

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
MARION, INDIANA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
March 11, 2015

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Marion, Indiana, at 6:00 pm.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

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. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services
Mrs. Melissa Richards	Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Mr. Keith Burke	Principal, Marion High School
Mrs. Anne Liddick	Principal, Frances Slocum Elementary School
Mr. Anthony Williams	Principal, Allen Elementary School
Mr. Brad Powell	Facilities Manager
Mr. Tim Cruea	Transportation Coordinator
Mr. Larry Batchelor	Diversity/Graduation Coach

Media/Distinguished Guests:

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

**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.

**RECOGNITION**

Second grade students in Mrs. Nancy Price's classroom at Allen Elementary were recognized for their good behavior and study skills. The Splash House of Marion awarded each of the students with a free pass to The Splash House for this summer.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 15-065 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2015*
- 15-066 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 15-067 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST*
- 15-068 FINANCIAL REPORTS*
- 15-069 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR KENDALL (2), RIVERVIEW & SLOCUM*
- 15-070 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR MARION HIGH SCHOOL*
- 15-071 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – HEAD START*
- 15-072 REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – HEAD START*

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

**15-065 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

**15-066 PERSONNEL REPORTS**

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

3/11/15

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jennifer Donald	District, Principal on Assignment	2/20/15 through 3/4/15

**BARGAINING UNIT REPORT**

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building and Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Cheryl Logan	Kendall, Elementary Teacher	3/16/15 through the last day for professional staff for the 2014-2015 school year

**Addenda Personnel Recommendation**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Amanda Cowgill	McCulloch, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Track Coach	3/12/15
Ashlee Dixon	McCulloch, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Track Coach	3/12/15
Jeff Lyttle	McCulloch, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Track Coach	3/12/15
Elizabeth Rice	Tucker, HOSA Sponsor	3/12/15

**Resignation**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Angela Dunn	Justice Marshall, Reading Interventionist	3/15/15
Colleen Kelley	McCulloch, Health	3/17/15 (provided there are no additional cancellation days)
Misty Woehler	McCulloch, Math	2/24/15

**CLASSIFIED REPORT**

**Change in Assignment**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Catherine Black	From Substitute Instructional Educational Assistant to Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/20/15
Erin Blakely	From Substitute Instructional Educational Assistant to Riverview, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/18/15
Mario Clement	From Bus Driver Trainee to Transportation, Aide w/CDL	3/12/15
Jeffry Hahn	From Substitute Instructional Educational Assistant to Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/20/15
Robbie Meyer	From Bus Driver Trainee to Transportation, Aide w/CDL	3/12/15

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Katherine Beavers	Transportation, Bus Aide	1/15/15; 1/16/15; and 1/23/15
Janna Boone	Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	2/17/15; 2/23/15 through 2/25/15
Suellen Emery	Justice Marshall, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant	2/16/15 through 2/20/15 and 2/23/15 through 2/27/15

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

**15-067 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST**

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 2/1/15 through 3/11/15 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #94,548 to #94,700, for a total of 153 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was

\$894,583.46; of that amount \$365,164.50 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (**Exhibit "A"**)

### **15-068 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Chris Hoke, Business Manager, presented an Analysis of the 2015 Local Tax Revenue as well as the Fund Summary report and a 2015 Expenditure report.

### **15-069 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – KENDALL (2), RIVERVIEW & SLOCUM**

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

- 1) Anonymous donation of \$200 to Kendall Elementary to be used for student activities.
- 2) A box of classroom supplies for every teacher at Kendall Elementary from Moorehead Communications.
- 3) Five (5) boxes of classroom supplies to Riverview Elementary from Moorehead Communications.
- 4) Twenty (20) boxes of classroom supplies to Frances Slocum Elementary from Moorehead Communications.

### **15-070 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – MARION HIGH SCHOOL**

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of the following donations to Marion High School:

#### **Varsity Cheerleading**

\$500 Huhtamaki  
\$200 Aaron & Ann Vermilion  
\$100 Ryan & Erin Vermilion  
\$100 Abby Carpet

#### **Media Center**

\$100 American Wireless

#### **Girls Soccer Team**

\$100 American Wireless

#### **Girls Tennis**

\$200 American Wireless

#### **Student Incentives**

\$125 The Cellular Connection

### **15-071 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – HEAD START**

The administration recommended the acceptance of a donation from The Moorehead Family Foundation of \$500. This donation will be used for the Head Start Fatherhood Event Celebration.

