as volunteers for the volleyball program. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Everman yea and Bruns yea. Moeller abstained. Motion passed.

25-36:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for consideration of one or more of the following matters. 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.

 x 1. To consider the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

a. appointment

b. employment

c. dismissal

d. discipline

e. promotion

f. demotion

g. x compensation

h. 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.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:33 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 9:14 p.m.

No action was taken.

25-37:

Phil Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting will be hold on April 14, 2025 in the Board Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.