

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Randy Bruns, Shannon Everman, Phil Moeller, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

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, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

20-57:

Tim Pohlman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2020 be approved as read. Shannon Everman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Everman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Recognition of visitors:

Garman/Miller Architect, Matt Hibner, and Engineers, Kellen Mescher and Andrew Huelsman, presented preliminary floor plans for an Elementary Classroom Renovation and Addition Project. Due to an expected increase in enrollment, the board asked Garman/Miller to draw up plans to potentially add four classrooms that would be used by kindergarten students.

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

Fall technology in-service opportunities will be available soon.

Technology Purchases

None

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Thank you for your support of technology in the classroom.
 - 828 Chromebooks are being used by students on a daily basis.
 - 171 Active Google Classrooms are being used by teachers.
 - 58 Seesaw classrooms for grades Kindergarten thru 2nd

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

Start of School:

I would like to thank the teachers and students for a smooth start to the school year. A special thanks goes to Jenny Dippold and Barb Kahlig during this very busy time for them with schedule changes and collecting of forms. Also, teachers and students have done a great job with the new health regulations.

Safe Schools Week:

We conducted all drills in compliance with Safe Schools Week. All went well.

CC+ Update:

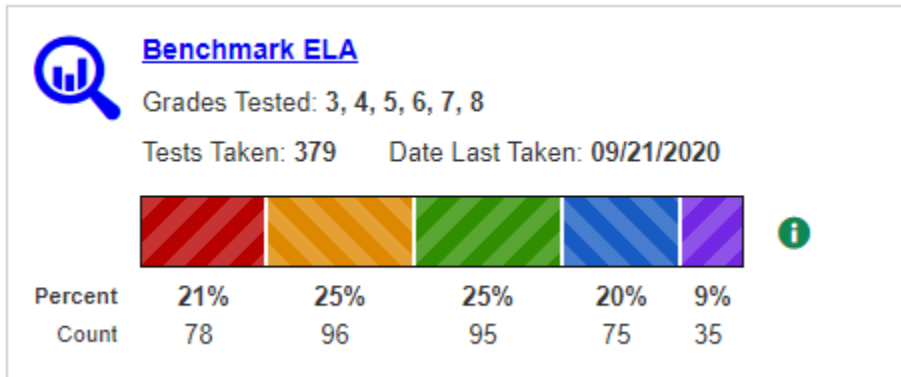
We have 86 students who are earning college credit while remaining at Marion Local this fall. The classes involved are: Precalculus with teacher Doug Jutte, English with teacher Lynne Yates, Spanish with teacher Julie Overman, Psychology with Erica Schulze and Physics with Todd Ashbaugh. This is up from 52 last year.

Upcoming events:

- Sept 21 College Application Night for seniors
- Sept 23 School Pictures
- Sept 25 Interim Reports
- Sept 28 Financial Aid Night
- Oct 12 Teacher In-Service

Marion Local K-8 Principal, Nick Wilker, submitted the following report:

1. Start of the school year: I would like to thank our staff for the tremendous start we have had. I would also like to thank our parents for their trust in us to provide a safe environment for their children to learn.
2. Restart Readiness Assessments: Developed by the state to help provide schools with a tool to identify where gaps may be in student learning due to the school closure last spring. These are full-length assessment to match what spring testing looks like. We are working on these assessment this week and on October 12th during the county-wide professional development day, our staff will be analyzing the results.



Math testing will be on Tuesday and Science for grades 5 and 8 will be on Wednesday.

