

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
June 29, 2011

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met in a special meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1240 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana, at 6:06 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
Mr. Jim McWhirt	Business Manager
Dr. Ken Folks	Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Lennon Brown	Principal, Marion High School
Mr. Troy Freeman	Director of Support Services
Mr. Jim Fox	Principal, McCulloch Junior High School

Distinguished Guests:

Mr. John Clayborn	MTA President
Mr. Greg Jones	Chronicle-Tribune
Ms. Erica Lynn	WBAT-WCJC-WXXC
Ms. Rebecca Loeffler	School Corporation Counsel

Spectators/Patrons	13
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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.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

11-142 PERSONNEL REPORTS

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

11-142 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

6/29/11

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

New Employee

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
William Shepherd II	MHS, Basketball Coach/Dean of Students	8/22/11

Change in Assignment

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Jeff Brandes	From McCulloch, Assistant Principal to MHS, Assistant Principal	8/3/11
Yvonne Stokes	From Frances Slocum, Principal to ESC, Special Services Coordinator	8/5/11

CLASSIFIED REPORT

New Employee

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date
Bridgeforth, Cortney	McCulloch, Social Studies	8/22/11
Keenan Leichty	MHS, Business	8/22/11
Tyron, TJ	MHS, Math	8/22/11

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

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #11-142 as presented. After a second by Mrs. Morgan, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. ACTION

11-143 BID FOR SALE OF THE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

The Superintendent recommended the Board reject the single bid received for the Education Service Center, since the bid was not at least 90% of the appraised value. (**Exhibit "A"**)

Mr. Luce entered a motion to approve the recommendation. After a second by Mr. Murphy, the motion passed with a four to one vote. Mr. Kitts abstained.

11-144 TRANSFER OF THE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TO THE GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. PURSUANT TO THE SALE AND LEASE-BACK AGREEMENT

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the transfer of the Education Service Center and enter into a Lease-Back Agreement with the Grant County Economic Grow Council and authorize the Board President and Secretary of the Board to sign the agreement, the deed and the lease. (**Exhibits "B", "C", "D", and "E"**)

Mr. Morgan entered a motion to approve the recommendation. After a second by Mr. Kitts, the motion passed with a four to one vote. Mr. Murphy abstained.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

IV. MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Marion Teachers Association.

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Superintendent thanked the community for their attendance and support at the State Public Hearing on June 28, 2011. The Superintendent stated that he received positive feedback from Dr. Bennett, State Superintendent and via email from the public. The Superintendent commended the Marion Teachers Association, School Board and Community for their support and cooperation which made this positive hearing possible.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy thanked the community and Mr. Edwards for the encouraging State Public Hearing on June 28, 2011. Mr. Murphy felt that it was a great night for the community. Mr. Murphy welcomed Mr. Billy Shepherd as the new Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach and listed five expectations he has for this position.

Dr. Hall commented that the State Public Hearing was a great meeting and could not have been any better. Dr. Hall stated that the funds for advertising billboards were donated specifically for that purpose and that no school funds were used for the billboards. Dr. Hall stated that education has become a competitive business and marketing is important.

Mr. Kitts thanked Mr. Edwards for his leadership. Mr. Kitts welcomed Mr. Billy Shepherd to Marion and asked that he develop a sense of teamwork that would lead to winning.

Mr. Vermilion commented that the State Public Hearing was a special night for Marion. Mr. Vermilion stated that the community support was appreciated and that it meant a lot to all the parties involved. He

also stated that sports bring a community together and that students are the most important part of the education business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 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 6:31 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