

# MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MARION, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, in Room 2-29 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:02 p.m.

**Board members present:**

Mr. Todd Nicholson	President
Mr. Chuck Griffin	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Mrs. Serafina Salamo	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Mr. Alan Beck	Secretary
Mr. Bruce Weatherspoon	Member
Mr. Aaron Vermilion	Member
Mrs. Dana Gault	Member

**Also present:**

Dr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Dr. Bob Schultz	Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs
Mrs. Michele Smith	Director of Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Brian Sharp	Director of Safety
Mrs. Lynn Gosser	Principal, McCulloch Junior High School
Mrs. Sue Nicholson	District Head Nurse
Colonel David Farlow	Director of JROTC

**Media/Distinguished Guests:**

Mr. Scott Simpson	Marion Teachers Association President
Ms. Heather Cox	Chronicle-Tribune Reporter

**Spectators/Patrons:**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nicholson, Board President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given. There was a moment of silence.

**BOARD HONORS**

The Board recognized Mrs. Gail Ball, a Transportation Employee, with 40 years of Service to Marion Community Schools.

The Board also recognized JROTC cadets Levi Hofmann and Hailey Teegarden for qualifying for the Nationals competition for marksmanship.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*19-038 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019*

*19-039 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019*

*19-040 PERSONNEL REPORTS*

- 19-041 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 19-042 APPROVAL OF HEAD START ERSEA SELECTION CRITERIA
- 19-043 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS
- 19-044 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST - MARION HIGH SCHOOL

**19-038 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

**19-039 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**19-040 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

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PERSONNEL REPORTS**

2/27/19

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**Change in Assignment**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Kristin Swisher	From Food Service Assistant to Sub	2/20/19
Charles Jordan	From Food Service Sub to Food Service Assistant Frances Slocum	2/27/19

**New Employee**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Bobbi Kirk	District, Deaf Interpreter	2/25/19

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Zoeann Lassiter	MRCC, Executive Assistant	2/4/19-2/5/19, 2/7/19 & 2/13/19-2/14/19

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Personnel Reports, as presented.

### **19-041 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 2/1/19 through 2/21/19 were presented. The report included accounts payable claims #20,557 through #20,731 for a total of 175 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,002,003.03; of that amount \$248,917.25 was expended from the Education Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

### **19-042 APPROVAL OF HEAD START ERSEA SELECTION CRITERIA**

As part of the new performance standards for Head Start, Mrs. Kerri Wortinger and Mrs. Deb Hendrix presented Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) information to the Board at the February 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. It was recommended by the administration that the Board approve the Head Start selection criteria.

### **19-043 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of the following donations:

1. Frances Slocum - Dr. Gwen Lavert donated \$52 for t-shirts for the Battle of the Books, and \$100 to the PTO for Braves Bravos.
2. Frances Slocum - Industrial Maintenance Specialist Inc. donated \$250 to the Robotics Club.
3. Justice – PSI Iota Xi Gamma Sorority donated \$1000 to the Justice Band.
4. Marion Community Schools – donation from the Merlin J. Loew Estate of \$94,830.62

### **19-044 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP - JROTC**

The administration recommended approval of the overnight field trip request from Marion High School for students in the Black History Club to travel for a college tour to Atlanta, GA.

The group will leave Marion High School on Monday, March 25, 2019 at approximately 1:00 a.m. and return on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Transportation will be handled through American Heritage Trails, a commercial carrier. There will be approximately 35 students participating and 10 adult chaperones.

Board Policy #2340 requires Board approval for school sponsored out-of-state student trips and/or overnight field trips. The Superintendent recommended approval of the field trip request as part of the Consent Agenda Items.

Mr. Weatherspoon entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 19-038 through 19-044. After a second by Mr. Vermilion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **III. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

### **19-045 UPDATE – DISTRICT TARGETS**

Dr. Schultz spoke about Mr. Merlin Loews history with the community and the generous donations he has given to the community through his trust. His contributions will enrich the lives of our students and community for years to come and we are thankful to him for making us a beneficiary of those funds.

## **IV. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Simpson attended the Awards for Excellence ceremony at the state center, which is adjacent to the state house. The MRCC received two certificates. One was a partnership award for the aviation program. There are 5 partners that make our aviation program work. They are the City of Marion, the Marion Airport Board, Air Marion, the McKinney Foundation and the MRCC. Dr. Travis Hueston was recognized for his cybersecurity program and cutting edge work in cyber technology.

A week from Saturday at 1pm, dress in red and make it to the state house for the rally for public education. Indiana is at the bottom as far as teacher pay, and staff pay, and that's a direct result of what happens in Indianapolis.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

The Superintendent thanked Mr. Simpson for his leadership and partnership. Moving forward we are looking to consolidate our local resources for the greater good. As a board, we are planning, as good as we are, how can we get better? That's what we are about in our strategic thinking on the pathway to planning.

Marion Community Schools has been here a long time. It is our responsibility, as we are planning for the next leg of the journey, planned thinking for us to be spot on, not just helping our kids now, but multiplying that in the future. Tomorrow we have 59 days remaining in this school year. Dr. Lindsay is proud of all of our staff, students and families and believes that we have been producing, and we will be strong to the finish line.

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Beck stated that he has been a part of organizations that have benefited from the Loew trust. He challenged the Chronicle Tribune to write a piece on Mr. Loews' generosity and the impact he's had over the years. Grant County is known for its generosity and giving. We appreciate all that they have done for this community.

Mr. Griffin acknowledged the donations given to Frances Slocum Elementary.

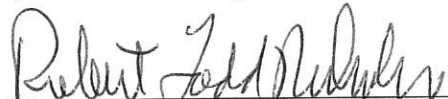
Mr. Vermilion acknowledged the donations given to Justice Intermediate School.

Mr. Nicholson commented that he attended the celebration for the Loews Trust distribution meeting and it was a very festive occasion for a lot of organizations in our community. Mr. Nicholson remembered being a new member on the Library Board years ago about the time that Mr. Loew passed and at that time the library was receiving contributions from Mr. Loews' Charitable Trust.


**VII. ADJOURNMENT**


The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room, Room 2-29 of Marion High School.


There being no further comments, Mr. Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

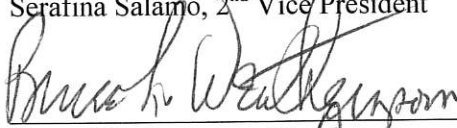
  
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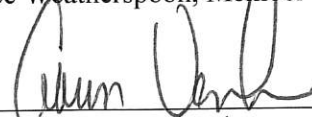
  
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