

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Meeting was called to order by President Elaine Pierron.

Randy Bruns, Dave Moorman, Elaine Pierron, Tim Pohlman and Brenda Schwieterman answered roll call by Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

Randy Bruns motioned to approve the agenda. Brenda Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

17-70:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 9, 2017 be approved as read. Dave Moorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Moorman yea, Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

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

- Fall technology in-services have come to a close. Winter in-services will be starting in December. A list of sessions can be found at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html> Sessions include
 - How to use and create Google Images
 - How to use EDpuzzle for interactive video lessons
 - How to use Edcite for digital assessments

Technology Purchases

- 5 Laptops for high school CAD
- 5 Chromebook batteries for student replacement

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Starting the ERATE paperwork for the FY18 school year. Will be applying for category 2 funding this year to update some of our network hardware. Most of the hardware was replaced with the renovation in 2002.

Technology Highlight

In music, class Ms. Rhonemus's fifth grade students are in the beginning stages of their "Spooky Listening Unit". The students are learning about how and why we use music to make movies or TV shows sound spooky around Halloween. The students are using their Chromebooks to respond to different listening prompts. They have prompts for several songs they listen to on Google Classroom. Students will then create their own spooky music using their chromebooks to

create their own spooky masterpiece. This music will then be used to set the "mood" for a spooky poem or story the students read aloud to the class as a small group.

Ms. Rhonemus's sixth grade music students are in the middle of their "Music History Unit". They are learning about the different musical time periods and the composers in them. The students have been using their Chromebooks to research information about the different time periods and then listening to and responding to music from that time period on Google Classroom.

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

Band Highlight:

Congratulations to Mr. Brad Spettel and the band for an outstanding competition season. Their performance at the State Marching Band Competition resulted in a superior rating.

Cross Country:

Congrats to Kelsey Broering for a fine season and her 30th place at the state meet.

Honda Math Medal:

Congratulations to senior Nathan Heitkamp for being Marion Local's Honda Math Medal award winner. This is awarded to an outstanding math student each year that has an interest in the engineering field. Nathan was also recently on a first place robotics team through Tri-Star as well.

National Honor Society:

Congratulations to the following new members of the NHS: Kylie Albers, Carrie Frysinger, Rachel Bergman, Lucas Bertke, Emma Brunswick, Isaac Budde, Carrie Fesenmyer, Kristin Grieshop, Brooke Hartings, Allison Heitkamp, Haley Heitkamp, Hayden Kremer, Brooke Kuether, Rachel Partington, Natalie Rethman, Ava Rose, Mariah Schlater, John Tangeman, Aubrey Thobe, Bailey Winner, Rachel Wolters, Kendra Wynk and Melissa Wynk.

Assembly:

High school students and staff recently attended an assembly at Fort Recovery High School. Chris Herren gave a powerful message about his story of addiction and recovery. Thanks to Fort Recovery Schools for inviting us and for their sponsors who brought Mr. Herren in to speak.

Upcoming events:

- November 22nd Career Day
- December 7th Sophomore field trip to Tri-Star programs
- December 8th Senior Citizens Luncheon

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

1. The PTO Fundraiser was very successful. Thank you to the community for supporting this organization and to our committee for handling all of the details of the fundraiser. The PTO has paid for the painting projects in the elementary this past summer and are saving funds for improvements to the elementary playground.

2. The end of the 1st nine weeks was on Friday, October 20. We had 111/143 (78%) of our 7th and 8th grade students on the honor roll this quarter.
3. The 8th grade had a very successful trip to Washington, DC in October. Thank you to Rod Pleiman and Beth Mescher for their supervision of students while on the trip and to Rod Pleiman and June Moeller for their efforts in coordinating the trip.



4. Parent-Teacher conferences were held October 31st, November 2nd and 3rd. We had a great turn out in the elementary. Thank you to the teachers who spent a great amount of time in preparing for their conversations with our parents.
5. Thank you to Ft. Recovery Schools for inviting our students to listen to Mr. Chris Herron last week. Mr. Herron provided the students a very powerful message of the effects of drug and alcohol abuse.
6. This year we have three LEGO Robotics teams of 5th and 6th grade students. They have been working hard since school has started. They were invited to Honda in Anna to have a mock competition with several other Mercer and Shelby county schools. Students were also given the time to work with engineers from Honda to help with the programming of their robots.



