

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 16, 2015

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a work session on Thursday, February 16, 2015, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:30 a.m.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Mrs. Cathy Moritz	Secretary
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Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Mr. Chris Hoke	Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Human Resource Director

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson	Vice President, Marion Teachers Association
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Spectators/Patrons

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. WORK SESSION

15-054 LONG TERM PLANNING

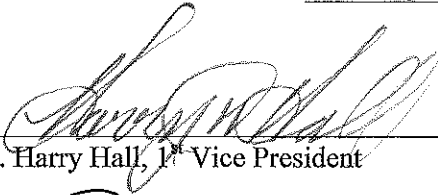
The Superintendent led a discussion with the Board regarding the general fund expenditures for the 2015 budget, and beyond. Strategies to achieve a balanced budget were discussed at length. Long term planning and timelines for facilities and staffing were also discussed at length. The process for funding of various programs or initiatives through donations was reviewed. The Board indicated they would be willing to approve additional appropriations, if they were absolutely necessary and only if the appropriation directly impacted the classroom instruction. Reduction-in-Force guidelines were presented and the Board was open to a RIF only if it became necessary to meet the budget goal. Communication plans to the staff and the public were considered. Involving the community in long-term strategies with regard to facilities and grade configurations were discussed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

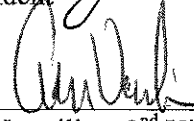
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.



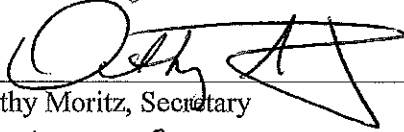
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