3. Collaboration meetings: We finished our first round of collaboration meetings where I meet with the teachers and the students go to a group guidance lesson. We spent a great deal of time focusing on students who were starting the year behind and developing plans to catch them up from the extended break from school.
4. Fall athletics: We again have a high number of student involved in extracurriculars including band, cheerleading, cross country, football, and volleyball. Thanks for our teachers on staff who help coach these extracurriculars: Erica Oldiges (8th grade volleyball), Rod Pleiman (football), Brad Spettel & Stephanie Kramer (band), and Cody Smith (football). I would also like to thank Michelle Kessen, Jeff Kaup, and Rod Pleiman who all serve as faculty advisors and help coordinate all the logistics of these after school events.
5. Upcoming events:

- a. Sept 24: Fall picture day
- b. Oct 7: Grandparent's Day (cancelled this year)
- c. Oct 12: No School, county-wide professional development day

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

The Financial report for August 2020, including the additional reports provided, was approved by the board. For the month, expenditures totaled \$885,136.79, cash receipts were \$724,249.91 and interest income was \$2,285.19.

Motion Items

Changes to Temporary Appropriations

- No changes

Changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

- No Changes

Additional Motion Items

Contracted Services with NOACSC for Payroll Services

- You are being asked to approve contracted services with NOACSC at \$45 per hour for payroll services while Katie Heitkamp, Assistant to the Treasurer, is on FMLA.

Contracted Nursing Services for Preschool Special Education

- You are being asked to approve a payment agreement/consent with Private Duty Services, Inc. for preschool special education nursing services for the 2020-2021 school year at \$40 per hour.
- You are also being asked to approve a contract with Deborah Goettemoeller for preschool special education nursing services for the 2020-2021 school year at \$29.20 per hour.

Other Informational Items

Five Year Forecast

- The Five Year Forecast is not due to November 30th. I am not sure if I will be presenting it at the October or November meeting. I will keep you updated.

Casino Tax Revenue

- We received \$12,240.12 from casino tax revenue at the end of August for January through July. Last year for the same time period we received \$23,981.12, which is a 49% decrease due primarily to COVID-19.

Capital Conference

- The 2020 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show will be held November 7-10 as a virtual event due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of Ohio regulations.

- This virtual event offers four days of learning sessions which will be available for on-demand viewing through December 31st.
- Registration must be done by **November 6th** so please let me know if you would like to attend the virtual conference. Registration is \$175 per person or a flat fee of \$1,225 for seven or more attendees.
- You should have received an email from OSBA with details about the virtual conference.

20-58:

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

Treasurer’s Monthly Financial Report

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

STAFFING

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Cassandra Osterholt retroactive to August 26th and approve the hire of Gina Fleck as 2.5 hour dishwasher retroactive to September 14th. You are asked to hire the following spring coaches listed on the consent agenda. Finally, you are asked to approve the list of classified subs including Diane Moeller, Becky Hartings, Pat Fleck, Jenny Albers, Dianne Post, Viv Hartings, Bernice Reichert, Bec Fullenkamp, and Nancy Luebke.

CONTRACTED SERVICE

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to approve contracted services with Private Duty Services Inc. for preschool nursing services and approve a contract with Deborah Goettemoeller for nursing services.

CHILLER BID

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve Treasurer, Heather Cramer to go out to bid for replacing our chiller at the high school building.

DONATIONS

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve donations from St Henry Bank, Lamm Insurance, and OPPAC for the purchase of the video cameras for our NFHS system.

POLICIES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the following policies: 1520, 1530, 2270, 5200, 5610, 5611, 6144, 6152, 6152.1, 6424, and 8800 recommended by NEOLA for first reading.

GIFTED EDUCATION PLAN

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the district Gifted Education plan. No changes from the 19-20 school year plan with the exception of a revision to a couple assessments.

Advisory Items

THREE HOUR DELAY

It is the recommendation from the superintendent and principals to continue having three hour delays, but to end the school day at the normally scheduled time (3:12). We completed a test trial earlier this school year and the feedback we received was very positive in regards to the educational value of the day versus the hardship a one hour extended day causes.

Informational Items

BUS DRIVER IN-SERVICE

The bus driver in-service normally held at the end of September for Mercer County has been cancelled.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Marion Local is eligible to offer free lunch meals for all students. Renee Hartings our Food Service Supervisor applied, and we plan to start these for students on October 1st. This program is possible through a federal grant and local tax dollars are not being used to fund this.