7. Thank you to the Lock One Community Arts organization in New Bremen. They invited our 6th-8th grade students to a performance by Cadence, an a men's a capella ensemble. They provide this service every year free of charge. It was a great performance and the students enjoyed the afternoon.
8. Good luck to our 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball teams. All have started practicing and the girls will begin their game schedule right before Thanksgiving and the boys will begin their game schedule right after Thanksgiving break.
9. Upcoming events:
 - a. Nov 23-Nov 27: No School, Thanksgiving Break
 - b. Dec 4: K-4 Musical, 9:30am & 7:00pm
 - c. Dec 18: 5-12 Band & Choir concert, 7:00pm, high school

Greg Bruns

4th and 5th graders took the past two weeks to learn Square Dancing in preparation for the 4th and 5th Grade Hoe Down Dance put on by the Marion Local PTO. The dance was on Sat Nov. 11th in the Elementary Gymnasium for the students and their parents.

Beth Mescher

Fifth grade students did a STEM-like activity in SS. They were given the problem of migrating to certain regions in America yet not having shelter. As clans, they collected resources from nature and had to build a shelter.

Jean Smith

Third graders recently finished a science unit on living things. They learned that if seeds are kept moist, they can germinate without soil! We are still watching many plants grow in the classroom, including popcorn, avocados, lettuce, and beans.

Jeanna Heitkamp

Our 5th & 6th grade Lego League members participated in a robotics scrimmage last week at Honda. This year we have 22 students participating, with 6 volunteer coaches making up 3 teams. We will be attending a competition this coming Saturday at Versailles High School.

Laura Post

5th graders have been researching endangered and threatened species of Ohio. They also researched invasive species found in Ohio including what is being done to eradicate these problematic species. They created "Wanted Posters" using their research.

Terri Berning

Students in third grade are learning how to prepare for state AIR tests with the Wonders software that was purchased this summer! Thank you for allowing its purchase!

Treva Fortkamp

I have Judy Zircher in health class that talks about relationships and abstinence to our sophomores.

Emily Henschen

In ELA, the 8th graders have been working on argumentative writing pieces.

Cody Smith

Third graders created fraction kits with different strips of colored construction paper. They folded each strip into a specific number of parts: halves, fourths, eighths, and sixteenths. They use the fraction kit to play games and compare and order fractions.

Mandy Koenig

5th grade learned how to make and manipulate a table in Google Docs by making their own versions of their schedules. 4/5 grades did an All About Me in Google Slides that taught them some of the functions of the program. 3rd grade is doing an All About Me in PowerPoint that they are learning how to place pictures from their computers and from the internet.

Andrea Greve

In 6th grade STEM we are building shelters that will protect pilgrims (a picture on a sheet of paper) from wind (air blown through a straw), rain (spray bottle), and the weight of snow (full water bottle).

In 6th grade ELA we are working on writing skits using the dialogue skills we have learned in class. Shortly, we will start a novel study of Maniac Magee. (Amanda may add more to this...)

In 7th grade ELA we starting a historical fiction unit on the Civil War. Students participated in stations to learn about various facts of the Civil War and are going to work in groups to read a historical fiction novel about a character during the Civil War. They will be comparing the facts to the fictional account of that time.

Rod Plieman

In 8th Grade S.S. students are working through the process of getting Bills passed into Laws By creating revisions to the Student Handbook in their agendas.

In 7th Grade S.S., students complete a break out of India’s Taj Mahal by solving clues, codes and puzzles related to the culture of India. 5 of 6 groups completed the task in time. Students then assessed their own work in the group and what they would change. Next is to make suggestions for improvement.

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

The financial report for October 2017 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$381,634.18 was spent on 2 regular payrolls, \$265,945.14 was issued in warrant checks and \$104,304.53 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$795,273.00 and interest income was \$7,447.71.

Motion Items

Exhibit 2B-1

Changes to Permanent Appropriations

- Increase OHSAA Tournament Expenses in 022 fund due to hosting football playoff game and volleyball tournament game
- Increase Title I \$327.94 due to change in allocation
- Decrease Title II-A \$69.03 due to change in allocation
- Increase Title IV-A \$6,590 to allow for advances

Exhibit 2B-2

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- Increase OHSAA Tournament Revenue in 022 fund due to hosting football playoff game and volleyball tournament game
- Increase Title I \$327.94 due to change in allocation
- Decrease Title II-A \$69.03 due to change in allocation
- Increase Title IV-A \$6,590 to allow for advances

Additional Motion Items

Health Flexible Spending Account

- You are being asked to approve the Flexible Spending Account Plan through American Fidelity for calendar year 2018. We elected the carryover provision to allow a rollover up to \$500 for Health FSA funds to make the program more flexible and consumer friendly. The plan will be on the table at the meeting.

