

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
December 17, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 6:02 p.m.

Board members present:

Mr. Scott Murphy	1 st Vice President
Dr. Harry Hall	2 nd Vice President
Mrs. Cathy Moritz	Secretary
Mrs. Pam Hutchison	Member
Mr. Aaron Vermilion	Member
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Member

Board members absent:

Mr. Greg Kitts	President
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Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Dr. Wood Barwick	Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Chris Hoke	Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Human Resource Director
Mr. Keith Burke	2015 Marion High School Principal
Mr. Mike Ripperger	Director of Tucker Career & Technology Center
Mrs. Melissa Richards	Principal of Justice Intermediate School
Mr. Lendon Schwartz	Assistant Principal Allen Elementary
Mrs. Kerri Wortinger	Head Start Program Manager
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Communications Director
Mrs. Jennifer Donald	District Administrator
Mr. Lennon Brown	Marion High School Principal
Mr. Keith Burke	2015 Marion High School Principal
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Ms. Jillian Fellows	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune
Mr. John Butcher	MTA President

Spectators/Patrons

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Murphy, Board Vice 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. Lindsay requested approval of the Board for the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

- 14-282 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD DECEMBER 3, 2014
- 14-283 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2014
- 14-284 PERSONNEL REPORTS

- 14-285 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 14-286 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT
- 14-287 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- 14-288 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – ALLEN ELEMENTARY
- 14-289 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – MARION HIGH SCHOOL
- 14-290 DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT
- 14-291 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION - TRANSPORTATION

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

14-282 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD DECEMBER 3, 2014

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held December 3, 2014.

14-283 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2014

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2014.

14-284 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

12/17/14

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jennifer Donald	From McCulloch, Principal to District Office, Principal on Assignment	12/8/14

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Addenda Position Recommendation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Ronnie Vermilion	MHS, M-Club	Beginning with the 2014-2015 School Year

Addenda Position Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Sarah Basham	MHS, M-Club	12/3/14

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katherine Barwick	MHS, Math	1/4/15
Kelsey Mapes	MHS, Special Education	1/4/15

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Ceola Friday	Riverview, Kindergarten	12/9/14; 1/5/15; 2/20/15

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Lucinda Burns	From Riverview, Lead Custodian to Frances Slocum, Custodian	12/21/14
Matthew Huskey	McCulloch, Academic Lab/Technology Specialist to Kendall, Academic Lab/Technology Specialist	12/8/14
Amalia Miller	District, ELL Academic Specialist	12/4/14 (change in effective date)
Steve Turner	From Kendall, Academic Lab/Technology Specialist to McCulloch, SIG Technology Coach	11/24/14

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Julie Harmon	MCS Early Childhood Center, Head Start Health and Safety Coordinator	12/8/14

Family Medical Leave

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Greg Rice	MHS, Working Lead Custodian	11/16/14 through 12/11/14

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Curtis McClung	Allen, Kitchen Assistant	11/11/14 through 11/14/14

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Beth Ann Dungey	Riverview, Lead Custodian	12/21/14

Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the Personnel Report, as presented.

14-285 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval List for date ending 12/11/14 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #92,861 through #92,903, and #92,906 through #93,803, for a total of 941 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,620,678.23, of that amount \$482,213.99 was expended from the General Fund. Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

14-286 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools is not in regular session from December 18, 2014 through January 14, 2015.

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 during the months of December and January, which will subsequently be approved by the Board. (Exhibit "B")

14-287 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Fund Summary report and the 2014 Expenditures Report were presented to the Board for approval.

14-288 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – ALLEN ELEMENTARY

Mrs. McVicker recommended the Board approve a donation from Wabash Valley of a donated dumpster and bins to Allen Elementary School for the school's recycling program.

14-289 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – MARION HIGH SCHOOL

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of donations to Marion High School, as follows:

Academic Giants

\$100 VIA Credit Union
\$20 William and Jan Beekman
\$50 Philippa Culley
\$150 Jeffery & Sheila Todd
\$250 CIE

Girls Basketball

\$1000 Zach and Faunne Drake

Choral Innovations

\$300 Bruner Dental Center
\$300 Arthroscopy & Orthopaedic Surgery (Edwards, Rajmaira & Roper)
\$100 Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department
\$100 Barry Bunker Chevrolet
\$100 Avelina Vitug
\$100 Daniel and Maribel Barrido
\$100 Kavita Raj and Kim Lovelady
\$50 Emily Kabisgting
\$25 Connie Ignacio

14-290 DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

The retiring Marion High School Principal would like to purchase the items he used while employed at MCS. These items have each been in service in excess of four (4) years old and as a result the equipment will not be issued to his replacement. Mr. Hunt, School Counsel, recommended that a five year straight line depreciation with no residual value be used. This is consistent with past business practice at MCS. Mr. Hoke recommended the items be declared obsolete and sold to Mr. Brown for the current value price.

