

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 13, 2016

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present:

Dr. Harry Hall	President
Mr. Aaron Vermilion	1 st Vice President
Mr. Scott Murphy	Secretary
Mrs. Katie Morgan	Member
Mr. Greg Kitts	Member

Board members absent:

Mrs. Pam Hutchison	Member
Mrs. Cathy Moritz	2 nd Vice President

Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Dr. Bob Schultz	Assistant Superintendent/Business Affairs
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mrs. Shelley Preston	Human Resource Director
Mr. Keith Burke	Principal, Marion High School
Mr. Mike Ripperger	Director, Tucker Career & Technology Center
Mrs. Dawn Morgan	Principal, McCulloch Junior High School
Mr. David Khalouf	Principal, Kendall Elementary School
Mr. Lendon Schwartz	Principal, Riverview Elementary School
Mr. Scott Hoeksema	Title I Data/Instructional Tech. Coordinator
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Instructional Coordinator
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mrs. Lynn Gosser	Director, Grant County Spec Ed Coop
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director, Special Services
Mrs. Kerri Wortinger	Head Start Program Manager
Mrs. Melissa Richards	Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Mr. Brad Powell	Facilities Manager

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson	President, Marion Teachers Association
Mr. Tyler Juranovich	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune

Spectators/Patrons

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE WINNERS

The Board recognized regional spelling bee winners from all elementary schools, Justice Intermediate and McCulloch Junior High. Our winners were:

Kendall – Audrie VanHoosier and Ariaah Blevins
Riverview – Ryan Spitzer and Kaydence Chambers
Slocum – Aidan Castillo and Sabrina Thomas
Allen – Savana Harvey, Trenton Bauer, and Bryant Munoz
Justice -- Justice McClure and Peyton Riddle
McCulloch – Jayme Cox and Noah Lyons

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 16-051 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 16, 2016
- 16-052 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2016
- 16-053 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 30, 2016
- 16-054 PERSONNEL REPORTS
- 16-055 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
- 16-056 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- 16-057 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – DISTRICT
- 16-058 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – MARION HIGH SCHOOL
- 16-059 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – RIVERVIEW
- 16-060 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP - TUCKER

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

16-051 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 16, 2016

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

16-052 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2016

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

16-053 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 30, 2016

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

16-054 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

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PERSONNEL REPORTS
4/13/16**

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jeremy Hite	Riverview, Kindergarten	3/17/16
Riley Reese	MHS, Life Science (temporary contract)	3/15/16
Darlene Vasquez	MHS, English	4/18/16

Additional Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jonathan Keith	Frances Slocum, ISTEP After School Tutor	4/4/16

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Carey Byrd	McCulloch, Science	3/16/16 through 3/18/16

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Karen Hofmann	From Riverview, Kitchen Assistant to Riverview, Instructional Educational Assistant	4/7/16
Candace Spangler	MHS, Kitchen Assistant to Food Service Substitute	3/28/16

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Sierra Horner	District, Speech Language Instructional Educational Assistant	4/4/16
Vincent Howell	Transportation, Bus Driver	4/7/16
Derek Misson	MCS Early Childhood Center, Instructional Educational Assistant	4/4/16
Linda Powell	Tucker, ABE Instructor (not to exceed 18 hours per week)	4/8/16

Declined Offer of Employment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jeremie Payne	Transportation, Bus Driver	3/17/16

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Leticia Buckler	Transportation, Bus Aide	3/31/16 (full day) and 4/1/16 (half day)
Deanna Vershaw	Transportation, Bus Driver	3/17/16 (2.5 hours)

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Tasia Falcone	Justice Marshall, Instructional Educational Assistant	4/29/16
Jason Lindahl	Transportation, Bus Driver	4/8/16

Deborah Weatherholt	McCulloch, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/30/16
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Retirement

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Ricky Marshall	Transportation, Bus Driver	2/18/16

Family Medical Leave

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Annette Hueston	Tucker, Instructional Educational Assistant	4/5/16 through 4/26/16

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

16-055 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval Lists for 3/1/16 through 4/13/16 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #98,738 to #98,775; #98,784 to #98,906; #98,908 to #98,918; #98,922 to #98,931; and #98,933 to #99,058, for a total of 308 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,798,835.07; of that amount \$636,085.30 was expended from the General Fund. The Superintendent recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (**Exhibit "A"**)

16-056 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Bob Schultz , Assistant Superintendent /Business Affairs, presented an Analysis of the 2016 Local Tax Revenue as well as the Fund Summary report and a 2016 Expenditure report.

16-057 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION - DISTRICT

Via Credit Union donated to our school nurses and clinic assistants, several healthcare and personal care items. These items will be used to benefit and care for the students of Marion Community Schools. The administration asked for the Board's approval to accept the donated items.

16-058 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATIONS – MARION HIGH SCHOOL

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

Black History Club

- \$20 Mark Fauser
- \$20 Dr. Lindsey
- \$30 Charles & Cathy Griffin
- \$50 Carol Sector
- \$76 Rotary Club
- \$100 Larry & Gail Lindsay
- \$100 Don & Jimmy Batchelor
- \$200 Marion Rotary Club
- \$250 Aaron & Ann Vermilion
- \$250 Scott & Kathleen Murphy
- \$500 Bradley & Vicki Lindsay

Baseball

- \$100 John & Nancy Polsley
- \$150 Boom Appraisals

- \$250 Matthew J Harris
- \$400 Edward & Diane Wiley
- \$500 Ryan & Eric Frantz

Band

- For Camp Scholarship
- \$500 Tommy Wells Foundation

Academic Giants

- \$50 Terry & Betty Porter

16-059 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION – RIVERVIEW

The administration recommended the Board approve the acceptance of a donation from Walmart Foundation's Volunteerism Always Pays Program of \$250.00 to Riverview Elementary School. The donation provides additional funding for students to go on field trips.

