

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 25, 2015

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 6:01 pm.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Mrs. Pam Hutchison	Member
Mr. Greg Kitts	Member

Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Mr. Chris Hoke	Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Director, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Ripperger	Director, Tucker Career & Technology Center
Mr. David Khalouf	Principal, Kendall Elementary School
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Principal, Riverview Elementary School
Mr. Kerri Wortinger	Head Start Program Manager
Mrs. Dawn Morgan	Asst. Principal, McCulloch Junior High School
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. John Butcher	President, Marion Teachers Association
Ms. Jillian Fellows	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune

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. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 15-055 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2015
- 15-056 MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2015
- 15-057 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2015
- 15-058 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 15-059 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

- 15-060 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – ALLEN ELEMENTARY
15-061 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – TUCKER CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
15-062 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST – BLACK HISTORY CLUB MHS

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

15-055 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

15-056 MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the work session held Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:30 am.

15-057 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Monday, February 16, 2015 immediately following the work session.

15-058 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

2/25/15

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Addenda Position Recommendation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Darlyne Bridgeman	MHS, Varsity Girls Head Track Coach	2/16/15
Clint Davis	MHS, Varsity Head Baseball Coach	3/16/15
Paul Funchess III	MHS, Assistant Baseball Coach	3/16/15
Gary Henderson	MHS, Varsity Head Softball Coach	3/9/15
Mark Hyman	MHS, Varsity Boys Head Golf Coach	3/16/15
Lawrence Jordan	MHS, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (75%)	2/26/15
Robert Krevda	MHS, Assistant Girls Track Coach	2/16/15
Terry Lakes	MHS, Varsity Boys Head Track Coach	2/16/15
Nate Larson	MHS, Assistant Boys Track Coach	2/16/15
Jeff Leistner	MHS, Assistant Baseball Coach	3/16/15
Ramona Manning	MHS, Assistant Girls Tennis Coach	3/16/15
Tony Moreillon	MHS, Assistant Girls Track Coach	2/16/15
Doug Porter	MHS, Varsity Head Girls Tennis Coach	3/16/15
Jack Raabe	MHS, Assistant Boys Golf Coach	3/16/15
Randy Sehy	MHS, Assistant Boys Track Coach	2/16/15
Steve Swinson	MHS, Assistant Baseball Coach	3/16/15

Kayla Wilson	MHS, Assistant Softball Coach	3/9/15
Deb Wuertley	McCulloch, 7 th /8 th Grade Tennis Coach	3/16/15

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Alyssa Kreitl	Various, Hearing Impaired	The last day for professional staff for the 2014-2015 school year

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Ceola Friday	Riverview, Kindergarten	3/12/15 and 3/13/15

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Leticia Buckler	From Transportation, Bus Driver Trainee to Transportation, Bus Driver	2/3/15

