

**Marion Local Board of Education
Elementary & Middle School Principal's Report
Kelli Thobe**

October 9, 2023

Students:

- 7th & 8th grade sports are in their final week of competition. A pep rally was held to celebrate the efforts and talents of the cheerleaders, cross country runners, football teams, volleyball teams, and marching band members.
- Kindergarten - 2nd grade recently performed and hosted Grandparents' Day. 275 students performed and welcomed their grandparents to their classrooms to showcase their hard work. Thank you to Ms. Stephanie Kramer and the teachers for their planning and preparation for the event!
- 8th Graders are set for their trip to Washington DC (October 24-27). All 8th grade students are planning to attend. The group will consist of 58 students and 28 chaperones.
- 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.

Staff:

- Staff participated in the county inservice at the beginning of the month. The focus was on innovation and preparing our students for the future. The keynote speaker addressed AI and its role in education, the 21st century workforce, and integrating advanced technology into our classrooms.

Upcoming events:

- October 9-13: CogAt & Iowa testing for 2nd & 4th grades
- October 17: 7th & 8th grade Band/Choir concert
- October 19: 7th grade STEM/Manufacturing field trip
- October 20: End of the 1st nine weeks
- October 24 - 27: 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.
- October 25 & 26: 3rd grade ELA state test
- October 31, November 2, & November 3: Parent/Teacher conferences

Treasurer's Report

October 8, 2023

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

- Request approval of payment to VOYA for severance pay in the amount of \$2,340.63. Per O.R.C. 5705.41 (D) since amount is over \$1,000 and has an invoice date of 6/2023.

Five Year Forecast

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

Insurance open enrollment for staff 10/23 through 11/3.

Superintendent's Report

A. Executive Sessions

The Board and its committees and subcommittees reserve the right to meet privately in executive session solely to discuss one (1) or more of the following issues exempted from public sessions:

- A. consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student
- B. investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student unless such employee, official, licensee or student requests a public meeting; except that consideration of the discipline of a Board member for conduct related to the performance of his/her duties or his/her removal from office shall not be held in executive session
- C. consideration of the purchase of property or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure or information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest
- D. discussion, with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action
- E. preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment
- F. matters required to be confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes
- G. specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of law

No official action may be taken in executive session. R.C. 121.22

Collective bargaining meetings between employers and employee organizations are private and not subject to R.C. 121.22. R.C. 4117.21

An executive session will be held only at a regular or special meeting. After the meeting is convened, any member may make a motion for an executive session, and must state the purpose or purposes of the session by citing one (1) or more of the reasons set forth above. If the session is to discuss a personnel matter listed in paragraph A above, the particular subject for which the session has been called must be identified in the motion. The motion does not need to name the person. Upon receiving a second to the motion and a majority roll-call vote of those present and voting, the chairperson shall declare the Board in executive session.

In keeping with the confidential nature of executive sessions, no member of the Board, committee or subcommittee shall disclose the content of discussions that take place during such sessions.

All members of the Board, committee or subcommittee are entitled to attend executive sessions. The Board, committee or subcommittee may invite any other person to attend an executive session.

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B. Motion Items October 2023

1. STAFFING

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Klosterman as an Instructional Aide, hire Sandy Ranly as an Instructional Aide, hire Kyle Grabowski and Erica Schulze as Co. Junior Class advisors, hire Jacob Sherrick as co- boys’, girls’ faculty manager, and Varsity M advisor, and hire Brady Ronnebaum as the head j.h. girls’ basketball coach.

2. SUBSTITUTE SALARY SCHEDULE

Included in the consent agenda is a motion to approve the sub pay rate for certified and classified substitutes.

3. FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Yearbook field trip to Ball State on April 26th, 5th and 6th grade band to the Lima Civic Center, 7th and 8th grade band to Kings Island on May 4th, and FFA to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis on November 11-13.

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 2nd many of our staff participated in the county in-service. 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.

Todd Ashbaugh: (from the Board of Education) On October 2nd we laid our dear friend and colleague Mr. Todd Ashbaugh to rest. As everyone is aware, Todd held many positions at Marion Local and was extremely dedicated. What we would like to point out is the small things he did that went above and beyond. Those include greeting everyone at Marion Local athletic events, offering help whenever anyone was in need, having conversations with past graduates to make sure everything was going well and ensuring that what he taught them was helping them in life after graduation. He made everyone feel special! Please join me in a moment of silence to honor Todd who passed along so much knowledge to the students in our community and provided so much joy to everyone he came in contact with.