

Marion Local Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Randy Bruns, Phil Moeller, Dave Moorman, Tim Pohlman and Jesse Rose answered roll call by the Treasurer, Heather Cramer.

Tim Pohlman motioned to approve the agenda, Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

19-06:

Dave Moorman motioned that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 10, 2018 be approved as read. Phil Moeller seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Recognition of visitors:

John Bruns, of the American Legion Post in Maria Stein, was present to report the performance of the Marion Local students in the Government Americanism test that was given in November on election day. He thanked the Board of Education and Administrators for allowing the American Legion to provide the test to students in grades 9-12. Winners will be recognized at the American Legion banquet in the spring.

Marion Local Technology Coordinator, Michelle Mescher, submitted the following report: Professional Development

- Winter technology in-service opportunities are continuing. A list of sessions are available at <http://www.marionlocal.org/in-service-schedule.html>

Technology Purchases

- 10 Desktop computers for staff replacement
- 1 Staff Laptop
- 5 Laptops for the high school art classroom
- Aerohive yearly software maintenance agreement

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- I would like to thank all of you for your time and commitment and the wonderful job you do for the students and staff of Marion Local.

Marion Local High School Principal, Tim Goodwin, submitted the following report: Graduation Pathways:

State legislators recently extended additional pathways for graduation to the Class of 2019, see the handout on the table for details.

Mural:

Aubrey Thobe recently completed this mural outside of the Geometry room.



Board Appreciation:

On behalf of the high school, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Education for serving our district in this capacity.

Testing Update:

We will be administering end of course tests on April 8-11,24,25,29,30 this year. Tests will be given to Freshmen in Math, English, Biology and American History. Sophomores will take tests in Math (Geometry only) and English. Juniors will be tested in American Government. Also, all juniors will take the ACT on the morning of February 20th.

Right to Read Week:

I would like to thank Mr. Wilker and Ms. DeMange for inviting the HS kids over for a partner read on December 17th.



Upcoming events:

- Jan 26 Coming Home Dance
- Jan 28 Freshman Orientation (8th graders)
- Jan 29 College Credit Plus meeting
- Jan 30 A&P Students to Minster to view live knee surgery
- Feb 6 Student Council Sponsored Blood Drive

Mr. Nick Wilker, K-8 Principal, submitted the following report:

1. Congratulations to our building staff, students, and families. Our elementary has won for the second year in a row the Momentum Award from the Ohio Department of Education.

The Momentum Award recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Schools must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on the report card. We also won the Overall A Award for our accomplishments on the 2018 building report card. This is a new award from ODE.



2. DARE graduation was held on December 11th. Congratulations to: Ava Mescher, Kelsey Bergman, Hannah Rindler, Chloe Bergman, Michaela Osterholt, and Oliver Siefiring who were all DARE essay winners. DARE honor students were: Ava mescher, Hayden Steinbrunner, Kayla McClurg, Selena Arling, Katelyn McClurg, and Chloe Bergman.
3. Right to Read week was celebrated the week of December 17th. We welcomed local author, Michelle Houts for an assembly with all of our students. Michelle did a fantastic job explaining how she became an author and the stages of how an author writes a story to that story being published in book form.
4. As part of the Christmas holiday, all of the K-8 staff was divided into teams and had a hallway decorating contest for Christmas. The team of Kim Bruns, Sarah Clune, Jeff Kaup, Margaret Kuck, and Amanda Layer won the competition as judged by retired Marion Local staff.



5. On December 20th, 112 7th and 8th grade students earned their semester incentive and travelled to Troy to go ice skating at Hobart Arena and went out to lunch.



6. Our season of giving assembly was held on Friday, December 21st. Our students heard from a representative from CALL Food Pantry on all the ways the food donations we collected will benefit families of Mercer County representatives.



7. Our annual Spelling Bee was held last week on January 10th. Our top five students to place will advance to the Mercer County Bee that will take place on Monday, February 25th at Wright State University Lake Campus.
1st place: Andrew Schmackers – 4th grade
2nd place: Ryan Homan – 6th grade
3rd place: Maggie Frey – 4th grade
4th place: Noah Budde – 8th grade
5th place: Erin Bergman – 8th grade
8. This past Saturday, January 12th, one of our three LEGO Robotics teams participated in the regional tournament held at Bowling Green State University. The students have worked hard since this past summer hoping to make it to regionals. They qualified back in November at the Versailles local competition.
9. Informational: our preliminary numbers for kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year look to be around 81.
10. January is National Board Appreciation month. On behalf of the elementary staff and students, I would like to thank all of you for the time you give to serve as five voices for this community and help shape the education for the students and families of Marion Local.

