

**Marion Central School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM
Marion Jr-Sr High School Library**

A. Opening

1. Call to Order: Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: M. Kuelling, R. Marshall, J. Monroe, J. Reesor, and A. Taber

Administrators Present: S. Dehn, Ä. Harasimowicz, K. Kellerhouse (Admin Intern), M. Levi, E. Lloyd, N. Miller, C. Steiner, R. Walker, and D. Wise

Guests: Guest Register

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Kuelling, 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 Educational Law, approves the agenda of November 6, 2023, as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1) 5-0-0

B. Community Comments on Agenda Items - No comments were made.

C. Presentation

1. School Board Recognition - Dr. Lloyd read the Board appreciation proclamation from Gov. Kathy Hochul and thanked the Board, mentioning that they each had various notes, letters and poem from students thanking them and they watched a video from the students in Mrs. Mulhern's class.

2. Counseling Plans

Ms. Cantello began by reviewing highlights from last year's MES counseling plan and then shared the results with the Board. She then shared the two goals for the 2023-24 school year which consist of seeking student voice and continuing the second step implementation. Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Johnson shared the highlights of this past school year including the social workers doing four attendance groups called Knight's Circle to help students with attendance issues, WEB transition leaders which are 9th and 10th graders who help with 7th graders transition to the JrSr High and they also put together a document for parents so that they know who to contact in the counseling office for specific questions. They then described their three goals for the 2023-24 school year which include completing the implementation of Habitudes which is the art of navigating transition, finalizing the process for receiving referrals for the counseling office from parents, students and staff.

D. Board of Education Reports

Mr. Marshall and Dr. Lloyd introduced Joe Casper as the student representative and the reasoning being to have more of a student voice on the Board. Mr. Marshall discussed that he was one of 7 school board members to have the opportunity to meet, via Zoom for 30 minutes, with Chuck Schumer. He stated that it was a nice way to bring our small into his purview; and they spoke to Mr. Schumer about the school lunch funding and how important it is for small, rural districts for the funding to continue beyond this school year, state and local tax (SALT) and electric bus and the lack of infrastructure for rural school districts. Mr. Marshall and Ms. Taber attended the NYSSBA convention in Buffalo, NY. Mr. Marshall enjoys the opportunity to talk to people from other districts and hearing that they face similar problems to what we do which allows us to compare notes which is helpful. He attended training on board conflict of interest and it's not always what is actual conflict, but perceived conflict which can sometimes be cause more harm to the district than actual conflict and that we need to make sure we review our ethics policy just to keep it fresh. Mr. Marshall also went to sessions on electric buses and equity, inclusion and diversity. Ms. Taber added that she attended sessions on the community and social media, as well as a presentation on BoardDocs and upcoming changes to the program. The Board also reported on attending the Jr-Sr High Band and Chorus concert, the PTO Halloween party and Ms. Taber will be participating in the Veteran's Day celebration at the elementary school. Lastly, the board review the Four County Legislative Committee Survey and agreed on how they would like the questions answered.

E. Superintendent Reports

Dr. Lloyd reported on the East Ave Grocery Run that was organized for us by Mrs. Bay who put together a Marion team to benefit the Marion Food Pantry and it was a great opportunity to bring staff together

while also benefiting the community. She then mentioned that she, Mrs. Steiner and Mrs. Levi attended a MTSS/Community schools conference which they had hoped would assist with ideas for mapping the community schools program to our MTSS program, but unfortunately, the conference did not provide what they had hoped for. Lastly, Dr. Lloyd introduced Lisa VerWeire and Raj, her Terrier Mix who completed his AKC Good Citizenship and Therapy Training and per our policy is eligible to come into our buildings.

Motion by Mrs. Kuelling, 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 Lisa VerWeire's dog, Raj, as a Therapy Dog at Marion Central School District per Policy 8241. (FY 23/24 November #1) 5-0-0

Motion by Mrs. Kuelling, seconded by Ms. Taber, 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 APPR Lead Evaluators for the 2023-24 school year. (FY 23/24 November #1) 5-0-0

F. School Business Administrator Report

Mr. Walker presented the budget development calendar which is similar to past years and it includes the time and dates of the Budget Committee meetings noting that if the meeting falls on the day that the board is touring one of our buildings, the time will be at 5:00p rather than 5:30p and he will be sending out a communication to see if anyone in the community is interested in being on the budget committee. Next Mr. Walker reported on the tax collection report and mentioned that this year the actual collection was a little higher than in the past. Lastly, he reported on the financial report.

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 Tax Collection report as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1) 5-0-0

Motion by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mrs. Kuelling, 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 Financial Report as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1) 5-0-0

G. Administrators' Reports

Mrs. Miller reported on the Teacher Clarity workshops that have been taking place; every department at the high school and the new teachers have had personalized teacher clarity workshops which is about 9 hours of training and by the end of January all teachers in the district will have received this training and part 2 will begin at the elementary school starting second semester. She then reported on the Wayne Finger Lakes Personalized Learning conference where we had four of our teachers presenting; Mrs. Reesor and Mrs. Atkins presented on Teacher Clarity and Mr. Herlan and Mrs. Fitzsimmons presented providing voice and choice at the middle level which is part of their capstone regarding the Seal of Civic Readiness. She then explained that middle grade students will have one point toward their Seal of Civic Readiness and fourteen seniors have signed up and are working toward earning this seal this year. She then reported on the conference day where she did sessions on artificial intelligence (AI) and then discussed AI.