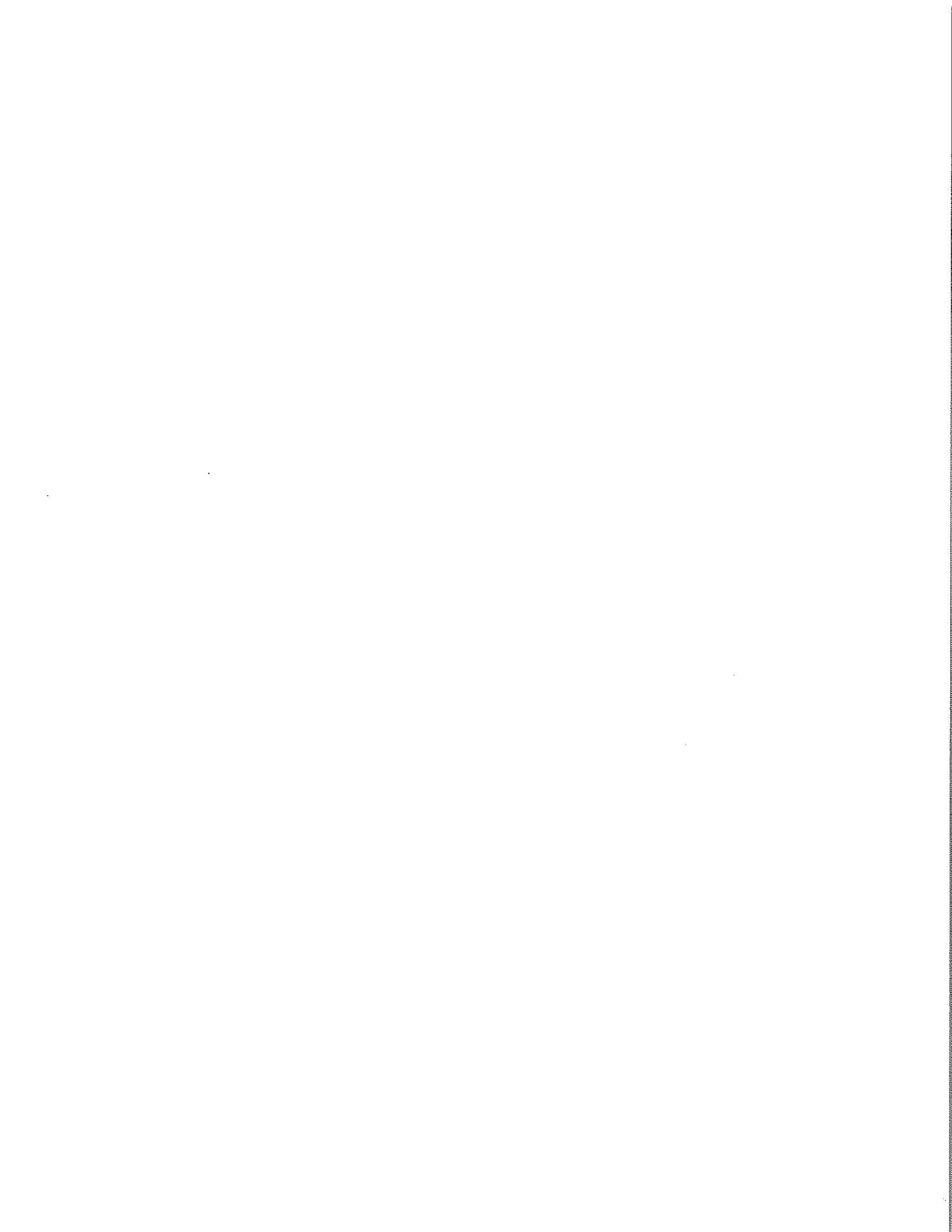
Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katrina Auld	Transportation, Bus Driver	1/20/15 (1/2 day); 1/21/15 (1/2 day); 2/6/15; 2/10/15; 2/11/15; 2/13/15; 3/13/15
Joyce Barnett	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/5/15 through 2/20/2015
Katherine Beavers	Transportation, Bus Aide	2/9/15
Christy Bernadin	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/27/15 (1.5 hours); 1/28/15 (3.25 hours); 2/2/15 (2.75 hours) and 2/3/15 (7 hours)
Janna Boone	Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	1/27/15
Suellen Emery	Justice Marshall, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant	2/13/15
Paula Gentner	Frances Slocum, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant	2/4/15 (3 hours) and 2/12/15 (3 hours)
Nakoa Scott	Transportation, Bus Driver	1/28/15; 2/12/15; 3/2/15 through 3/6/15

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

15-059 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 2/1/15 through 2/25/15 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #94,396 to #94,403; #94,411 to #94,431; and #94,433 to #94,547, for a total of 144 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$949,677.69; of that amount \$325,102.91 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")



15-060 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – ALLEN ELEMENTARY

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of donations to Allen as follows:

- 1) \$500.00 from Moorehead Communications
- 2) \$200.00 from Kurt and Jean Schlesselman
- 3) \$150.00 from Joseph and Patsy Lutton
- 4) \$100.00 from Leni Verbitski

The donations will be used exclusively by Allen Elementary for purchases for the Multiplication Marathon.

15-061 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – TUCKER CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of a donation from Café Valley to the Health Careers Program at Tucker of 250 cakes that will be used during the HOSA Club Fundraiser Dinner.

15-062 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST – BLACK HISTORY CLUB MHS

The administration recommended approval of the overnight field trip request from the Marion High School Black History Club to participate in the annual college tour in New Orleans, Louisiana. The group will leave Marion High School on Monday, March 23, 2015 at approximately 1:00 a.m. and will return on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at approximately 12:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided by American Heritage Trails, a commercial carrier. There will be approximately 30 students participating and 10 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.

Mr. Vermilion entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 15-055 through 15-062. After a second by Mrs. Morgan, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mrs. Moritz abstained from items 15-056 and 15-057.

III. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

15-063 A-F ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL CHANGES

The administration discussed the proposed changes to the A-F Accountability Model by the State Board of Education. Based upon the proposed changes, it is expected that this new model will have a negative impact on urban school districts, like ours. The State Board of Education is holding a public hearing on February 26th at 9:00 a.m. in room 4-4 of Marion High School, to hear comments from the public on the proposed changes.

