

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MARION, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MAY 14, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Marion Community Schools met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in the cafeteria of Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, Indiana, at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

Also present:

Mr. Brad Lindsay	Superintendent
Ms. Amy Rauch	Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Chris Hoke	Executive Director of Business Affairs/CFO
Mrs. Brenda McVicker	Director of Elementary Education
Mr. Troy Freeman	Director of Support Services
Mrs. Patricia Gibson	Director of Communications
Mrs. Lisa Graham	Director of Special Services
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Principal, Riverview Elementary School
Mr. Lennon Brown	Principal, Marion High School
Mrs. Amanda McCammon	Director, Tucker Career & Technology Center
Mr. Jim Fox	Principal, McCulloch Junior High School
Mrs. Melissa Richards	Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Ms. Jennifer Nickell	Asst. Principal, Justice Intermediate School
Mrs. Melissa Blossom	MHS Associate Principal
Mrs. Anne Liddick	Principal, Frances Slocum Elementary
Mrs. Kristi Phillippe	Asst. Principal, Kendall Elementary
Mrs. Michele Kelsay	Principal, Riverview Elementary
Mrs. Heather Pratt	Head Start Program Manager

Media/Distinguished Guests:

Ms. Jillian Fellows	Reporter, Chronicle-Tribune
Ms. Charlee Vaughan	Reporter, WBAT-WCJC Radio
Mr. John Butcher	MTA President

Spectators/Patrons

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kitts, Board President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given. The JROTC Color Guard presented the flag. There was a moment of silence.

RECOGNITION

MARY CLARK HANLEY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Mary Clark Hanley Teaching Excellence Award was initiated in the spring of 2000 and has become known as a symbol of excellence and a coveted award in our elementary buildings.

This year's \$550.00 Award Recipients were:

Dede Grau - Riverview
Julie Korfmacher - Kendall
Cara Oliver – Justice Marshall

JROTC CADET RECOGNITION

JROTC cadets who participated in various competitions throughout the school year were recognized. They were:

Austin Wimsatt
Chris Manio
Wyatt Todd
Tyler McClelland
Christopher Walters
David Bilbee
Tyler Mackessy
Darren Hawkins
Lee Hatten
Brooke Johnson
Haley Simpson
Chris Fansler
Chelsea Townsend
Matt Franks
Jake Johnson
Shelby Simpson
Kayla Simpson
Abbrielle Sells
Anthony Antrobus
Noland Stewart
Jesenia Trujillo
Joziah Miller
Dakota Nelson
Devin Tarlton
Kyle Moore
Jackie Cheung
Kayleigh Smith
Carissa Albertson
Ryder Trurillo
Cheyanna Cooper
Stephenzie Charlton
Daniel Sparks
Andrea Flynn
Colton Johnson Evda Pauley
Arande' Jones
Clayton Yeakle

MHS STATE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION

On April 30th the Marion High School Envirothon Team competed at the state level at Beck's Agricultural Center in West Lafayette. They competed in an oral presentation, written test and hands-on test. Our team won Third Place in the oral presentation and Third Place on the written test. Those recognized were:

James Walts
Alyssa Ngo
Andrew Spitzer
Kyle Nelson
Vinai Oddiraju
Brianna Garr

MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TEACHER RECOGNITION

Mr. John Butcher recognized the Marion Teacher Association leadership teams:

MHS

Scott Simpson, first VP
Tawny Wood, second VP
Doug Porter, treasurer
Carie Motwieller, building representative
Diana Gardner, building representative

TUCKER

Celinda Herman, building representative
Sarah Jones, building representative, membership chair, discussion co-chair

McCULLOCH

Darrell Wisser and Sally Melching, building representatives

JUSTICE

Stephanie Holcomb, building representative, discussion co-chair
Karen Richards-Fall, building representative

RIVERVIEW

Suzanne Yeakle, building representative

ALLEN

Joshua Halliwell, building representative

KENDALL

Alicia Crouch, building representative

SLOCUM

Lucinda Reeves, building representative

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 14-109 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD APRIL 23, 2014*
- 14-110 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 23, 2014*
- 14-111 PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 14-111.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORTS*
- 14-112 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST*
- 14-113 FINANCIAL REPORTS*
- 14-114 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST – MARION HIGH SCHOOL*
- 14-115 REVISIONS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2014-15*
- 14-116 RECOMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS RECOGNITION*
- 14-117 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM GENERAL MOTORS*
- 14-118 APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO MARION HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE*

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

14-109 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD APRIL 23, 2014

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session held April 23, 2014.

