

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
6:01 p.m.**

Members present: Michelle Axson, Lori Soucey, Barbara Holland, Sonja Williams (by phone) and Dan Miller

Michelle Axson called board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes from the June 15, 2020 board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made by Dan Miller and the second motion being made by Barbara Holland.

Next, Michelle presented the Board with Board Approved Budget Revision #1 regarding line 23. This revision shows where the Lead Teacher (Teacher Salary Allocation) money for the 2020-2021 was added in the amount of \$4,438.00. Lori Soucey made the motion to accept and Sonja Williams made the second motion.

Michelle then passed out the updated Board Binders and staff calendar. In the Board Binders are copies of the 2020-2021 Student Handbook, Job Description Booklet, as well as the Staff Handbook.

Next, Michelle discussed the changes we have made here at Marion Charter in regards to Covid. Michelle mentioned that all staff members would be taking their temperatures as they enter the building. Student temperatures will be taken every morning before they exit the cars. All students and staff members must wear masks or shields before entering the buildings and throughout the day. There are hand-sanitizing stations at the front of the building, as well as, at the entrance and exit doors of both buildings. Michelle updated the Board that our teachers were teaching both face to face and online this year. The reason Michelle is having all teachers teach both online and face-to-face is so that if there were another quarantine, there would be no loss of instructional time.

Next, Michelle presented to the Board that our 19-20 Audit was perfect and that there were no findings.

Michelle then reviewed the different grants that Marion Charter has received during Covid. They were:

Michelle mentioned that the school qualified for CARES Act grant in the amount of \$47,888.88. She told the Board that the money is to be spent the following ways:

- Purchasing resources necessary to address the needs of the school related to COVID.**
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the school.**
- Purchasing educational technology for students and staff.**

Michelle mentioned that she had applied for a CPS Technology Grant and was awarded the grant in the amount of \$79,962.00. We will be using this money to purchase Chromebooks for every student, as well as 12 Charging Carts.

Michelle mentioned that they also was awarded a GEERS Sanitation and Cleaning Grant in the amount of \$2,140.00 to help with the purchase of cleaning supplies, masks, and shields. This grant will be through the Warehouse, and when Michelle purchases any items that qualify, then it will be deducted from the GEERS Grant money.

Next, Michelle discussed the House Bill 641 instructional personal allocation with the Board. Michelle mentioned that House Bill 641 would allow schools to raise classroom pay to a minimum of \$47,500.00 or to the maximum amount achievable, based on the funds allocated to the school. Marion Charter School was allocated \$34,331.00 in order to try to meet House Bill 641. She mentioned that she had to complete a Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Preliminary Report that would give data in regards to who would qualify for 80% of the allocation and who would qualify for 20% of the allocation. She provided the Board with a copy of the Report and explained in detail the salaries what the teacher's salaries look like before and after the increase. Michelle then mentioned that she had to submit this to the county, as well as the state, and she is awaiting the results of the report.

Michelle quickly gave an update on the SIP (school improvement plan) and PFEP (parent/family engagement plan). She said that this year's plans were approved and that she will be working on any improvements to the plans as needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Topics for the January 12, 2020 Board Meeting will include:

- Updating the Board with any changes to the Board Approved Budget**
- Updating the Board with any changes to the Staffing Plan**
- Updating the Board with current and upcoming events here at Marion Charter.**
- Updates to the Grants received by Marion Charter School.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.