15-064 SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES AND EFFECT

Mr. Hoke discussed the proposed changes to school funding and how that would affect our district. Included in House Bill 1001 are changes to the school funding formula. Mr. Hoke believes, after reviewing the new formula, his conclusion is that this new formula will negatively impact Marion Community Schools. The new funding formula is detrimental to urban education and favors certain districts in this state. What it means for us, specifically, is that we would receive significantly less money, per student, for ADM. Mr. Hoke estimated we would lose \$1.6 million dollars in funding by 2017. We need to watch this bill closely.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

V. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Butcher encouraged everyone to contact their legislators or go to the statehouse to express their concerns with House Bill 1001.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Staff, teachers, administrators, community, parents, and students are ready for ISTEP+ next week. This Friday is a Board visitation to the pre-school classrooms at Justice.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Hall echoed what Mr. Butcher's comments were. We need to make a difference on the state political scene and have our concerns heard.

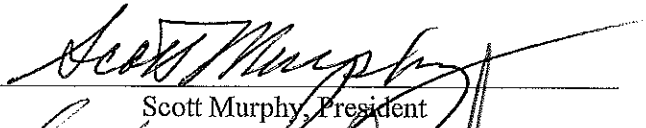
Mr. Vermilion invited the public to come to tomorrow's State Board of Education hearing and to share their concerns. The State Board needs to hear what is important to us and our community. Mr. Vermilion also acknowledged all the generous donations we accepted tonight.

Mrs. Morgan acknowledged that over the past seven years she has sat through formula funding changes, sat through moving targets, how they measure what they expect our children to do. It sometimes feels like you are getting a kick in the gut. As that has happened, however, our teams have continued to achieve, and so while we can look at this as negative, this isn't fair, we continue to thank our administrators, teachers and kids because we continue to perform, regardless of the challenges the state puts before us.

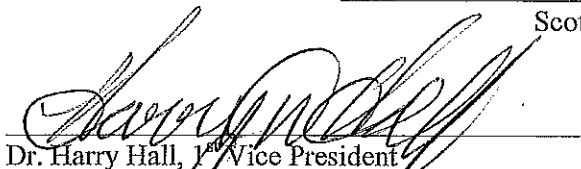
Mr. Murphy remarked that we have to be involved and let our legislators know how we feel. Regardless of the proposed funding changes, we do still have some critical financial challenges that we will have to face. We need to make some adjustments. The Board has asked Mr. Lindsay to put together a work session, and to create taskforce made up of individuals outside the school system, our teachers and administrators, to figure out where we need to go in the next year or two. We have some hard decisions to make. We have been good stewards of our funds and will continue. First, we had to develop a culture that our kids can learn in and we've done a good job of that. He appreciates everyone's hard work getting ready for ISTEP+. Mr. Murphy also acknowledged two of our students who were named National Merit Scholars. They are Noah Todd and Alyssa Ngo. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishment and of our teachers who helped them along the way.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

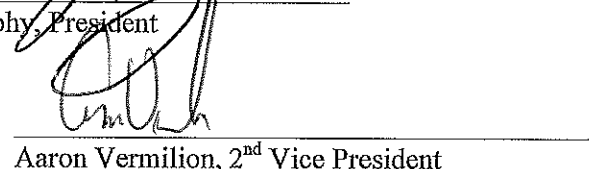
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



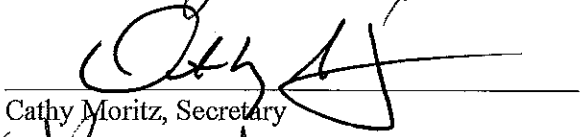
Scott Murphy, President



Dr. Harry Hall, 1st Vice President

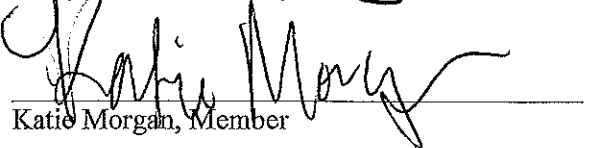


Aaron Vermilion, 2nd Vice President

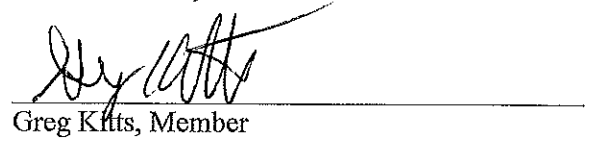


Cathy Moritz, Secretary

Pam Hutchison, Member



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