Upcoming:

Jan 21 – No School, MLK day

Mr. Rod Pleiman, MLEA, submitted the following report:

The following teachers submitted information regarding what is happening in their classrooms:

Kim Droesch

- The fourth grade students just finished a unit about the caused of the Civil War and Ohio involvement in the war. In science, the students learned about electricity. They enjoyed building parallel and series circuits.

Trisha McMurray

- The fourth grade students are beginning an Iditarod unit.

Jeanna Heitkamp

- Here's what we've been doing in my classes:
 - 3rd : Studying the Olympic sports and athletes
 - 4th : Multiplying fractions
 - 5th : Dividing fractions
 - 6th : Working with expressions, equations and inequalities
 - 7th : Programming Boe Bots

Laura Post

- We are making a model of the solar system including the sun, planets, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets, and meteors. Students researched these items and then used a predetermined scale to compare sizes of the planets and distances between the planets.

Paul Utendorf

- The 6th grade students just completed a project on the expenses that go with buying a car. (Insurance, interest, monthly payments, loans, etc.)

Amanda DeMange

- In the 6th grade, the students are learning about how to construct a formal informative 5 paragraph essay. After reading a variety of samples, and modeling high quality informative essays, the students created their own informative paper over a monument of their choice. For extra tickets and a popcorn sticker, the students could create a model replica of the monument they wrote about. Many of our students took advantage of this opportunity, and they were very proud to bring in their final products to go along with their papers. On February 9, the 4th grade students from Mrs. McMurray's class visited Mrs. DeMange's and Mrs. Greve's room to meet with the 6th grade students. The 6th grade students used this time as a "teaching time" to show off their final papers and products to the 4th grade. They also used this time to point out important elements of their paper such as what a thesis sentence is, how to create topic sentences, how to use higher level transitional words, and how to edit properly. The 4th grade students were also able to show the 6th grade students a paper they are currently working on to receive some pointers from the 6th graders. All of the final products are currently on display in the 6th grade hallway.

Karla Huwer

- Sheriff Jeff Grey spoke to 7th and 8th grade classes about his job and rescuing people; this fits with an argumentative essay unit on rescuing people who make risky choices.

Emily Henschen

- 8th ELA – Literature (reading short stories) and revisiting informative writing

Mandy Koenig

- Technology
 - 1st : Started on typing sentences
 - 2nd : Working on typing paragraphs and manipulating fonts
 - 3rd : Finished an All About Me Powerpoint presentation
 - 4th : Finished an Idioms Google Slides presentation
 - 5th : Talked a lot about internet safety and worked on Martin Luther King Posters and made snowflakes online

Matthew Begley

- Woodworking: Planning/starting 3rd shop project
- Exploratory: Finishing up electrical wiring and starting to design their first shop project
- Basic Drafting: Finishing up practice drawings and starting on first drawing project

Kim Bruns

- Over the past couple of years, the projects that I do with the JH students has been inspired by a TAB-based approach to learning (Teaching for Artistic Behavior). Most of these TAB-inspired projects are more open-ended and student-centered. These projects allow students to take more creativity and ownership of their own learning. For each lesson, students are first introduced to a new skill and/or practice an existing skill, and then they have the freedom to decide how they will use those skills to create a final project of their choosing. This TAB-based approach has been great as students are able to make art that is personally meaningful and relevant to them. This is what the 6th and 7th Graders are learning about right now.
 - 7th Grade is working with clay. These students have the flexibility to make any clay project of their choosing. To begin this project, students were responsible for developing their own idea and working method. All students sketched out an idea or found an inspiration image online. Then, they had to decide which clay building techniques (slumping, pinch pot, coils, slab, ect) would work best for each part of their project and shared their ideas with me during a planning conference. Once the project was built, students used their choice of paints and glazes to create a surface decoration for the final piece.
 - 6th grade is focusing on realism in art. For the last two class, students experimented with different colored pencil techniques (such as burnishing, directional lines, crosshatching, scumbling, and watercolor wash) and learned how these techniques can be used to describe the surface texture of an object. They will soon be introduced to the grid drawing method and discover how mathematical angles, ratios, and proportions can help them draw more accurately. This unit culminates with student applying what they learned about colored pencils and realism to create a drawing depicting anything of their choosing.

Mrs. Heather Cramer, Marion Local Treasurer, submitted the following report:

The financial report for December 2018 was approved by the board. The report showed that \$467,553.00 was spent on 2 regular payrolls and one supplemental payroll. \$218,364.35 was issued in warrant checks and \$128,331.18 in memo checks. Cash receipts for the month totaled \$545,840.47 and interest income was \$13,424.98.