16-060 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST - TUCKER

The administration recommended approval of the out of state field trip request from Seniors in the Criminal Justice Class at Tucker to visit Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, Ohio. The group will leave Tucker on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at approximately 7:00 a.m. and return on the same day at approximately 3:20 p.m. Transportation will be provided by the Marion Community Schools transportation department. There will be approximately 12 Seniors participating and 1 adult chaperone.

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. Murphy entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 16-051 through 16-060. After a second by Mr. Vermilion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Kitts abstained from items 16-051 and 16-052.

III. ACTION

16-061 MARION HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE 2016-17

The high school administration prepared the 2016-17 Course Description Guide and asked the Board for approval. The changes in the guide were previously reviewed with the Board at the Board meeting on March 16, 2016.

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the high school Course Description Guide for 2016-17, as presented. After a second by Mr. Vermilion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. DISCUSSION

16-064 DISTRICT TARGET #2: PRODUCING LEARNING RESULTS UPDATE

- Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up

Kerri Wortinger gave an update on preschool registration. We are receiving calls every day asking questions. This Friday at Justice Title I families will have the family Friday. At the same time we will enroll current preschool students into kindergarten. Next week there will be a parent workshop at Tucker. Kindergarten roundup is April 28th.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

VI. MARION TEACHER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Simpson stated that he is excited what is happening at Marion Community Schools. We are the only one in the state doing certain things. Preschool, CSA partnership, tomorrow night at Riverview and Kendall is their

spring carnival. The second round of ISTEP+ testing is coming up. The ISTA is still working hard on changing the ISTEP+ and he believes they will get something done.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Lindsay commented that when we won the state championship, everyone got excited. This also gives us the chance to shine the spotlight on other good things across the district. He is proud of our preschool and elementary teams coming together. He's excited about the Giant Summer Academy. Great things are going on at our intermediate school in art and music. McCulloch and Allen were recently recognized by the state for promising practices, with Power Hour at McCulloch and the New Beginnings program at Allen. The high school has had more students than ever involved in the art programs, competing at both state and regional levels. We've entered into more academic competitions than we ever have. We have more students taking AP courses and scoring higher than the state averages. Our JROTC is dominant. Our students are winning everything. We are receiving good news to put back into our tank. Regardless of what the state does with the A-F, we're going to come together on our own and declare what is most important for us to learn.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Morgan acknowledged the several donations we received this evening. She wanted to acknowledge the CSA Theatre Company presenting James and the Giant Peach. Because of generous donations from American Woodmark, the Rotary, and the Community Foundation, CSA was able to fill the venue with students of every school district in Grant County. All 1500 seats at the Walton Performance Arts Center will be filled tomorrow.

Mr. Kitts offered a thank you to everyone for everything you do every day. You do more than what we will ever now. Thank you.

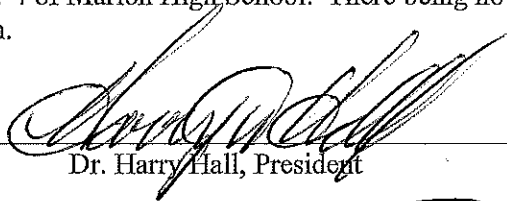
Dr. Hall echoed Mr. Kitts comments. Thank you for all the staff here. He complimented our superintendent. Mr. Lindsay is such a cheerleader. He endures things from the board you will never know. He is an awesome cheerleader and appreciates working with him.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

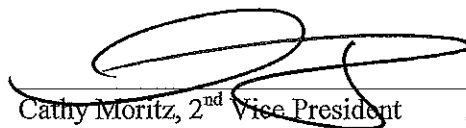
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Aaron Vermillion, 1st Vice President



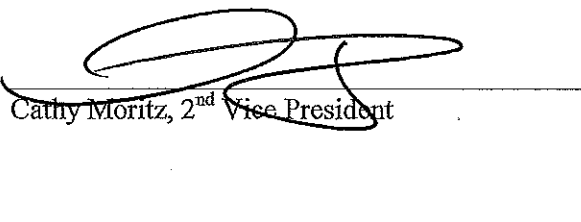
Dr. Harry Hall, President



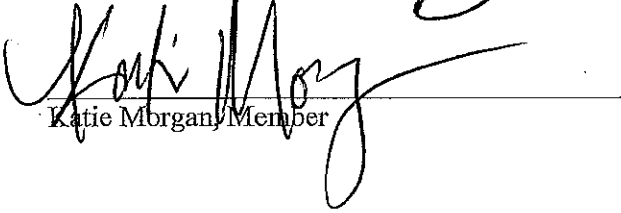
Cathy Moritz, 2nd Vice President



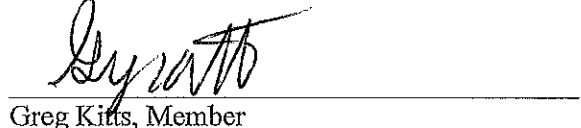
Scott Murphy, Secretary



Pam Hutchison, Member



Katie Morgan, Member



Greg Kitts, Member