14-110 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 23, 2014

The Superintendent recommended approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 23, 2014.

14-111 PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Personnel Reports consisted of:

**MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PERSONNEL REPORTS**

5/14/14

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Retirement

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Linda Hillsamer	MHS, Special Education	5/23/14
Linda Grenier	Kendall, Kindergarten	5/23/14
Deborah Russell	Various Buildings, Speech Therapist	5/23/14
Anita Wilson	MHS, Special Education	5/23/14

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jessica Beeching	Kendall, Grade 4	5/23/14
Jane Hemmick	Frances Slocum, Elementary Teacher (Temporary Contract)	5/9/14
Anthony Lenter	MHS, Physical Education/WSI Instructor	5/23/14

Transfer

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Heather Hill	From Allen, Special Education to MHS, Special Education	8/8/14
Tawny Wood	From MHS, Social Studies to McCulloch, Social Studies	8/8/14

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jennifer Miller	Kendall, Kindergarten	4/18/14

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Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Greg Fulayatar	Tucker, Building Trades Instructor	5/23/14

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jim Brooks	ESC, Food Service Delivery Driver	5/9/14
Pam Garrison	McCulloch, Kitchen Assistant	4/22/14
Brooke Nobles	Tucker, Non-Instructional Educational Assistant	4/9/14
Jerry Saunders	Allen, Recess Monitor	4/28/14

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Lulu Andrews	MHS, Kitchen Assistant	3/3/14 through 8/11/14
Angie Boone	Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/17/14 through 3/21/14
Janna Boone	Kendall, Instructional Educational Assistant	3/20/14 and 3/21/14 (corrected dates)
Susie Edgell	Kendall, Kitchen Assistant	4/22/14
Connie Oylar	Kendall, Kitchen Assistant	4/14/14

Family Medical Leave

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Fred Mindach II	Justice Marshall, Custodian	5/3/14 through 5/30/14

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Morgan Vice	From McCulloch, Kitchen Assistant to Food Service Substitute	4/29/14

Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the Personnel Reports, as presented.

14-111.1 ADDENDA PERSONNEL REPORT

The Addenda Personnel Report consisted of:

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 ADDENDA**

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
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Lennon Brown	MHS, Principal	12/31/14
Amanda McCammon	Tucker, Director	6/23/14

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Jamy Bechler	MHS, Athletic Director	6/2/14 (pending successful completion of the hiring process)
Jennifer Donald	McCulloch, Principal	6/16/14(pending successful completion of the hiring process)

BARGAINING UNIT REPORT

Summer School Recommendations

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Brooke Austin*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Amber Basinger*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Samantha Berglan*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Bret Booher*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Victoria Brown*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
John Butcher*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Laura Carver*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Pat Cohee*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Danielle Christenson*	Junior High Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Amanda Cowgill*	Junior High Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Annie Els*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Josh Halliwell*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Karen Harvey*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Elizabeth Klara Howard*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Ben Huntington*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and

		June 30 – July 25, 2014
Carl Guarneri*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Laurie Kocher*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Anna Murphy*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Bobbie Owensby*	High School Summer School Teacher	June 2 – June 27, 2014 and June 30 – July 25, 2014
Nancy Price*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Jennifer Reto*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Jonathan Riegler*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Katie Riley*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Deb Seeler *	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Marcia Shepherd*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Sharon Stahlman*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Tristen Walker*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
Carrie Wright*	Elementary Summer School Teacher	June 2 through June 27, 2014
* Assignment is based on enrollment.		

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Gary Creech	Justice Marshall, Special Education	5/23/14
Morgan Dreshar	Allen, Kindergarten	5/23/14
Karen Hansel	Allen, Grade 1	5/23/14
Stephanie Hunt	Allen, Grade 4	5/23/14
Jennifer Schindler	Justice Marshall, READ 180	5/23/14

CLASSIFIED REPORT

Resignation

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Misty Bartholomew	Transportation, Bus Aide	5/2/14
Ed Jeffries	Transportation, Bus Aide	4/4/14

Morgan Vice	Food Service Substitute	4/29/14
Diana Volz	MCS Early Childhood Center, Head Start Instructional Educational Assistant	5/1/14

New Employee

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Tamara Brown	Transportation, Bus Aide	4/15/14

Change in Assignment

Name	Building and Assignment	Effective Date
Elaine Cline	From Allen, Kitchen Assistant to Food Service Substitute	5/22/14
Katrina Jeffries	From Substitute Bus Driver to Transportation, Bus Driver	4/15/14
Penny Sprong	From Food Service Substitute to Allen, Kitchen Assistant (5.75 hours per day)	3/15/14

Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the Addenda Personnel Report, as presented.

