

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
MARION, INDIANA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
January 26, 2011

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1240 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana, at 6:03 p.m.

Board members present:

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

Board member absent:

None

Also present:

Mr. Steve Edwards	Superintendent
Dr. Ginger Studebaker	Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Ken Folks	Chief Academic Officer
Dr. June Robinson	Director of Special Services
Ms. Amy Rauch	Secondary Instructional Coordinator
Mr. Troy Freeman	Director of Support Services
Mrs. Michelle Clouser	Elementary Instructional Coordinator
Mr. James Bragg	Marion High School Principal
Mr. Matt Dyer	Asst. Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Mrs. Yvonne Stokes	Principal, Frances Slocum Elementary
Mr. Kevin Biddle	Principal, Allen Elementary
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Head Start Program Manager
Mrs. Patty Nauman	Corporation Treasurer

Distinguished Guests:

Mr. John Clayborn	MTA President
Ms. Courtney Flynn	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune
Mr. Kristopher Lee	WBAT-WCJC-WXXC Radio

Spectators/Patrons

## **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**

The following Marion High School students were recognized:

Nivan Chowattukunnel  
2010 Scholar All-American Team  
National Soccer Coaches of America Association

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Recipients**

Katrina Blackmon \$1,000  
Martel Harris \$1,200  
Doniece Leshore \$1,500  
Desarae Leshore \$1,500  
Blair Overton \$1,500  
Stacia Walker \$1,500  
Kia Artis \$2,000

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 11-020 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD JANUARY 12, 2011*
- 11-021 MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2011*
- 11-022 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 11-023 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST*
- 11-024 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*
- 11-025 REVISIONS TO STATEMENT OF BENEFITS*
- 11-026 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – MARION HIGH SCHOOL*

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

### **11-020 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD JANUARY 12, 2011**

Mr. Edwards recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

### **11-021 MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2011**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the organizational and regular meeting held Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

## **11-022 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

### **MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PERSONNEL REPORTS**

1/26/11

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

##### **Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Kevin Keller	Tucker, Director of Career and Technical Education	6/30/11

#### **BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

##### **Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Merle Brown	Justice Marshall, Grade 5	1/3/11 through the Last Day for Professional Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year

##### **Retirement**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Cynthia Hoffar-Beck	Riverview, Grade 4	The Last Day for Professional Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year

##### **Addenda Position Recommendation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
William Barnes, Jr.	MHS, Reserve Baseball Coach	For the 2010-2011 School Year
Recca Black	Justice Marshall, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Express Club Sponsor	For the 2010-2011 School Year
Yvonne Washington	Justice Marshall, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Express Club Sponsor	For the 2010-2011 School Year

##### **Addenda Position Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jill Roughia	MHS, Assistant Girls Track Coach	1/6/11

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**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Randy Hurd	Transportation, Bus Driver	1/10/11

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Steve Smithley	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant – PLATO Lab	1/27/11
Tyler Stottler	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant – ISS	1/27/11

**Change in Assignment/Hours**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Debbie Enyeart	From, MHS, Enrollment Secretary to MHS, Receptionist	1/27/11
Veronica Smith	McCulloch, Kitchen Assistant (from 3.25 hours to 3.75 hours per day)	1/27/11

**Family Medical Leave**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Marie Swanson	Allen, Lead Custodian	1/3/11 through 4/2/11

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

**11-023 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval List for 1/1/11 through 1/26/11 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #70,407 through #70,414; and #70,417 through #70,536 for a total of 128 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,113,318.98 of that amount \$754,589.83 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. **(Exhibit “A”)**

**11-024 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The administration recommended approval of the request from Mrs. Michelle Clouser, Elementary Instructional Coordinator/Title I Director to attend the National Title I Conference in Tampa, Florida from January 30, 2011 through February 4, 2011.

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

**11-025 REVISIONS TO STATEMENT OF BENEFITS**

Below is a summary of changes to the 2010-2011 Statement of Benefits:

1. Page 23 - Professional Employee Group – Addition of a Building Support Strategist – This position will provide administrative support for Justice Marshall Intermediate School. The position will be funded from the General Fund for the 2010-2011 school year. The cost for this position will shift to Title I Grant Fund for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the revisions to the 2010-2011 Statement of Benefits, as presented. (**Exhibit “B”**)

### **11-026 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION - MARION HIGH SCHOOL**

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of four donations made to Marion High School sports and student activities. The monetary total of the donations equals \$5,100.00.

Mr. Luce entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 11-020 through 11-026. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **III. ACTION**

### **11-027 BUS BIDS AND PURCHASE REQUEST**

Mr. Freeman, Director of Support Services, discussed the purchase of new buses from the Transportation 2011 budget. Three estimates have been received from Cardinal Bus Sales, Midwest and Kerlin Bus Sales.

The recommendation was to purchase 4 regular buses and one wheel chair bus from Cardinal Bus Sales for a total cost of \$479,164.00. (**Exhibit “C”**)

Dr. Hall entered a motion to approve the bus purchase request, as presented. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

### **11-028 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Superintendent led a discussion on a proposed school calendar for the 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 school years.

### **11-029 FLOOR PLANS – TUCKER/ESC POSSIBLE RELOCATION**

Mr. Freeman reviewed drafts of floor plans that were previously developed for purposes of relocation of the ESC offices to the Tucker facility. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with getting proposals for the cost of renovations from architectural firms.

### **11-030 GRADUATION REPORT**

The Superintendent reported on the graduation rate at Marion High School and reviewed actions that are being implemented to improve the graduation rate.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the teachers association.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Last week principals and central office administration met with the Prosecutor's Office, local judges and those in the juvenile justice system to discuss truancy and how best to get students to school. The Superintendent also mentioned that it has been difficult finding math teachers to fill the lab positions at the high school.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Clayborn and the MTA for working with the administration on the calendar and the teachers support of the TAP program. Mr. Murphy had the opportunity to visit McCulloch this week and he was very pleased with the counselors and their suggestions and input with regard to class schedules for next year. He did suggest that next year we allow more flexibility from a scheduling standpoint for parents, by scheduling evening hour meeting times.

Mr. Kitts thanked those individuals who made donations to the High School.

Dr. Hall thanked the Superintendent for the analysis of the graduation rate. He also requested that at a future board meeting a report be given on the Justice Alternative Program.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 9, 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 7:32 p.m.

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Aaron Vermilion, President

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Dr. Harry Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Scott Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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Katie Morgan, Secretary

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Greg Kitts, Member

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F. Michael Luce, Member

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Cathy Moritz, Member