Purchase of Competitive Retail Electric Service

- There is a resolution on the consent agenda to authorize the Amended Resolution of the certain Master Supply Agreement dated July 14, 2016 and the extension of the delivery period, through and include the December 2020 monthly billing cycle.

Insurance – Cost of Insurance

- Move to approve pro rating Renee Harting's cost of insurance as Food Supervisor/Dietician retroactive to August 2017.

Other Informational Items

OHSAA Tournament

- The 022 Fund was established several years ago when we hosted our first football playoff game. The same accounts are being used again this year for the volleyball tournament and football playoff game.

Open Enrollment Presentation

- Steve Dandurand from Corporate One was here on Wednesday, October 25th to give a presentation to discuss the insurance options and costs. He also reviewed the on-line enrollment process. Open enrollment ends November 30th.

Proper Public Purchase

- There will be a report on the table that lists food and other amenities that were purchased by the Marion Local School District during the 2016-2017 school year. Please take a look at the report. I will be asking for the Board President (Elaine Pierron) to sign off on this report that these expenditures qualify as valid and proper public purpose purchases as defined by the Marion Local School District Board of Education, its policies and procedures.

Audit

- I received our draft audit report from Perry & Associates. The only finding Marion Local received was for a noncompliance citation in regards to GAAP Reporting. The board has determined that preparing the GAAP Report is not only ineffective as a management tool, but also is very costly to the district to prepare and audit. No other findings were noted in the report. Other recommendations were given in the

management letter comments. All of the recommendations are minor and pertain to the financial statement and footnotes.

- A copy of the draft audit report was e-mailed to all of the board members and will be on the table at the meeting. There are several documents that need signed by Board President along with the Treasurer and Superintendent. I will have those ready to be signed Monday night.

17-71:

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

17-72:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Randy Bruns 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: Bruns yea, Pohlman yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

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

1. STAFFING

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Becky Hemmelgarn as dishwasher, revise the contract to Sherry Schoenlein to 3.5 hours as a dishwasher, and approve Jeremy Link as a volunteer baseball coach.

2. POLICIES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the following policies for the second and final reading: 2271, 2464, 4120.05, 5136, 5136.01, 5200, 5330, 5530, 6233, 6680, 7300, 8600.04, 9141, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.05, 7540.06, 3217, 4217, and 7217.

3. FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the field trip for TAG students to travel to Chicago on May 10-11, 2018.

4. MASTER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve to authorize the Master Supply Agreement dated July 14, 2016. (See exhibit)

5. GIFTED EDUCATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Gifted Education Plan to fulfill the Ohio Department of Education's requirement.

6. NOACSC

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the billing notice for computer services for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$16,552.00.

7. GIFTED

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Marion Local policy and plan for the Identification and Services of Children who are gifted. (See exhibit)

8. TRI STAR

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Tri Star Reserve Capital fund billing of \$6,512, and also approve the billing of the Tri Star Service fee at a cost of \$21,450.

9. HEARING SERVICES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve a contract with the Montgomery County ESC to provide hearing services for FY 2018 at a cost of \$1.60/minute/student.

10. SENATE BILL 216

On the consent agenda is a resolution by the Marion Local Board of Education to support the passage of Senate Bill 216. This bill also known as the “Deregulation bill” will bring more control back to the local Board of Education and lift mandates that have increased cost.

11. SECTION 125

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the section 125 plan document for the year starting January 2018.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

1. Renewal Levy

On behalf of the Marion Local Board of Education, I would like to thank our community for the passage of the levy on November 7th. This money will assist us in educating the great children in this community and operating our facilities. Thank you.

2. Senior Citizen’s Luncheon

The luncheon takes place at 1:00 on December 8th at the high school. If any Board member can attend, please let me know.

3. State competition

In late October our band participated in the state competition and I would like to congratulate them on their superior rating and a successful marching season.

4. Staff Breakfast

We will be conducting our staff Christmas breakfast on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 a.m. I would like to invite the Board of Education if you can fit this in your work schedule.

5. Facility Meeting

We have scheduled our first community meeting to discuss the proposed new facility on November 29, 2017 at 7:00 in the elementary gymnasium. We invite all community members to come and receive a presentation from Garmann and Miller Architects to review the site plan, floor plan, and 3-D rendering and have the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to this potential project.

17-73:

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

17-74:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Tim Pohlman motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employ. Randy Bruns seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:25 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:51 p.m.

17-75:

Randy Bruns motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Brenda Schwieterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bruns yea, Schwieterman yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea and Pierron yea. Motion passed.