14-112 MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST

The Expenditure Approval List for 4/1/14 through 5/14/14 was presented. The report included accounts payable claims #90,233 through #90,463, for a total of 231 accounts payable claims. The total dollar amount of claims was \$1,132,511.06, of that amount \$423,300.45 was expended from the General Fund. Mr. Lindsay recommended approval of the expenditure approval list. (Exhibit "A")

14-113 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Fund Summary report and the 2014 Expenditures Report were presented to the Board for approval.

14-114 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST – MARION HIGH SCHOOL

The administration recommended approval of the overnight field trip request from Marion High School Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honorary Society to participate in the national Mu Alpha Theta convention in Orlando, FL. The group will leave Marion High School on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at approximately 6:00 a.m. and return on Friday, July 25, 2014 at approximately 12:00 p.m. Transportation to and from the Indianapolis Airport will be provided by the district transportation department. There will be approximately 24 students participating and 4 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.

14-115 REVISIONS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2014-15

The Board approved a new calendar for the 2014-15 school year at the April 23rd board meeting. Unfortunately, an error was found in the number of instructional days in the month of August which results in the total instructional days for the year being 179. We are required by law to have 180 days of instruction. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve a change in the last day of school from May 19th to May 20th. (Exhibit "B")

14-116 RECOMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS RECOGNITION

Board Policy 9710 – Meritorious Recognition requires that a committee be convened to review any nominations for meritorious recognition. A nomination from Doug Porter to name the Marion High School tennis courts "The

Bill Beekman Tennis Courts” was reviewed by the committee on April 4th and approved. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the meritorious recognition.

14-117 REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM GENERAL MOTORS

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the acceptance of a donation from the GM Foundation for Education Excellence of \$10,000 to benefit academic excellence at Marion Community Schools.

14-118 APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO MARION HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following changes to the Marion High School Course Description Guide for the 2014-15 school year:

1. Removal of the course, #4188-S Advanced Chorus Sweet Inspirations.
2. Addition of a new course, #3180 Choral Chamber.
3. PLTW Biomedical Sciences #5218 will be dual credit (IUPUI) and weighted.

Mr. Murphy entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 14-109 through 14-118. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. ACTION

14-119 RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF 2014-15 TEXTBOOK ADOPTION – MCCULLOCH AND MARION HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Rauch presented textbook adoption proposals for Marion High School and McCulloch Junior High School for the 2014-15 school year at the April 23rd board meeting. Ms. Rauch made the recommendation that the Board approve the textbook adoptions, as presented. (Exhibit “C”)

Dr. Hall entered a motion to approve the textbook adoption, as presented. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-120 RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF 2014-15 TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES

Ms. Rauch presented 2014-15 textbook rental fees for all grade levels, at the Board meeting on April 23rd. Ms. Rauch made the recommendation that the Board approve all fee schedules as presented. (Exhibit “D”)

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the 2014-15 textbook rental fees, as presented. After a second by Dr. Hall, the motion passed with a six to one vote, with Dr. Hall voting no.

14-121 STUDENT HANDBOOKS 2014-15

2014-15 student handbooks were presented to the Board for discussion and review. The administration recommended the Board approve the student handbooks.

Mr. Vermilion entered a motion to approve the 2014-15 student handbooks. After a second by Mrs. Morgan, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-122 2014-15 MEAL PRICES

The administration brought a proposal for increases in the meal prices for paid student and adult meals for the 2014-15 school year at the April 23rd board meeting. Mr. Hoke made the recommendation that the Board approve the increases, as presented. (Exhibit “E”)

Mrs. Hutchison entered a motion to approve the 2014-15 meal prices. After a second by Mrs. Moritz, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-123 REVISIONS TO POLICY 2430.01 – ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The administration presented at the April 23rd Board meeting, recommended changes in the language of Policy 2430.01 – Academic Eligibility (for athletic/Extra-Curricular Activities). Mrs. Rauch recommended the Board approve those changes, as presented. (Exhibit “F”)

Mrs. Morgan entered a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 2430.01, as presented. After a second by Dr. Hall, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-124 REVISIONS TO POLICY 5330 – USE OF MEDICATIONS

