

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 16, 2011

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1240 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana, at 6:04 p.m.

Board members present:

Mr. Aaron Vermilion	President
Dr. Harry Hall	1st Vice President
Mr. Scott Murphy	2 nd Vice President
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Secretary
Mr. Greg Kitts	Member
Mr. Mike Luce	Member

Board member absent:

Mrs. Cathy Moritz	Member
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Also present:

Mr. Steve Edwards	Superintendent
Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger	Assistant Superintendent Personnel
Mr. Jim McWhirt	Business Manager
Dr. June Robinson	Director of Special Services
Mr. Troy Freeman	Director of Support Services
Ms. Amy Rauch	Secondary Instructional Coordinator
Mrs. Michelle Clouser	Elementary Instructional Coordinator
Mrs. Michelle Lochner	Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Mr. David Khalouf	Principal, Kendall Elementary School
Mrs. Yvonne Stokes	Principal, Frances Slocum Elementary
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Head Start Program Manager

Distinguished Guests:

Mrs. Cindy Edwards	MTA Representative
Mr. Tim George	WBAT WCJC WXXC
Mr. Greg Jones	Chronicle-Tribune
Chief David Gilbert	Marion Police Department

Spectators/Patrons	25
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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION

Winners and runner-ups of the local building level spelling bee, part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee contest were recognized:

WINNERS AT THE LOCAL BUILDING LEVEL

Tamia Gibson, 4th Grade, Allen Elementary
Ayawna Kemp, 4th Grade, Kendall Elementary
Seth Kemple, 4th Grade, Riverview Elementary
Gabby Reed, 4th Grade, Frances Slocum Elementary
Gabrielle Carreon, 5th Grade, Justice Intermediate
Danielle Manio, 6th Grade, Justice Intermediate
Zackary Spitzer, 7th Grade, McCulloch Junior High School
Patricia Manio, 8th Grade, McCulloch Junior High School

RUNNER-UPS

Mario Speed, 4th Grade, Allen Elementary
Katie Erickson, 4th Grade, Kendall Elementary
Zoe Orrell, 4th Grade, Riverview Elementary
Tiara Virges, 4th Grade, Frances Slocum Elementary
Kinlee Oliver, 5th Grade, Justice Intermediate
Micah Hoeksema, 6th Grade, Justice Intermediate
Matthew Lyons, 7th Grade, McCulloch Junior High School
Lan Nguyen, 8th Grade, McCulloch Junior High School

WINNERS AT THE GRANT COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Patricia Manio, 1st place
Lan Nguyen, 3rd place
Danielle Manio, 4th place
Micah Hoeksema, 6th place
Seth Kemple, 7th place

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Edwards requested approval of the Board for the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

- 11-063 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 9, 2011*
- 11-064 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2011*
- 11-065 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 11-066 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*
- 11-067 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT*
- 11-068 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION*

Any Board member may request to breakout any consent agenda item and conduct a separate vote.

11-063 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2011

Mr. Edwards recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

11-064 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2011

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

11-065 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

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BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Retirement

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Deleane Solomon	Justice Marshall, Grade 6	The Last Day for Professional Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year

Addenda Position Recommendation

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Gary Henderson	MHS, Reserve Softball Coach	For the 2010-2011 School Year

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Pam Kuczora	Justice Marshall, Behavioral Support Strategist	3/14/11 through 3/17/11

Resignation

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Amber Harris	MCS EC Center, Head Start Program Assistant/Parent Event Coordinator	3/11/11
Jamie Westgate	Kendall, Academic Support Strategist	4/1/11

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

11-066 APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The administration recommended approval of the request from the Technology Department for Mrs. Tysha Schurr, District Data Manager, to attend the PowerSchool University in Chicago, IL from June 26, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Board Policy #3242 requires Board approval for all requests that require an employee to be gone for more than three working days.

11-067 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools is not in regular session from March 17, 2011 through April 13, 2011. Since it is in the best interest of Marion Community Schools to hire the most qualified candidates when previously allocated positions become available, the administration recommended that the Board approve a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Offer Employment from March 17th through April 13th. **(Exhibit "A")**

11-068 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the acceptance of a \$20,000 donation from the Central Indiana Ethanol facility.

Mr. Luce entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 11-063 through 11-068. After a second by Mr. Kitts, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Murphy abstained from items 11-063 and 11-064.

III. ACTION

11-069 REVIEW OF BIDS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIGN SERVICES

The Board previously granted permission to request bids from architectural agencies for the ESC to Tucker move, and the HVAC/Roofing project at Kendall Elementary. Bids were received on March 7th. Based upon those bids, it was the recommendation of Mr. Freeman that the bid for the ESC to Tucker move be awarded to Halstead Architects for the amount of \$15,000; and the bid for the HVAC/Roofing project at Kendall be awarded to Barton-Coe-Vilamaa for the amount of \$35,000.

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the bid recommendations, as presented. After a second by Dr. Hall, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

11-069.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO MEET WITH ANY TEACHER WHO IS A NON-RENEWAL OR REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PRIOR TO A BOARD HEARING

The Superintendent recommended that the Board direct the Superintendent, or his designee, to meet in conference with any teacher requesting such a meeting, due to being non-renewed for performance or reduction-in-force.

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. After a second by Mr. Luce, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. DISCUSSION

11-070 MARION HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON POLICE OFFICER

The terms of the final agreement and job description for a liaison police officer at Marion High School were reviewed by the Superintendent and Police Chief Gilbert.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Joselyn Whitticker addressed the Board with regard to safety in our schools.

VI. MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Edwards commented that the four day TAP conference, recently attended by several administrators and teachers, was very beneficial.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards agreed that the sessions attended at the TAP national conference were very good. He also expressed how proud he was yesterday of our students at the spelling bee, and thanked Mrs. Earnest for a great job running the bees at all of our buildings.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy stated that he was recently in Indianapolis and the comments you hear when you are out of town, teachers and administrators and the changes in the last two years from a lack of cooperation years and years ago to where we are today, it is just outstanding, and a testimony to the hard work of our teachers and administrators, who support them. It makes you proud to be part of Marion. He also wished everyone a good spring break.

Mr. Luce commended the administration, Mr. Edwards, and Chief Gilbert for their cooperative spirit and the good work that is being done.

Mr. Kitts thanked Central Indiana Ethanol for their donation to the school corporation. The community is working together and taking steps in the right direction, with the MTA, the police department, and our parents and students. He congratulated all the spelling bee winners and commented that he was proud to be a part of the Board and for his own children to attend Marion Community Schools.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Service Center. There being no further comments, President Vermilion adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Aaron Vermilion, President

Dr. Harry Hall, 1st Vice President

Scott Murphy, 2nd Vice President

Katie Morgan, Secretary

Greg Kitts, Member

F. Michael Luce, Member

Cathy Moritz, Member