

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6:10 p.m.**

Members present: Michelle Axson, Barbara Holland and Lori Soucey.

Public Present: No public were present

Michelle Axson called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Michelle mentioned that Sonya and Sandy were unable to attend tonight's meeting, but that she would update them as soon as possible about tonight's topics.

The minutes from the April 23rd Board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made Lori Soucey, and the second motion being made by both Barbara and Sonya Williams.

First, Michelle presented the Draft Budget for the 2024-2025 school year. She explained that for Line Items 3 and 4 under the revenue section deals with Title I funds. Michelle explained that this year the Title I amount would be for \$107,900.00, and would still go towards paying the partial salaries of our Paraprofessionals salaries, and that \$975.00 is for the Parent Involvement Portion of Title I. She explained that the money for the Parent Involvement portion of the Title I money would be used to purchase student planners for all 3rd-5th grade student, as a daily communication tool between home and school.

Line Items 6 through 11 deals with our State Revenue (FEFP), and Line Items 12 through 24 deal with additional incoming revenue.

Next on the Budget, Michelle discussed Line Items 27 through 46 deals with Basic Instruction such as Instructional and Non-Instructional Salaries, FICA/MEDICARE, Insurance, Curriculum, etc. Michelle explained that for this upcoming year, we will have 2 Kindergartens, 2 First Grades, 2 Second Grades, 3 Third Grades, 2 Fourth Grades, and 2 Fifth Grades. Michelle mentioned that they are currently hiring 2 aides, one to replace Michelle Semp, who retired, and one for Tammy Corley, who is moving to the HCA/Secretary position to replace Brittany, who is returning to college to pursue her career in the Dentistry.

Then, Michelle explained that line items 47-72 dealt with the ESE/Gifted/RTI Teacher and Guidance Counselor's salaries and benefit information. Michelle also mentioned that they are on the Administration Team.

Next, Michelle explained that line items 73-86 deals with part of Ms. Vicki's salary for running the media center. Michelle mentioned that for this upcoming year, Ms. Vicki would be doing media center and then continue with serving breakfast and lunch, and that she would be getting a 2% raise this year. Michelle reminded the Board that Vicki's positions are coded separately seeing that she holds two different positions.

Then, Michelle continued explaining that line items 89-112 on the Budget deals with School Administration, which is herself, Sandy, and now Tammy. This section deals with

Administration staff salaries and benefits, and anything else that is related to the office and school such as office materials, accounting services, and payroll services.

Michelle then explained that line items 113-118 deals with Food Service. Michelle mentioned that this was the second part of Ms. Vicki's salary. Michelle mentioned that Vicki does a wonderful job and a truly a phenomenal asset to our school.

The next items on the budget that Michelle explained were line items 119-136, which deals with the Operation of the School such as custodial fees, garbage, water, electric, internet services, and any materials needed for the school's repairs and maintenance. Michelle mentioned that the school was going to continue to use an independent contractor for custodial because of the huge savings in regards to insurance and benefits.

Finally, Michelle explained that the last line items 142-150 on the Budget deals with our Extended Day Program which includes our Extended Day staff's salary and benefits and any supplies that the Extended Day Program may need.

After the detailed explanation of the Budget, Barbara Holland made the first motion to accept the 2023-2024 Marion Charter School Budget, with Lori Soucey making the second motion to accept the Budget.

Next, Michelle presented the Staffing Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Michelle explained that we would be having:

- * 2 Kindergartens**
- * 2 First Grades**
- * 2 Second Grades**
- * 3 Third Grades**
- * 2 Fourth Grades**
- * 2 Fifth Grades**
- * 1 ESE/Gifted/RTI Teacher**
- * 1 Guidance Counselor/Dean**
- * 6 Paraprofessionals**
- * 1 Paraprofessional/Ext. Day. Assistant Position**
- * 1 Administrator**
- * 1 Administrative Assistant**
- * 1 Secretary/Clinic/Guidance Clerk**
- * 1 Extended Day Director**
- * 1 Extended Day Assistant (Part time Para/Ext. Day Assistant..same as above)**
- *Independent Contractors for Custodial, Speech/Language, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist**

After the explanation of the Staffing Plan for the 2024-2025 school year, Barb Holland made the first motion to accept the Staffing Plan, while the second motion was made by Lori Soucey.

Next, Michelle reviewed with the Board the PM 3 State Testing Results. Michelle reminded the Board that at the last meeting, she reviewed K-2nd grade's PM#3 ELA scores. The remaining score results were:

- Kindergarten: The percentage of Kindergartners scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, Kindergarten had 46% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 48%.**
- First grade: The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, 1st Grade had 66% of students scoring a Level or above, as compared to the District's 51%.**

- **Second grade: The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, 2nd Grade had 54% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 48%.**

Michelle then explained that the students in 3rd-5th took the FAST Reading test PM3 and the scores were as follows:

- **For our Third grade students, 79% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 29% and the State's 55%.**
- **For our Fourth grade students, 39% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 32% and the State's 53%.**
- **For our Fifth grade students, 50% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 35% and the State's 55%.**

Then, Michelle reviewed the PM3 Math FAST Scores for 3rd-5th Grades. They were:

- **For our Third grade students, 69% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 22% and the State's 60%.**
- **For our Fourth grade students, 41% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 17% and the State's 58%.**
- **For our Fifth grade students, 70% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 26% and the State's 56%.**

Next, Michelle reviewed the State Science Scores for our 5th Grades. They were:

- **57% of our 5th grade students scored a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 44% and the State's 53%.**

The Board was very pleased with the scores of both the Reading and Math tests.

Michelle then mentioned to the Board that the staff will return on August 5th, and students will return on Monday, August 12th.

The Board discussed how next year Marion Charter School will be in operation 25 years. We began discussing how wonderful it would be to have a celebration where present and past staff and students can attend and celebrate the success of the school. We will begin planning the celebration this year so that next November we can hold the party. We discussed how we would like to have raffles, a DJ, food. Etc.

Michelle and the Board scheduled the Board Meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year. They are:

- **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**
- **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**
- **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**
- **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m., with the first motion being made by Lori Soucey and Barb Holland making the second motion.

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