Ms. Rauch presented revisions to Policy 5330 – Use of Medications at the April 23rd board meeting. It was her recommendation that the Board now approve the policy. (Exhibit “G”)

Mr. Vermilion entered a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 5330, as presented. After a second by Mrs. Hutchison, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-125 REVISIONS TO POLICY 5600 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Revisions to Policy 5600 were reviewed with the Board at the April 23rd Board meeting. The administration recommended that the Board adopt those changes. (Exhibit “H”)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 5600, as presented. Mrs. Moritz made a second on the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-126 RECOMMENDATION FOR RAINY DAY FUND

It was Mr. Hoke’s recommendation to the Board that they approve a resolution that allows the corporation to establish a Rainy Day Fund. Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1 allows a school corporation to transfer unused and unencumbered balances in funds raised by a tax levy and/or received by the school corporation into a Rainy Day Fund. No more than ten percent (10%) of the annual budget can be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund each fiscal year. The purpose of this fund will be for emergency, urgent or otherwise unanticipated events. (Exhibit “I”)

Mrs. Hutchison made a motion to approve the Rainy Day Fund, as presented. Mr. Murphy made a second on the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-127 DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AT JUSTICE

The administration recommended, at the request of Mrs. Richards, the Principal of Justice, that old orchestral instruments be deemed obsolete. The equipment needs to be removed from the basement storage at Justice due to the upcoming renovations this summer in that area. The proceeds from the sale of this equipment, if any, will be used to repair musical instruments that are currently be used.

Dr. Hall made a motion to approve the Declaration of Obsolete Equipment, as presented. Mr. Murphy made a second on the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

14-127.1 AMENDMENT TO TITLE I GRANT – PILOT PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL

Mr. Hoke explained that an amendment to the Title I grant is necessary due to the 2012-13 Excess Carryover Waiver and the 2013-14 Census Adjustment. This amendment must be filed by May 30, 2014. The Excess Carryover waiver was granted in December, 2013 and is for excess carryover of \$105,860.69 to be encumbered by June 30, 2014. This excess will be used to cover startup costs of an early literacy (pre-school) pilot program. Because of the 2013-14 census adjustment, additional Title I funding of \$97,616 was received by the corporation. These funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2014. In addition, it is anticipated that Marion Community Schools will need to carryover the full 15% permissible for the 2013-14 year and those funds will need to be encumbered by June 30, 2015. The 2013-14 Amendment includes \$200,000 designated for startup costs associated with preschool. This will need to be encumbered prior to June 30, 2014 as well. Mr. Hoke reported that the excess carryover of 15% is adequate to fully fund 2 classrooms of Title I Preschool, as well as continuing to fund 6 Master Teacher positions for the 2014-15 school year.

The preschool classes will be held at the Justice Intermediate School. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held and there will be a fee of \$75.00 annually. Fees will cover take home books for family days, holiday crafts for family days, and graduation caps and gowns. Parents who cannot pay the \$75 registration fee can apply for a waiver. Mr. Hoke and Mrs. McVicker answered many questions from the Board.

It was the administration's recommendation that the Board approve the amendment to Title I grant, which will fund a pilot program for expanded preschool of two classrooms for the 2014-15 school year.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Title I amendment. Mrs. Hutchison made a second on the motion. The motion passed with a four to three vote, with Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Vermilion and Mr. Kitts voting no.

14-127.2 RESTORATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Based upon information from Mark Bilger from Insurance Management Group (IMG) and Mark DeGraaf from Liberty Mutual, the administration recommended the Board approve a declaration of emergency for ESC restoration and Tucker temporary renovations. It is expected that the ESC restoration will last in excess of 12 to 15 months. Once school is back in session, there will not be room at the high school to house some of the ESC staff. Renovations to Tucker can be made to accommodate all ESC staff, and those renovations will be covered under the Emergency Expenses section of our current policy. (Exhibit "J")

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the restoration and declaration of emergency, as presented. Dr. Hall made a second on the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

14-129 REVISIONS TO POLICY 5461 – CREDIT EARNED PRIOR TO GRADE 9

With the elimination of the Common Core by the Indiana Department of Education, a change in the language of policy 5461 – Credit Earned Prior to Grade 9 became necessary. Mrs. Rauch discussed the changes in the language of the policy and answered questions from the Board.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Mesack addressed the Board with regard to the JROTC Booster Club and an upcoming golf outing fundraiser.

