

MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL  
4034 Warner Road, Marion, NY 14505  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
**June 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**  
Jr.-Sr. High School Library  
Lobby of Holiday Inn Express, 346 Kelly Road, Vernon, CT 06066  
Lobby of Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Marshall, J. Monroe, J. Reesor, and A. Taber
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** M. Kuelling
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** S. Dehn, M. Levi, E. Lloyd (via Zoom), N. Miller, B. Raes, C. Steiner, R. Walker (via Zoom), and D. Wise
- GUESTS:** Guest Register
- A1. CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mr. Monroe, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the agenda of June 5, 2023 with the following changes to order, swapped Section B. and D. and the addition of approving a four year probationary appointment for Ryan Pasquarette as Science Teacher. (FY 22/23 June #1) 4-0-0
- B. PRESENTATIONS** The Board heard student presentations regarding the recent trips to Germany and Spain.
- C1. APPROVE PROB APPT.** Motion by Ms. Taber, seconded by Mr. Reesor, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the four year probationary appointment of **Cassiana Coon** as 1.00 FTE Elementary Classroom Teacher, in the academic tenure area of Elementary, effective 09/01/2023 through 06/30/2027 or sooner upon termination by the board. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3014 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher

receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

**C2. APPROVE PROB APPT.**

Motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Ms. Taber, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the four year probationary appointment of **Chelsea Nuss** as 1.00 FTE .5 Social Studies Teacher and .5 Special Education Teacher, in the academic tenure area of Social Studies and special subject tenure area of Special Education, effective 09/01/2023 through 06/30/2027 or sooner upon termination by the board. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3014 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

**C3. APPROVE PROB APPT.**

Motion by Ms. Taber, seconded by Mr. Reesor, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the four year probationary appointment of **Ryan Pasquarette** as 1.00 FTE Living Environment Science Teacher, in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 09/01/2023 through 06/30/2027 or sooner upon termination by the board. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3014 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

**D. COMM AGENDA COMMENTS**

An opportunity for community questions and comments on agenda topics was given. No comments were made.

## **E1. BOARD REPORT**

The Board invited their Internal Claims Auditor, Kim Wemesfelder, to give a report on internal claims auditing activities. Mrs. Wemesfelder reported on a handful of issues that regularly take place and some frustration with the clerical duties with accounts payable. She then reported on attending a recent training and relayed the additional areas she should be auditing and the amount of additional work that will be required of her. The Board then discussed their self-evaluation and will revisit this to decide on a date end of July, early August. Mr. Marshall asked the Board if they would like to start touring the facilities as they had done in the past and it was decided to add this to next year's schedule. The Board then discussed the date for the Reorganizational meeting in July and agreed that July 10<sup>th</sup> would work. Lastly, Mr. Marshall ask the board to think about holding all of the board meetings at the Jr-Sr High Library going forward. Members of the Board reported on attending Sherburne saying that it was a great day and a lot of fun.

### **APPROVE REORG MTG**

Motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Reesor and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Resolution for the **Reorganization Meeting** to be on **Monday, July 10, 2023**. (FY 22/23 June #1) 4-0-0

## **E2. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Lloyd reported that we did not get the Federal UPK expansion grant, but did receive more funds than in the past from the state which may allow us the opportunity to have a full day and a half day option for UPK. She then discussed the Board getting together with the Admin team to work on District Goals, Whole Child Framework and proposed July 10<sup>th</sup> prior to the Reorg meeting. That date did not work for board members so they will propose dates that will work. Dr. Lloyd then updated the Board on the recent NYSED Safety Summit, sharing takeaways.

## **E3. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Mr. Walker reported that the Capital Project bi-weekly meetings have begun again; work will resume June 19<sup>th</sup> with goal of finishing in early fall. He then reported on the Bond funding and reserves which, due to the federal funding, we will have a healthy fund balance which will be helpful in the coming years. Lastly, he reported on the financial report stating that there were no significant changes.

#### **AUTH FUNDING OF RESERVE**

Motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Reesor, and unanimously carried the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Resolution to Authorize Funding of Reserve. (FY 22/23 June #1) 4-0-0

#### **APPROVAL FINANCIAL REPRT**

Motion by Ms. Taber, seconded by Mr. Marshall, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant of Education Law, approves the Financial Report as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1) 4-0-0

#### **E4. ADMINISTRATORS**

Mrs. Miller reported that they are gearing up for summer and professional development. The Whole Child survey was sent out to the parents and they are hoping that many parents will fill this out. It will be going out to students and teachers as well. The data collected from this survey is used to help plan for summer work. She then reported that we are in regent's season with the US History regents having been given this past week. The results for that test will be released June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Levi reported that Annual Reviews for special education are almost completed. She then mentioned that we participated in Special Olympics and it was the first time that we were able to include our students who have placements outside of Wayne County. Mrs. Levi also mentioned that we had two deaf students and, in addition to having a translator there for those students, some of the American Sign Language students also came to help. There were about 10 high school and 5 elementary students that also joined to help at Special Olympics. Lastly, she reported on BKC's.

