

# MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MARION, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 18, 2013

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, in the board room of the Education Service Center, 1240 S. Adams Street, Marion, Indiana, at 6:03 p.m.

**Board members present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Mrs. Pam Hutchison	Member
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**Also present:**

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Ms. Amy Rauch	Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Director of Human Resources
Mr. Troy Freeman	Director of Support Services
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services
Mrs. Anne Liddick	Principal of Frances Slocum Elementary

**Media/Distinguished Guests:**

Ms. Jillian Fellows	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune
Ms. Charlee Vaughan	Reporter, WBAT-WCJC Radio
Mr. John Butcher	MTA President

Spectators/Patrons

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Morgan, 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. Lindsay requested approval of the Board for the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

- 13-254 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013
- 13-255 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013
- 13-256 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 13-257 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 13-258 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT
- 13-259 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- ~~13-260 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP - JROTC~~
- 13-261 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION OF CLOTHING, HATS, GLOVES
- 13-261.1 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM DOLLAR GENERAL - FRANCES SLOCUM
- 13-262 REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS THROUGH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- 13-263 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS - MARION HIGH SCHOOL
- 13-264 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP - MHS ATHLETICS
- 13-265 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION - FRANCES SLOCUM ELEMENTARY

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

**13-254 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held November 20, 2013.

**13-255 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2013.

**13-256 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

12/18/13

**BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

**Change in Assignment**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Carina Castillo-Wesling	From McCulloch, TAP Master Teacher to ESC, Educational Diagnostician	1/7/14

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Frank Jackson	MHS, Science	1/6/14

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Joshua Eme	MHS, Social Studies	1/7/14

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Tanya Clemons	McCulloch, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant	12/19/13
Sheila Goodwin	Allen, Kitchen Assistant	12/19/13

**Retirement**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Kathy Baryoh	MCS Early Childhood, Head Start	11/29/13
Merrill Childers	Transportation, Bus Driver	12/20/13

**Change in Assignment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Mary Jo Denson	MHS, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant (from 5.5 hours to 7 hours per day)	12/9/13
Jennifer Fidler	Tucker, Instructional Educational Assistant (from 5.5 to 6.5 hours per day)	12/9/13
Cara Howard	MHS, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant (from 5.5 hours to 7 hours per day)	12/9/13

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Merrill Childers	Transportation, Bus Driver	12/9/13 through 12/2013
Jeana Flournoy	MHS, Instructional Educational Assistant	12/2/13 through 12/6/13
Elizabeth Maguire	Riverview, Recess Monitor	11/27/13 through 1/6/14
Ron Oldfield	Riverview, Lead Custodian	12/16/13 through 3/18/14
Nechelle Sanders	Tucker, Instructional Educational Assistant	12/4/13

**Termination**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Veronica Schmerber	MCS Early Childhood, Instructional Educational Assistant	12/4/13

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

**13-256.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Addenda Personnel Report consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PERSONNEL REPORTS  
ADDENDA**

**12/18/13**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Melissa Jessup	Allen, Principal on Special Assignment	6/17/14

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**New Employee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Kaitlyn Gustafson	ESC, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/6/14
Anthony Horton	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	12/19/13

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

**13-257 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval List for 11/1/13 through 12/11/13 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #88,496 through #88,510 and #88,519 through #88,703 for a total of 200 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,429,180.03 of that amount \$675,627.66 was expended from the General Fund. Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

**13-258 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT**

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools is not in regular session from December 19, 2013 through January 7, 2014.

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. (**Exhibit "B"**)

**13-259 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Fund Summary report and the 2013 Expenditures Report were presented to the Board for approval.

**13-260 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP – JROTC**

This item was pulled from the consent items and not acted on.

**13-261 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION OF CLOTHING, HATS, GLOVES**

The administration recommended the Board accept a donation of clothing, hats and gloves for needy children from the Women of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

**13-261.1 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM DOLLAR GENERAL – FRANCES SLOCUM**

The administration recommended approval of the donation from Dollar General to Frances Slocum Elementary School, in the amount of \$40,000. The donation is to support the school's library and literacy programs.

**13-262 REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS THROUGH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Community Foundation of Grant County presented us with a grant for \$2,102.00 from the Ramie's Run Fund. The funds are to be used for the Marion High School tennis team. The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the grant.

**13-263 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – MARION HIGH SCHOOL**

The administration recommended the Board accept multiple donations from the community to Marion High School.

**13-264 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP – MHS ATHLETICS**

The administration recommended approval of the overnight field trip request from the Marion High School varsity boys basketball team to attend a basketball tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The group will leave Marion High School on Friday, December 27, 2013, at approximately 1:30 p.m. and will return on Saturday, December 28, 2013, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided by the district transportation department. There will be approximately 13 students participating and 4 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.

**13-265 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – FRANCES SLOCUM ELEMENTARY**

The administration recommended the Board accept a donation from Wal-Mart Distribution Center in the amount of \$200.00 to Frances Slocum Elementary. The funds will be used to purchase door prizes and other items needed for Family Night.

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 13-254 through 13-265. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **III. ACTION**

#### **13-265.1 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT INTERIM TREASURER**

The Superintendent recommended that the Board appoint Mrs. Patty Nauman as Interim Treasurer for Marion Community Schools for the period beginning 1/1/14 and until the new business manager, Chris Hoke, starts on January 13, 2014.

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

### **IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

#### **13-266 2014 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Superintendent reviewed a draft of proposed dates for school board meetings for 2014 for the Board's consideration. Action to approve the 2014 schedule of School Board meetings will take place at the organizational meeting to be held January 8, 2014. The Board members made suggestions for changes to some of the dates.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **VI. MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Butcher asked the Board for their consent to begin recognizing a teacher at each Board meeting. The Board was in agreement and this will begin with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting in January, 2014.

### **VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Lindsay commented that the district has had an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> semester, and we are proud to be Marion Giants. Go Purple!

### **VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

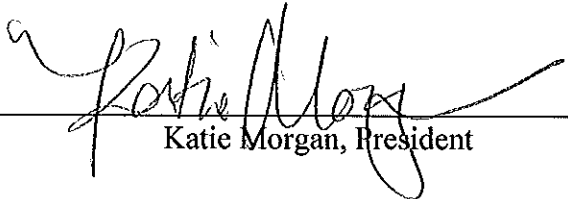
Mr. Murphy stated that the donation today from Dollar General is unbelievable and outstanding. Dollar General is known for their support of literacy and this is a high need in our community. This is a tremendous Christmas gift. He agrees that our entire team has done a great job the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

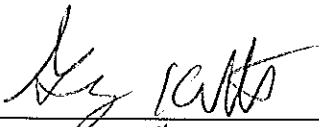
Dr. Hall thanked all the donors we had tonight for their generosity.

Mrs. Morgan commented that this would be her last Board meeting as President of the Board. It has been her pleasure to sit as President. She hopes all staff enjoy the 17 days off during winter break, and wished everyone a happy holiday and Merry Christmas.

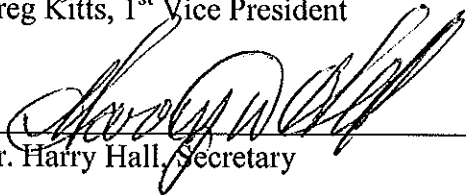
**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be an organizational and regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Service Center. There being no further comments, President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

  
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Katie Morgan, President

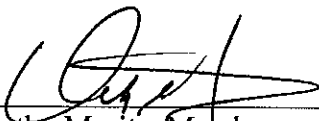
  
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