VI. MARION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Mr. Butcher commented that he is so proud of all of our teachers for how they have stepped up, under difficult circumstances, this second semester. He thanked the Board for hiring some fine central office administrators who have Marion in their heart and do what's good for Marion. They all have made a difference this year. He welcomed our new athletic director and McCulloch principal. He's relieved that the preschool program has been expanded for next year. He reminded all that the Sing on the Green is this Sunday as well as Senior Awards Day.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Lindsay stated that this is his sixth year as a superintendent, 1st year at Marion Community Schools. Leave no doubt that our Board has the best interests of our students and community in mind. They have the job to act in the best interests of Marion Community Schools and our Board does that. We were awarded the bronze medal from US News and World Report, which means we are now considered one of the top 25% of high schools in the nation. What a transformational story that is! Our academic teams continue to have success. He wanted to reiterate that our fire department did an outstanding job attacking the fire at the ESC. We've also recently had two bomb threats and the evacuation of all high school students to IWU. We saw again our staff and community rise to the occasion to assist in the best interests of our students. He is thankful that the fire was not in one of our school buildings where students are. Everyone at the ESC was safely evacuated and we only had one staffer who hurt her ankle. The displacement of the ESC staff has been a major disruption in the last week and half, but we

have chosen to respond like champions. We are in a position to score our highest across the district since 1997. Next Friday we will honor the new Hall of Distinction inductees.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Hall recognized Mr. Butcher for the remarkable job he has done.

Mrs. Hutchison thanked Mr. Lindsay for coming to Marion and being a pacesetter and bringing in people to move us to a new direction. She is happy with progress being made at our schools.

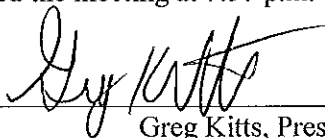
Mr. Vermilion stated that most board meetings go smoothly and if we aren't having discussions like we did tonight, then the Board isn't doing their jobs. Tonight we had healthy discussions that may make people uncomfortable, but it just means they care and want to do the right thing.

Mr. Murphy thanked the teachers. It has been an unbelievable 2nd semester. Teachers have responded above and beyond. He was close by the high school the day of the bomb scare and thanked Justine Pond and everyone who was involved in the safety piece. He was pleased to see the calmness, the order, and the teachers leading groups of students to busses. It was all done professionally, with no panic, a very coordinated event. The communications were extremely good under the circumstances. He attended the 3.5 banquet and can't think of a better venue and better recognition than to have our seniors bring their favorite and most impactful teachers to be recognized. Relationship building and how those relationships impact them outside the classroom and on their life is powerful. He also mentioned that he heard nothing but great things about the prom and thanked Mr. Brown and his staff.

Mrs. Morgan thanked General Motors for their generous donation. She thanked the teachers and staff for a wonderful year. She thanked Mr. Brown especially. There is so much greatness happening at the high school. The numbers are fantastic, but there is something great that happened and it was a cultural change and we owe that to Mr. Brown. She welcomed both of the new administrators. She's thrilled to see MCS provide a preschool program and she believes that preschool is great for our community. For her, always transparency will lead her to make the best decision. If she doesn't feel she's received that, it will be difficult for her to support any of those things.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

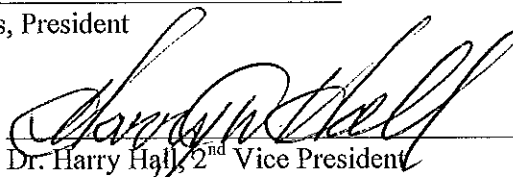
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be a regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Marion High School. There being no further comments, President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



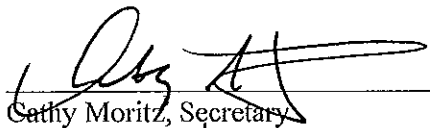
Greg Kitts, President



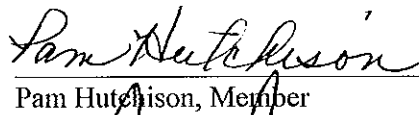
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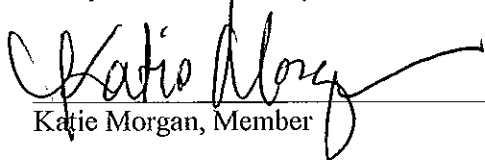
Dr. Harry Hall, 2nd Vice President



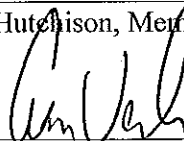
Cathy Moritz, Secretary



Pam Hutchison, Member



Katie Morgan, Member



Aaron Vermilion, Member