### **15-072 REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – HEAD START**

The administration recommended approval of the request from Head Start to attend the Head Start National Conference in Washington, DC from March 29, 2015 to April 2, 2015. The cost of this conference and travel is paid for by the Head Start grant funds.

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

Mr. Vermilion entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 15-065 through 15-072. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote, with Mr. Kitts voting no for Item #15-068. Mr. Kitts also abstained from Item #15-065 as well as Mrs. Hutchison.

### **III. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

#### **15-073 PROGRESS REPORT ON CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Mark Fauser, Creative Development Consultant for the district, updated the Board on the accomplishments of his efforts so far.

#### **15-074 STATE APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET**

The Department of Local Government finance (DLGF) has issued final approval of the 2015 Budget Order for Marion Community Schools. Mr. Hoke reviewed the final approved budget and expressed his concerns with the negative impact to Bus Replacement and CPF levies associated with the neutralization of the Severance Debt Service Fund. Also, the continued ability of the Transportation fund to self-sustain in light of the effects of tax caps and non-payer rate.

#### **15-075 PHASE II LONG TERM PLANNING, STUDY TEAM & TIMELINES**

The Superintendent outlined his suggestion for how to approach long term planning and timelines. Mr. Hoke presented a financial picture and forecasts for general fund revenue and expenses through 2017. The Superintendent stressed the importance of having the community involved and informed as we consider all options and develop our plans. The goal is to approve a final plan in October, 2015 with implementation of the plan to run November 2015 through July 2016.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rev. Lemmie Sanders addressed the Board with regard to his concern with bus exits.

### **V. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Butcher commented that teachers are working hard to inspire students.. His experience with ISTEP+ at McCulloch is that the students were taking the test seriously. With regard to the timeline for Phase II, in the past decisions made where careful study was not done. This time we really have to put this at the forefront. Study all options and come to a conclusion, allowing time to execute the plan. Plans need to be carefully laid out and time allowed to make it happen.

### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

The Superintendent mentioned that tomorrow our PIC group will be meeting at McCulloch at 11:00 a.m. In April they will meet at Frances Slocum. This is a valuable community group here at the high school and we are now taking them across the district, to solicit community partnership.

### **VII. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Morgan stated it was a pleasure to attend the legislative dinner on behalf of Marion Community Schools. We were vocal with our concerns to legislators. It was interesting to see that there was not another school district in Grant County present. She acknowledged all the donations received tonight.

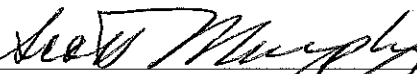
Dr. Hall complimented the Superintendent on the plan he has put together, and Mr. Hoke for all his good work. He also thanked Mr. Fauser for his great work.

Mr. Vermilion thanked the community for showing up for the State Board of Education meeting. He believes that our message that they need to really look at this model was heard. We addressed the State Board professionally and in a good way. Our community comes together and that's one of the reasons his family chose to move back here.

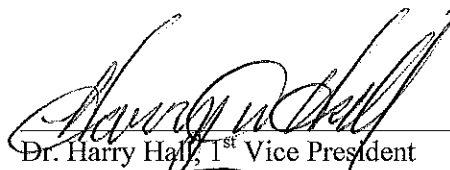
Mr. Murphy stated that he had a great visit at Justice to watch the Little Giant program. Great things happening there, which will pave the way for benefits down the road. He was able to be in Fort Wayne and was with the McCulloch choral group when they won the gold medal for their performance. The many opportunities our kids have at Marion Community Schools are important. Students learn a lot from extra-curricular activities as much as academic activities. He realized from the Chamber legislative dinner, that sometimes through those conversations you can remind the legislators of the impact those changes have on us. It's important to make our voice and concerns known. Mr. Lindsay's presentation tonight is something we have to do. It won't be easy and it will require the entire community to be involved. It's important to overturn each rock, and once we have a plan we need to execute it successfully.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

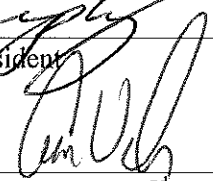
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



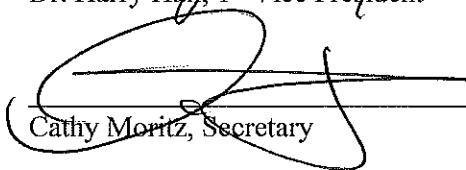
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