Mrs. Steiner reported on Ag day at the elementary school, mentioning that there were a lot of different people and animals there, along with a Maple syrup trailer. She mentioned that the Spring Fling / Open House took place on May 16<sup>th</sup> where students presented their portfolios and they also had a Health Fair on site which parents appreciated. The Spring Chorus and Band Concert took place, as well as the K-2 Musical, both of which were a treat and it is nice to see our students' talents. Mrs. Steiner then reported on the Memorial Day Celebration and that field trip season has started which will end with Camp Stella Maris. Lastly she mentioned the PBIS Celebration of Water Fun and last day of school picnic.

Ms. Raes reported that the mini-camps are coming to a close and Girls on the Run finished with a 5K at MCC. The mini-camps went well and she received a lot of positive feedback from students and parents and they were happy to hear that they will continue next year. She mentioned that she is working closely with Mr. Fulmer on the combined K-8 Summer School with Williamson which will be hosted at MES and working closely with the Transportation departments of both districts and teachers; and also was able to work with Williamson to bring the more academic needs focused extended school classroom that is usually at Williamson to our summer school. Ms. Raes then mentioned that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders came to the Jr-Sr High and the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade WEB leaders showed them around and played games; the 6<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed their time and are feeling a little less nervous about coming to the building, especially knowing that they have one more opportunity with 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation to visit before school starts. Lastly, she mentioned that she was able to go on the Washington, DC trip with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It was a good experience for the students.

Mr. Dehn reported that senior days for varsity spring sports took place and it's a nice way to recognize our senior athletes. He then spoke about our Musical students who were recognized at Stars of Tomorrow and the Elenbes for individuals, as well as the group, recognitions. Frau Thompson was also recognized. Mr. Dehn then spoke about the Spring Showcase and Academic Awards night which was a little different than in the past. It was well attended and they will do the same next year with a few tweaks. It's nice to do it this way because it allows the student's to be presented their awards by their teachers. The Marion FFA attended the NYS FFA Convention in Buffalo where they competed and several students received top 10 recognition in the State which is exciting. He then ended by mentioning the end of year and Spring Athletic Awards and the spring choir concert, both of which were nice evenings.

Mr. Wise reported they completed the upgrade of our battery system and it went without a hitch and we were only down for a couple of hours. He then stated that they are starting to look at summer projects and transitioning over to the summer.

## **F. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Ms. Taber, and unanimously carried by Board members present: 4-0-0

### **F1. MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. (FY 22/23 June #1)

- F2. MEETING MINUTES** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Annual Meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F3. CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the placement of students into special education programs. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F4. APPROVE TREAS/WARR RPTS** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the treasurer's and warrants reports as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F5. APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Budget Transfers as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F6. APPROVE INT CLAIMS AUDIT** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Internal Claims Auditor's reports as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F7. UNPAID PARENTING LEAVE** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the unpaid parenting leave of **Lauren Penders** for six (6) weeks from the end of her maternity leave. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F8. UNPAID PARENTING LEAVE** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the extension of unpaid parenting leave of **Michelle Williams** from the end of her maternity leave through November 13 rather than October 2, 2023 which was previously approved. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F9. OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the overnight field trip as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F10. CREATE K-12 SPED TEACHER** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of a K-12 Certified Special Education Teacher position at Marion Central School District, effective July 1, 2023. (FY 22/23 June #1)

- F11. APPROVE SUMMER TECH ASST** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of **Jason Wise** as the Summer Technology Assistant for Marion Central School District, effective June 5, 2023 – August 23, 2023, \$14.25/hr. as presented. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F12. APPRV CERT SUB** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the change in appointment of **Helene Becker** from Non-Certified to Certified Substitute Teacher, Teacher Assistant for Marion Central School District; fingerprint clearance on file. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F13. ACCEPT RESIGNATION** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the resignation of **Debbie Potter**, Elementary Classroom Teacher at Marion Elementary School, effective June 23, 2023. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F14. ACCEPT RESIGNATION** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the resignation of **Michael DelRossa**, Director of Transportation for Marion Central School District, effective July 1, 2023. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F15. CREATE TEACHER ASST** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of a Teacher Assistant position at Marion Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F16. LIBRARY BOOK SURPLUS** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the declaration of library books listed as surplus. (FY 22/23 June #1)
- F17. APPRV BUS MONITOR** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of **Cynthia Fuentes** as a substitute School Bus Monitor and School Bus Driver in Training; fingerprint clearance on file. (FY 22/23 June #1)

**F18. APPROVE RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the resolution to appoint Maryanne Dimeo, Esq. as Impartial Hearing Officer regarding due process complaint notice received May 31, 2023. (FY 22/23 June #1)

**G. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

An opportunity for community questions and comments was given. A community member spoke about her feelings that Marion does not prepare students well enough for college and that it would be good if the district could offer more advanced level classes, especially in the area of science.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Taber, seconded by Mr. Monroe, and unanimously carried by Board members present, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the specific purposes of discussing potential litigation, the Non-Union Benefits Statement and CSEA collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:14 PM.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Reesor, and unanimously carried by Board members present the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adjournment of its June 5, 2023, meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nadine A. Mitchell  
School District Clerk