Mrs. Levi reported that all of the students 504 meetings have been completed and are now in Frontline which is also where IEP information is managed as it is very secure. She then informed the Board that 504 and IEP are now linked to SchoolTool so that teachers can more readily access this information on students to make sure that they are following each student's plan and accommodations. She continued to then report on a document repository that is also managed by Frontline which allows files to be securely shared electronically between buildings which is more efficient than call the CSE secretary at the high school to obtain a file needed at the elementary school. Lastly, Mrs. Levi reported on BKC's stating that we are up to almost 700 and then shared some special BKC's written to our principals.

Mrs. Harasimowicz reported that her first two weeks in the district have been busy. She has taken on the tardy policy at the JrSr High School which now allows for students to get two warnings per month for being late to school before students are assigned a lunch detention. She reported that the Veteran's day celebration would be taking place at the elementary school on Thursday being run by our student council and that she attended the PTO Halloween party which was great and the one of the hardest thing she has had to do was judging the costume contest.

Mrs. Steiner reported that on the conference day at the elementary school, they had a couple guest speakers come in to present on the impact of mental illness and how some of the symptoms in students

can be misperceived, along with different strategies to handle these challenges. She mentioned that they have been looking at what data they have been collecting and the purposes; and have had meetings to review this data to help determine student groupings for WIN time and interventions and gave a lot of credit to Mrs. Walker who coordinated all of this. Mrs. Steiner then reported on PTO movie night which was well attended, that mini-camps have begun and there are many to choose from and lastly, they had a hayride to celebrate every student receiving a knight note and Motts donated applesauce and apple juice for this event.

Mr. Dehn reported that he also attended the Sr High Band and Chorus concert and the students did very well. He then reported that the fall sports seasons are completed and had a successful finish, there were lots of wins, lots of individual achievements, lots of improvements, great senior nights and some sectional wins as well. Mr. Dehn then mentioned the excitement around the new message board and Mrs. Grassel and the tech team have been working hard to learn the software and its capabilities. He then reported that a FLCC admissions event took place at the JrSr High School and a bunch of seniors were able to admitted right there on the spot, so it was very exciting for them to have a plan for next year already. Lastly he reported on building a very small educational program here called Egnite the Knight and are targeting some students who are or could be at risk of dropping out of school and how we can adjust their academic program using our teachers but giving them a different school day to hopefully help them not be at risk.

Mr. Kellerhouse reported on his work on a project for the Integrated UPK grant, making sure all information is uploaded to the state to make sure the district get reimbursed for the Integrated UPK program.

Mr. Wise reported that he has been working with Edutech at BOCES to do a wireless audit which is basically doing an audit of wireless access points following all of the recent building construction to make sure that everything that was "unplugged" has been reconnect. They have started in the Elementary office and will continue on through the buildings.

H. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Consent Agenda - Dr. Lloyd discussed item 10 on the consent agenda and recommended to the Board that Shelene Hayes be appointed as the Director of Transportation and the process that they went through in making this decision and then read a BKC that was sent to Mrs. Hayes, that reiterates that they made the best decision to appoint her to this new position.

Motion by Ms. Taber, seconded by Mr. Monroe, and unanimously carried by Board members present: 5-0-0.

2. Meeting Minutes 10-2-23

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the meeting minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1)

3. CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the CSE/CPSE Recommendations regarding student placement as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1)

4. Treasurers and Warrants Report

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Treasurers and Warrants reports as presented. (FY 23/24 November #1)

5. Internal Claims Auditor Reports

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 23/24 November #1)

6. 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 23/24 November #1)

7. Approve Non-Certified Substitute Teacher Aide

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approve the appointment of **Nicole Sipple** as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher Aide for Marion Central School District, effective September 29, 2023, fingerprint clearance on file. (FY 23/24 November #1)

8. Appoint Evening Cleaner

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the probationary appointment of **Chelsea Castle** as an Evening Cleaner at Marion Jr-Sr High School, rate: \$14.45 + shift differential, effective November 7, 2023, fingerprint clearance on file. (FY 23/24 November #1)

9. Resignation of Head Bus Driver/Interim Director of Transportation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the resignation of **Shelene Hayes** as Head Bus Driver and Interim Director of Transportation for Marion Central School District, effective 11/07/2023. (FY 23/24 November #1)

10. Appoint Director of Transportation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Probationary Appointment of **Shelene Hayes** as Director of Transportation; salary: \$87,000/year, 12-month position, effective 11/07/2023. (FY 23/24 November #1)

11. Resignation - Food Service Helper

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves resignation of **Hannah Tones** as a 5-hour food service helper at Marion Jr-Sr High School, effective November 21, 2023. (FY 23/24 November #1)

12. Approve Substitute Food Service Helper

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of **Hannah Tones** as a Substitute Food Service Helper for Marion Central School District. (FY 23/24 November #1)

13. Approve Non-Certified Substitute

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of **Meaghan Finnerty** as a non-certified substitute food service helper, cafeteria/recess monitor and teacher aide for Marion Central School District. (FY 23/24 November #1)

14. Approve Substitute Bus Monitor

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of **Lucinda Welch** as a substitute bus monitor for Marion Central School District, pending fingerprint clearance. (FY 23/24 November #1)

I. Community Comments

An opportunity for community questions and comments was given. Community members discussed their frustration with the girl's basketball team having to merge with Williamson.

J. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mrs. Kuelling, 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 purpose of discussing potential litigation and the superintendent's annual goals.

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 7:22p

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 7:33p

K. Adjournment

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 approves the adjournment of its November 6, 2023 meeting at 7:34p

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadine A. Mitchell
School District Clerk