

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 13, 2016

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a work session on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in room 4-4 of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 5:05 pm.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

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. Michele Kelsay	Instructional Coordinator
Mrs. Lynn Gosser	Director, Grant County Spec Ed Coop
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director, Special Services
Mr. Brad Powell	Facilities Manager

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Mr. Scott Simpson	President, Marion Teachers Association
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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.

II. WORK SESSION

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

• **Phase II Implementation**

- Floor plans for each building presented.
- Timelines for the moves: May 23rd through the end of July. Start with moving central office staff to building 2.
 - Each elementary building will receive a preschool playground.
 - Discussed the increase in traffic flow with preschool students attending each elementary building. Modifications to pick up and drop offs will be needed at some buildings. Some parking lots will have to

be added. We expect an additional 45 vehicles at each building because of preschool families. Preschool parents are required to park and walk their student into the building. Same at time of pick up.

- Preschool parents will enter through a door specifically just for preschool students.
- We will need additional staff to help with the moves this summer. Approximately 8 additional staff members. Dr. Schultz recommends we use Manpower for the summer help.

- **Summer Projects**

- The district storage of many items is currently at Tucker. If we find a buyer for Tucker, there is concern about where we will move the stored items.
- The tennis courts have cracks that need filled. Mr. Lindsay suggested that we go with brand new tennis courts and fencing, paid for from our CPF. This project would take a four (4) week window and could be done prior to the Giant Challenge weekend. The cost would be approximately \$300,000 for new courts and fencing.
- Mr. Lindsay discussed wrestling room options. He would like to look at moving the wrestling room to the gymnastics area. The weight room could be moved to the old wrestling area. For gymnastics, the upstairs of the Justice gym is the best spot.

- **Branding Purple/Gold & White Giants**

- The Superintendent would like to see the district become Little Giants at the Preschool level, and Giants at all other levels. Discussed the effect of this change and how this could be implemented across the district.

- **Giant Bistro**

- Dr. Schultz passed out a proposed contract to the Board that covered the lease of the KBistro building. We would use this for the Tucker Bistro class. Our school attorney, Mr. Hunt, has reviewed and recommended changes to the contract. This is a program the administration thinks is viable, and this is the best option, but we want to make sure it's for a one year commitment. We'd like to do one year to see if it works. Dr. Schultz stated that we do not have any space currently available within MCS that we can run this program out of. Mr. Simpson said the hospitality industry is one of the state's hot CTE careers. The vocational dollars we get for that are higher than some of the other courses.
- Mr. Lindsay said that we will gather more information and bring back to the board. He believes that there are enough students involved to continue to explore it. Dr. Schultz said the Giant Bistro would be open 4 days a week, from 9am to 1pm.

- **Financial Scorecard** – Dr. Schultz presented a 3 month update on our finances.

- **Community School of the Arts Contract**

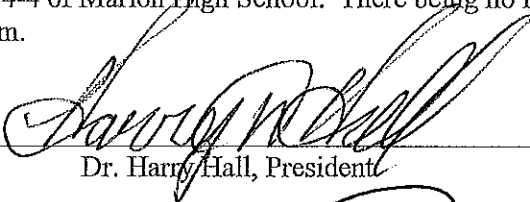
- A partnership with CSA would be a unique program for the State of Indiana. The essence is CSA would offer instruction in ballet, etc. that we can't offer here. So the students are attracted for that reason. With a cooperative agreement those students would be encouraged to join MCS as a fulltime student. Then as they become our student, we receive state tuition. They would graduate from MHS. We provide some online and classroom courses.

III. ADJOURNMENT

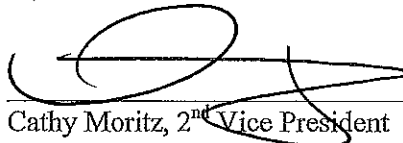
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4-4 of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



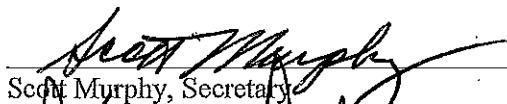
Aaron Vermilion, 1st Vice President



Dr. Harry Hall, President

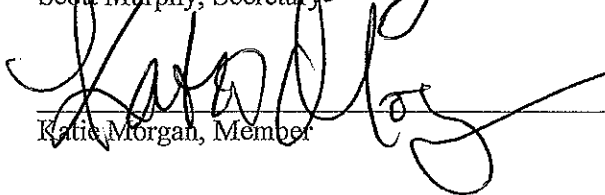


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