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- None

Estimated Resources

- None

Additional Motion Items

Budget Commission Rates

- Move to accept rates as determined by the budget commission. New tax valuations were received from the county auditor and our valuation increased by \$2,104,320 to \$122,461,240. Since valuations went up our effective millage decreased. Changes include decreases to the following:
 - Bond Levy (1995) – 1.6 mills to 1.4 mills
 - Bond Levy (1999) – 0.8 mills to 0.7 mills
 - Emergency Levy – 10.0 mills to 9.8 mills

The new effective rate is 29.7 mills plus inside millage of 4.5 mills totaling 34.2 mills. This is a decrease of .5 mills from 34.7 mills.

Payroll Items

- Move to approve payment through payroll to Amanda Layer for \$500 and Many Koenig for \$200 for assisting with the High School Drama. This cost in addition to retirement costs will be reimbursed by the Drama Club Student Activity Fund.
- Move to approve payment to Connie Brunswick and Mandy Koenig at \$200 each for directing the 5th/6th Grade Drama. This cost in addition to retirement costs will be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Student Activity Fund.
- Approve payment to Kevin Hartings for \$60 for the CCD Concert on December 16, 2018 to be reimbursed by St. John Church.
- Approve to pay Ava Rose as Athletic Secretary \$8.55 per hour which is the new minimum wage effective 1/1/19.

Other Informational Items

Organizational Meeting – Offer Insurance to Board

- During the organizational meeting we will be reminding you that medical, dental and vision insurance is available to you at full cost. You will need to contact me if you are interested.

Permanent Improvement Levy

- Our Permanent Improvements levy will expire at the end of 2019 with collections expiring December 31, 2020.

Mileage Rate

- Due to the IRS increasing their business mileage rate to 58 cents from 54.5 cents, our mileage rate will increase to 55 cents from 51.5 cents. Policy 6320H states that the mileage reimbursement rate is the IRS rate minus 3 cents per mile.

School Board Recognition

- January is School Board recognition month and I would like to personally thank all of you for the wonderful job you do for the students of Marion Local. Your time and commitment are admirable and shows your true concern for the welfare of not only the students, but the entire staff. Thanks!

19-07:

Dave Moorman motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented by Mrs. Cramer. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

19-08:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil Moeller motioned that the Board of Education accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Pohlman yea, Moorman yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Marion Local Superintendent, Mr. Mike Pohlman, submitted the following report:

BOARD RECOGNITION

I would like to recognize the board members for their dedication to the Marion Local school district. We appreciate your willingness to serve and make decisions for the benefit of our students. A certificate is in your packet to express our gratitude.

BULLYING REPORT

There has been one verified incidents of hazing and or bullying reported at Marion Local since August 2018.

BIKE PATH

Community member Nick Moeller has been working with the MCDO on obtaining grants to construct a bike path in our community. I have a potential letter of support from the Board of Education that I would like for you to review to consider endorsing this project. This project will have educational value and can impact our curricular and extra-curricular activities at Marion Local.

19-09:

Dave Moorman motioned to approve items contained on the consent agenda for the regular meeting as presented. Tim Pohlman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, Moeller yea, Rose yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

1. To approve the high school band field trip to Wright State in Dayton, OH on February 15, 2019.
2. To approve membership to the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3,614.00.

3. To purchase a John Deere Compact Utility Tractor Cab w/loader less trade in for a total of \$26,122.00.
4. To approve payment to Connie Brunswick and Mandy Koenig for directing the 5th & 6th grade drama to be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Fund for \$200.00/ea. along with retirement expenses.
5. To approve payment of \$500 to Stephanie Tuentle for directing the 5th & 6th grade drama.
6. To approve payment to Amanda Layer for \$500 and Mandy Koenig for \$200 for assisting with the High School drama. This will be reimbursed by the 200 Drama Club Fund along with retirement expenses.
7. To approve the eligibility for Marion Local students to participate in the OATCCC indoor championships for track if they qualify through competing in preliminary events.
8. To approve Kyle Grabowski as a volunteer as the indoor track coach.
9. To pay Kevin Hartings \$60.00 for the CCD concert to be reimbursed by St. John Church.
10. To approve the resignation of Erica Schulze as Head Volleyball Coach.

19-10:

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Phil motioned that the Board of Education approve to pay Ava Rose as Athletic Secretary at a rate of \$8.55 per hour effective January 1, 2019. Dave Moorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Moeller yea, Moorman yea, Pohlman yea, and Bruns yea. Rose abstained. Motion passed.

19-11:

Tim Pohlman, upon the Superintendent's recommendation, motioned that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employee. Jesse Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Pohlman yea, Rose yea, Moeller yea, Moorman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:40 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 10:00 p.m.

19-12:

Jesse Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Dave Moorman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Rose yea, Moorman yea, Moeller yea, Pohlman yea and Bruns yea. Motion passed.