

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
6:10 p.m.**

Members present: Michelle Axson, Sandy Wagner, Sonya Williams, Barbara Holland, Sage Edmond, and Lori Soucey.

Public Present: No public were present

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

The minutes from the April 22nd Board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made Sage Edmond, the second motion being made by Barbara Holland, the third motion by Sonya Williams, and the fourth motion being made by Lori Soucey.

First, Michelle presented the Draft Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. She explained that Line Items 3 and 4 under the revenue section deal with Title I funds. Michelle explained that this year the Title I amount would be for \$69,825.00, and would still go towards paying the partial salaries of our Paraprofessionals, and that \$926.00 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 students, as a daily communication tool between home and school.

Line Items 6 through 11 deal 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 deal 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, 2 Third Grades, 2 Fourth Grades, and 2 Fifth Grades. Michelle mentioned that they are returning to 12 classrooms due to the fact that Lesa Belwood retired.

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 deal 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 three different positions.

Then, Michelle continued explaining that line items 89-112 on the Budget deal with School Administration, which includes herself, Sandy, and 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 deal 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 is truly a phenomenal asset to our school.

The next items on the budget that Michelle explained were line items 119-136, which deal 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 would continue to use an independent contractor for custodial services due to the significant savings in insurance and benefits.

Finally, Michelle explained that the last line items 142-150 on the Budget deal 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, Sonya Williams made the first motion to accept the 2025-2026 Marion Charter School Budget, with Sage Edmond making the second motion, Barb Holland making the third motion, and Lori Soucey making the fourth motion to accept the Budget.

Next, Michelle presented the Staffing Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. Michelle explained that we would be having:

- * 2 Kindergartens**
- * 2 First Grades**
- * 2 Second Grades**
- * 2 Third Grades**
- * 2 Fourth Grades**
- * 2 Fifth Grades**
- * 1 ESE/Gifted/RTI Teacher**
- * 1 Guidance Counselor/Dean**
- * 7 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 2025-2026 school year, Lori Soucey made the first motion to accept the Staffing Plan, the second motion was made by Sage Edmond, the third motion was made by Barb Holland, and the fourth motion was made by Sonya Williams.

Next, Michelle shared with the Board that she sent out information to the parents asking for input regarding the school's SIP and PFEP plan at the end of the school year, and as of now, we have not had any responses. Michelle mentioned that she was currently working on the Draft School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the Parent/Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), which are due to the county in July.

Then, Michelle updated the Board about the Charter School's 15-year charter renewal. Michelle told the Board that the Marion County School Board members unanimously voted to accept our 15-year charter contract at the Board work session at the beginning of June, and the final vote will be made at the June 24th Board Meeting.

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 results were:

- **Kindergarten:** The percentage of Kindergartners scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Early Literacy, Kindergarten had 64% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 53%, and the State's 56%.
- **First grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Reading, 1st Grade had 69% of students scoring a Level or above, as compared to the District's 53%, and the State's 58%.
- **Second grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Reading, 2nd Grade had 46% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 43%, and the State's 51%.
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Then, Michelle reviewed K-2nd grade's PM#3 STAR Math scores. The results were:

- **Kindergarten:** The percentage of Kindergartners scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, Kindergarten had 56% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 50%, and the State's 54%.
- **First grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, 1st Grade had 72% of students scoring a Level or above, as compared to the District's 54%, and the State's 62%.
- **Second grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Math, 2nd Grade had 57% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 50%, and the State's 60%.

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,** 60% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 45% and the State's 57%.
- **For our Fourth grade students,** 56% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 47% and the State's 56%.
- **For our Fifth-grade students,** 59% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 47% and the State's 56%.

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

- **For our Third grade students,** 76% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 51% and the State's 63%.
- **For our Fourth grade students,** 61% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 54% and the State's 62%.
- **For our Fifth grade students,** 66% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 46% and the State's 57%.

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

- **62% of our 5th grade students** scored a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 43% and the State's 55%.

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 4th, and students will return on Monday, August 11th.

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

- **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**
- **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**
- **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m., with the first motion being made by Lori Soucey, the second motion being made by Sage Edmond, the third motion being made by Sonya Williams, and the fourth motion being made by Barb Holland.

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