

## **Marion Local Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 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, Shannon Everman, Phil Moeller and Jesse Rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Ryan Goldschmidt. Tim Pohlman was absent.

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

#### **24-78:**

Shannon Everman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2024 be approved as read. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

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

- 9 SMART Interactive Flat Panels for high school classrooms

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

- October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. Emailing weekly updates to staff with cyber security information.
  - Safe Internet browsing
  - The Importance of Shutting Down Computers Every Night
  - Staying safe with QR codes
  - Safe file downloading

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

##### **Band Show:**

Congratulations to Mr. Spettel, the band boosters, band parents and band members for hosting a very well-attended band show on the night of September 28. Six bands competed and the weather wasn't ideal but everyone persevered. Congratulations to the band for qualifying for the state band competition!

##### **Homecoming:**

Thanks to Mrs. Broering and the student council for organizing a successful homecoming celebration which included powderpuff/cornhole, crowning of the queen and to a very well-attended dance. Congratulations to queen Lydia Hess and King Colton Ahrens.

**Safety Drills:**

We conducted a few fairly interesting safety drills in conjunction with the Mercer Co Sheriff's Department on Sept 26th. Thanks to Carla Baucher and Douglas Wuebker for their help and cooperation.

**Upcoming events:**

- Oct 23-25 FFA National Convention
- Oct 28 NHS Induction
- Oct 29,31 Parent Teacher Conferences

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

- Junior High Fall sports have/will be finishing their seasons. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers who have poured hours and energy into providing these extracurricular opportunities for our students.
- Certified staff recently participated in the Mercer County Professional Learning Conference. Staff participated in a variety of breakout sessions to expand their knowledge in their content area(s), technology, gifted services, and relationship building.
- 8th graders spent a day visiting and learning more about the many opportunities that Tri Star has to offer. Students were scheduled to visit each of the programs to better understand how Tri Star may be an option for our students to explore. As 7th graders, students tour different manufacturing facilities within our area. Our current 7th graders will tour on October 24 to Crown, Fort Recovery Industries, Pax, and VTF. This helps to expose students to career options within our region and supports some of the programs offered by Tri Star.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the end of the month and into the beginning of November. Online registration is open for parents to sign up to meet with their child's teacher.

**Upcoming events:**

- October 15: Grandparents' Day (K-2) at 9:00
- October 18: End of the 1st nine weeks
- October 19: 5th&6th Grade Drama Performance, *Rumpelstiltskin*; *Private Eye* (3:00 & 7:00)
- October 21-24: 8th Grade trip to Washington DC
- October 23-24: 3rd Grade ELA state test
- October 24: 7th grade STEM/Manufacturing field trip
- October 29, 31, & November 1: Parent/Teacher conferences

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

The financial report for September 2024 including reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$1,583,895.01, income was \$1,078,073.55 and interest income was \$119,573.24.

## Motion Items

### Permanent Appropriations

- Please see Permanent Appropriations report presented at the meeting

### Estimated Resources

- Please see Estimated Resources report presented at the meeting

## Additional Items

- Investing Update – All funds have been invested into longer-term investments. This was done as a mixture of CD's, US Agency Notes, and US Treasury Notes.

## Five Year Forecast

- The Five-Year Forecast is due on November 30<sup>th</sup>. I will present the forecast at the November BOE meeting.

Insurance open enrollment for staff 10/21 through 11/1.

### **24-79:**

Phil Moeller motioned to approve the following reports as presented by Mr. Goldschmidt. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Everman 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

**Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report**

### **24-80:**

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

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

### **STAFFING**

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to accept the retirement of Angie Leugers effective May 31<sup>st</sup>, approve the hire of Emma Guggenbiller and Kirsten Saintignon as co-swim coaches.

### **FIELD TRIP**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Ag. Science field trip to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 23-25.

## **DONATION**

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation from the Modern Mothers of Marion of \$100 to the HOPE Squad and a \$100 anonymous donation to the Athletic dept.

## **NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

On the consent agenda is a motion to change the November board meeting to November 18<sup>th</sup> due to many of us attending the Capital conference on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **WATERLINE BID**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Waterline bid from Shinn Bros. at a cost of \$994,600. The grant will pay for this project other than our portion of \$300,000.

## **GIFTED PLAN**

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the district Gifted Education Plan.

## **C. Advisory Items**

None

## **D. Informational Items**

**Principals:** The month of October is national principal appreciation month. I would like to thank Mrs. Thobe, Mrs. Bruns, and Mr. Goodwin for everything you do and the countless number of hours you spend making Marion Local a great educational environment for our students to learn.

**County In-service Day:** On Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> our staff participated in the teacher professional development in-service hosted at New Bremen which included teachers from Marion Local, St. Henry, Ft. Recovery, Coldwater, Parkway, Minster, New Bremen, Waynesfield Goshen, New Knoxville, Versailles, and Lincolnview. We are very appreciative of the Mercer County Educational Service Center for all of their efforts in providing our staff valuable professional development opportunities so we may all grow in our profession.

**Facility Project update:** The waterline project is on track to begin once the Board approves the bid from Shinn Bros. with most of the work being completed this winter. The final finishing work will most likely be completed early this summer to minimize disruption on campus. In regards to the new facility construction, the early site package bids will be gathered by Touchstone (our construction manager) with work beginning in early November. Possibly by the middle of November we may see some temporary fencing going up to block off the construction site.

**Transportation:** We have been working on communicating our plan for school bus, parent, and student traffic once construction has started. Mrs. Thobe is working with Garmann Miller and we will be communicating that in the very near future.

**24-81:**

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

1. To approve the retirement of Angie Leugers as a Teacher effective May 31, 2025.
2. To hire Kirsten Saintignon and Emma Guggenbiller as Co-Assistant Swim Coaches on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending proper certification.
3. To approve the Ag Science field trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 23-25, 2024.
4. To approve the Marion Local Schools Gifted Education Identification Policy & Service Plan.
5. To change the November regular board meeting date to November 18, 2024.
6. To approve the bid from Shinn Brothers for the waterline project at a cost of \$994,600.
7. To approve the \$100 anonymous donation to the Athletic Department.
8. To approve the donation of \$100 to the Hope Squad from the Modern Mothers of Marion.

**24-82:**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with St. Henry Band effective October 14, 2024 thru December 31, 2028. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Everman yea and Rose yea. Bruns abstained. Motion passed.

**24-83:**

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

Entered into Executive Session: 7:15 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 7:47 p.m.

No action was taken.

**24-84:**

Shannon Everman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Everman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.