

**MARION LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY REPORT
October 14, 2024**

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

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High School Principal's Report
Mr. Tim Goodwin
October 14, 2024

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

October 14, 2024

- 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, *Rumpelstilskin; 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 20: End of the 1st nine weeks
- October 24 - 27: 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.
- October 29, 31, & November 1: Parent/Teacher conferences

Treasurer's Report

October 14, 2024

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 30th. I will present the forecast at the November BOE meeting.

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

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, license, 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 2024

1. STAFFING

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

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

5. 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.

6. 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 7th 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.