

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Board Room
October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by John Lutz at 6:15 p.m. as duly posted under State Statutes §19.84(1)(2)(c).

Roll Call of the Board

Board of Education Present: Cecil Chadwick, Bonnie Clayton, Debbie Frigo, Sandra Litang-Canon, John Lutz, Paul Wehking

Board of Education Absent: Michelle Voigts

Administration Present: Lisa Blochwitz, Bob Chady, Barb Sramek, Rich Peters, Becca Stein, Brian Sutton

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Frigo and seconded by Clayton. Carried 6-0.

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that public notice was provided to The Courier on October 16, 2017, was made by Clayton, seconded by Canon. Carried 6-0.

Extra Effort Award Recognition

Gail Leslie, Middle School Secretary, was recognized for her extra effort in coordinating and facilitating student registration.

Recognition of Visitors

Public Comment - none

Michelle Voigts arrived at 6:19.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of expenditures. General Fund checks #93771 to #94068 and Activity Fund checks #16700 to #16708.
- B. Approval of board minutes dated September 18 and October 5, 2017.
- C. Approve Resignations/Retirements
 - a. Gavin Peck - Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball
- D. Offer contracts / Letters of Employment
 - a. Sherry Mathison - School Nutrition Services
 - b. Michael Place - Middle School Boys Basketball
 - c. Maria Mendez - 0.5 FTE Custodian
 - d. Maria Montes De Oca Perez - 0.5 FTE Custodian

Motion by Canon, seconded by Wehking, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. Carried 7-0.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Voigts reviewed the revenue and expenses for September, 2017

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee - Sandy Canon reported the committee discussed advanced learning services throughout the district.

Community Engagement Committee - Debbie Frigo reported the committee met with Heather DuBois Bourenane of the Wisconsin Public Education Network regarding community engagement. Heather will meet with the community on October 23.

Student Representative Report - Austin Breunig reported on efforts to increase diversity within the principal advisory group and getting an additional student representative to the Board from the junior class. The advisory group wants to focus on changing the student environment for academic success.

Legislative Update - Barb Sramek reported the State Biennial Budget has been passed with a per-pupil increase in categorical state aid. The budget also included a significant increase in aid for school social workers and mental health professionals in the second year of the biennium, and increased reimbursement for high cost special education students. The DPI will return to the practice of issuing lifetime licenses for teachers. Also included is an expansion of school vouchers and limitations on when public school districts can go to referendum.

Old Business - none

New Business

Presentation by Marshall FFA

Marshall FFA members gave a summary of the Ag Education program at Marshall, including agriscience courses offered and FFA organization opportunities and events.

No action sought.

Discussion and potential action regarding a request for trips by the Marshall FFA during the first semester of the 2017-18 school year

Paula Bakken, FFA advisor, along with FFA members sought approval to attend three overnight trips in the first semester: National FFA Convention, the FFA Halftime Conference and the FFA 212° and 360° Leadership Conference. Motion by Frigo, seconded by Canon, to approve the trips as presented. Carried 7-0.

Discussion and potential action regarding a request for an overnight out of state trip by the high school show choir.

Kristine Hafford sought approval of an overnight trip for the high school show choir to travel to Chicago. Motion by Frigo, seconded by Clayton, to approve the trip as presented. Carried 7-0.

Report on new district administrator profile and summary of focus group and survey results

Dr. Matthew Gibson, from the search firm School Exec Connect, presented the profile developed for the new district administrator, based on the online community survey and focus group data.

No action sought.

Discussion and potential action regarding Youth Options requests

Motion by Frigo, seconded by Voigts, to approve the student requests for youth options as presented, not to exceed 18 credits per student during their high school career and pending a comparable course is not offered at Marshall High School. Carried 7-0.

Report on 2017-18 student enrollment

Bob Chady reported on the student enrollment data collected through the annual 3rd Friday Pupil Count.

No action sought.

Discussion and potential action regarding approval of a resolution regarding solar energy project

Bob Chady gave an update on the application submitted for the Focus on Energy grant. Motion by Clayton, seconded by Canon, contingent upon receipt of Focus on Energy grant incentives to further support the proposed solar PV project, that the district business manager be directed to make application(s) to secure necessary funding. Carried 6-1 (Frigo).

Discussion regarding Board self-evaluation

Board discussion regarding annual self-evaluation process.

No action sought.

Discussion of future board agenda items - none

Discussion and potential action regarding a request for a change in the Marshall High School handbook

Motion by Frigo, seconded by Canon, to approve a change to the high school handbook to revise the GPA qualification to receive an academic M. Carried 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Frigo, seconded by Wehking. Approved on voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Clayton, Clerk