14-291 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Hoke asked for the Boards permission to accept a donation of 60 bus radios from the Carmel Clay School Corporation. These base units will be rebanded and deployed in our fleet in future years.

Mr. Vermilion entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 14-282 through 14-291. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. ACTION

14-292 LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The current Library Board term of Mrs. Jane Cline, a trustee appointed by the School Board, expires on December 31, 2014. She is completing her second four-year term on the Library Board and is eligible for reappointment. Trustees may serve four consecutive four-year terms. Mrs. Cline was appointed in December 2006.

The appointment will be for four years beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Cline has expressed her desire to be re-appointed. The Board received no other applications for the position.

Dr. Hall entered a motion to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Cline to the Library Board. After a second by Mrs. Hutchison, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-293 MHS ROOF PROJECT – SCOPE OF WORK – DESIGN AND BID

The 2015-17 Capital Projects Plan that was adopted as part of the 2015 budget included a scope of work associated with the repair and maintenance of roofing at Marion High School. The work that is planned for the summer of 2015 includes recoating sections 17 & 37. Additionally, sections 1 & 2 above the Walton Center are scheduled for tear off and replacement. Mr. Hoke recommended the Board approve the design and bid of the scope of work associated with this project.

Mrs. Hutchison entered a motion to approve the design and bid of the scope of work, as presented. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-294 RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH IWU – CHINESE INITIATIVE

Mr. Keith Burke, MHS 2015 Principal and Dr. Jim Vermilya, from Indiana Wesleyan University, presented the details of the proposed agreement between IWU and MCS to promote the recruitment of students from China to Marion High School for the upcoming school year. The administration recommended the Board approve the agreement, as presented. (Exhibit "C")

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

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

14-295 2015 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

A draft of the meeting dates for 2015 were reviewed with the Board members. This will be acted upon at the first Board meeting in January.

14-296 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 2015-16 AND 2016-17

Four drafts of school calendars for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years were presented to the Board for their review and consideration. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to go with Calendar #3. The first day for students would be August 11, 2014 and the last day for students would be May 23, 2015. For the 2016-17 calendar, the first day for students would be August 9, 2016 and the last day would be May 23, 2017. The calendars will be taken back to the Board at the January 14, 2015 board meeting for action.

14-297 REVIEW OF CORPORATION EXPENDITURE GOALS

Mr. Hoke reviewed the corporation expenditure goals. The purpose of these goals is to increase the school corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning.

14-298 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE

Teachers and students from Allen Elementary presented their persuasive writing letters that were created and mailed to Wabash Valley Recycling as part of the request for them to help the school start a new recycling program.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Shonda N. Gladden addressed the Board with regard to cultural awareness across the district.

VI. MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Butcher wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Superintendent wished everyone a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. Our students are why we exist. He encouraged everyone to visit any school, especially Allen Elementary School. Allen has seen a year of break through and exciting things are happen there.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Vermilion thanked Mr. Brown for all he has done at Marion High School.

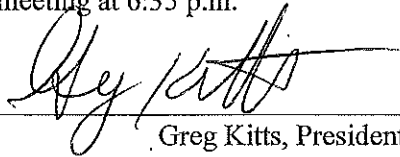
Mrs. Moritz also thanked Mr. Brown for his service.

Dr. Hall commented that Mr. Brown will be greatly missed and wished him the best. He also thanked the many individuals and community supporters for their donations.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Brown and acknowledged his hard work. His daughters have been at the high school during Mr. Brown's term and they as well as all the students at the high school will miss Mr. Brown greatly. He invited Mr. Brown to come back to visit. He also thanked the administrators and teachers for a good first semester. Enjoy your break, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

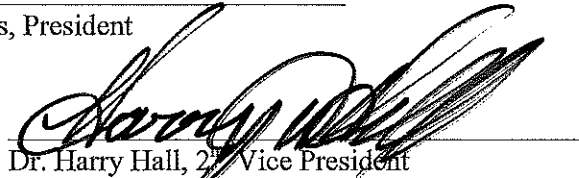
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be an organizational and regular meeting to be held January 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, Vice President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



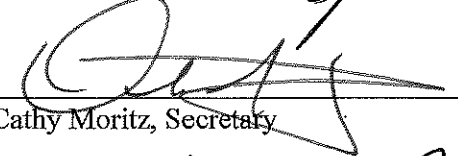
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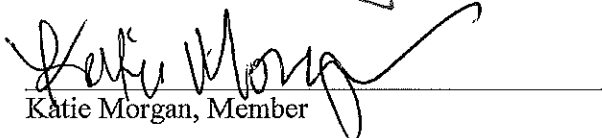
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Pam Hutchison, Member



Katie Morgan, Member

Aaron Vermilion, Member