STATE REPORT CARD

In March 2020, the state legislation allowed Ohio to waive most state testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year due to coronavirus. Schools were not required to administer Ohio's State Tests in the spring of 2020. With the cancellation of these tests, the data that feeds into several measures on the report cards are not available this year. We have a very watered down district report card.



District Overview

Districts and schools report information for the Ohio School Report Cards on specific marks of performance, called measures, within broad categories called components. They receive grades for up to 10 measures and six components. The 2019-2020 report card will not have grades or ratings. Limited data is available due to the coronavirus pandemic and ordered school-building closure.

- District Details
- View Schools
- Financial Data
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Achievement

This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall. The data for this component is not available this year.



Progress

This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances. The data for this component is not available this year.



Gap Closing

This component shows how well schools are improving or meeting the performance expectations for all students in English language arts, math, graduation and English language proficiency. The data for this component is not available this year.



Graduation Rate

This component shows the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four or five years. This data is available and was not impacted for the reporting years.



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Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers

This component looks at how successful schools are at improving reading for at-risk students in grades K-3. This data is partially available this year.



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Prepared for Success

This component looks at how well prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college. This data is available and was not impacted for the reporting years.



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20-59:

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

1. To approve the resignation of Cassandra Osterholt effective August 26, 2020.
2. To hire Gina Fleck as a 2.5 hour/day Dishwasher on a one-year contract retroactive to September 14, 2020.
3. To hire the following coaches on a one-year contract per the established pay schedule pending proper certification:

Head Softball – Mindy Puthoff Asst. Softball – Brianna Groff Asst. Softball – Russ Puthoff Co-Head Track – Kyle Grabowski Co-Head Track – Alex Hemmelgarn Varsity Assistant Track – Danielle Sutter Co-Assistant Track – Danielle Otte Head Jr. High Boys Track – Rod Pleiman	Asst. Baseball – Jeff Kaup Asst. Baseball – Jeremy Link Freshmen Baseball – TBA Co-Head Track – Kathy Dirksen Co-Assistant Track – Jason Winner Head Jr. High Girls Track – Sandy Bruns Jr. High Assistant Track – Matt Schmackers
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4. To approve the list of classified substitutes:

Diane Moeller, Becky Hartings, Pat Fleck, Jenny Albers, Dianne Post, Viv Hartings, Bernice Reichert, Bec Fullenkamp, Nancy Luebke

5. To approve to pay NOACSC \$45/hour for payroll services while Katie Heitkamp, Assistant to the Treasurer, is on FMLA.
6. To approve the Payment Agreement/Consent with Private Duty Services Inc. at a rate of \$40/hr. for preschool special education nursing services retroactive to August 31, 2020.
7. To approve the contract with Deborah Goettemoeller at a rate of \$29.20/hr. for preschool special education nursing services retroactive to September 1, 2020.
8. To approve the Treasurer to go out to bid for replacement of the chiller at the High School.
9. To approve donations to sponsor the NFHS Network to livestream athletic events at Marion Local: St. Henry Bank-\$1,500; OPPAC-\$1,500; Lamm Insurance-\$1,500.
10. To approve the Marion Local Schools District Gifted Education Plan.
11. To read for the first time the following policies:
 - 1520 – Employment of Administrators
 - 1530 – Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
 - 2270 – Religion in the Curriculum
 - 5200 – Attendance
 - 5610 – Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
 - 5611 – Due Process Rights
 - 6144 – Investments
 - 6152 – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
 - 6152.01 – Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Materials
 - 8800 – Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

20-60:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jesse Rose 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, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:31 p.m.

Mike Pohlman, Heather Cramer, Tim Goodwin, and Nick Wilker were invited into executive session.

Out of Executive Session: 10:15 p.m.

No action was taken.

The next regular board meeting will be on October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

20-61:

Phil Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Rose yea, Everman yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.