

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

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

Public Present: Vicki Bosworth

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

The minutes from the June 17, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made by Lori Soucey, the second motion being made by Sonya Williams, the third motion by Barb Holland, and the fourth motion being made by Sage Edmond.

First, Michelle presented the Board-approved budget Revision #1 to the Board. Michelle explained that the only changes to the budget were Line item number 6, which updated the current Student Allocation amount per student, and that the number of students went down to 224 from 225. Michelle also explained that she added the amount of \$4,500 to line item number 10 for the Lead Teacher money. Michelle said that again this year, the teachers, as well as Mrs. Hinerman, Coach Yuk, and Ms. Wells, received \$300.00 each for the Classroom Assistance Bonus (Lead Teacher Money).

After the explanation of the Budget revision, Sonya Williams made the first motion to accept the 2025-2026 Marion Charter School Budget Revision #1, with Barb Holland making the second motion, Lori Soucey making the third motion, and Sage Edmond making the fourth motion to accept the revised Budget.

Next, Michelle explained that there were no changes to the Approved Staffing Plan that we have 2 of every grade level and one aide per grade level, except for fourth grade, where each class has its own aide due to extremely full classrooms.

Next, Michelle shared with the Board that Marion Charter School had a perfect audit again for the 24-25 school year. She said that Tim Price (Price & Associates) was very pleased with the everyday operation of Marion Charter School and that we should be commended for having a great audit year after year.

Then, Michelle provided the Board with this year's Board Binder paperwork, which included this year's SIP/PFEP Plan, the Yearly Staff Calendar, Marion Charter School's Staff Handbook and Job Description Handbook, as well as the Student Handbook.

Michelle pointed out that there was a survey that was sent out to the parents and staff asking for their input regarding our school's SIP and PFEP Plan.

Next, Michelle reviewed with the Board the ELA PM 1 State Testing Results for Kdg. -2nd Grade. The results were:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Carter has 67% (12) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 11% (2) On Watch, 11% (2) needing Intervention, and 11% (2) needing Urgent Intervention.
Ms. Maldonado has 56% (10) of her students At/Above Benchmark, no students On Watch, 22% (4) needing Intervention, and 22% (4) needing Urgent Intervention.**

- **First grade: Mrs. Booe has 88% (15) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 12% (2) On Watch, and no students needing Intervention or Urgent Intervention.**

Ms. Montanez has 82% (14) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 6% (1) On Watch, 12% (2) needing Intervention, and no students needing Urgent Intervention.

- **Second grade: Mrs. Amerling has 39% (7) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 39% (7) On Watch, 22% (4) needing Intervention, and no students needing Urgent Intervention.**

Ms. Dillingham has 67% (12) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 11% (2) On Watch, 6% (1) needing Intervention, and 17% (3) needing Urgent Intervention.

Then, Michelle reviewed K-2nd grade's PM#1 STAR Math scores. The results were:

- **Kindergarten: Mrs. Carter has 67% (12) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 6% (1) On Watch, 17% (3) needing Intervention, and 11% (2) needing Urgent Intervention.**

Ms. Maldonado has 44% (8) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 6% (1) On Watch, 39% (7) needing Intervention, and 11% (2) needing Urgent Intervention.

- **First grade: Mrs. Booe has 76% (13) of her students At/Above Benchmark, no students On Watch, 18% (3) needing Intervention, and 6% (1) needing Urgent Intervention.**

Ms. Montanez has 76% (13) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 6% (1) On Watch, 18% (3) needing Intervention, and no students needing Urgent Intervention.

- **Second grade: Mrs. Amerling has 61% (11) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 11% (2) On Watch, 22% (4) needing Intervention, and 6% (1) needing Urgent Intervention.**

Ms. Dillingham has 78% (14) of her students At/Above Benchmark, 6% (1) On Watch, 17% (3) needing Intervention, and no students needing Urgent Intervention.

Michelle then explained that the students in 3rd-5th took the FAST Reading test PM1 and the scores were as follows:

- **For our Third- grade students, 17% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 17% and the State's 25%.**
- **For our Fourth-grade students, 15% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 26% and the State's 33%.**
- **For our Fifth-grade students, 31% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 29% and the State's 36%.**

Michelle mentioned that the school's scale scores were at or above the District and State at this time.

Then, Michelle reviewed the PM1 Math FAST Scores for 3rd-5th Grades. They were:

- For our Third- grade students, 17% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 6% and the State's 9%.
- For our Fourth- grade students, 9% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 7% and the State's 11%.
- For our Fifth- grade students, 18% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 13% and the State's 16%.

Again, Michelle pointed out that the school's scale scores were above both the District and the State. Michelle mentioned that she was pleased with these scores and that she can't wait to see the improvements for PM#2.

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

Michelle then reviewed events that occurred since the last Board Meeting. They were:

- Staff returned on August 4th
- School began on August 11th- our current enrollment is 224
- We are now a F.A.N.S. school! (Fitness and /Nutrition in Schools)
- Aug 25th-Kdg.-2nd completed their PM#1 for ELA
- Aug. 26th- 3rd completed their FAST ELA PM#1
- August 28th- 4th completed their FAST ELA PM#1
- August 29th- 5th completed their FAST ELA PM#1
- Sept. 8th- Kdg.-2nd completed their FAST MATH PM#1
- Sept. 9th- 3rd completed their FAST MATH PM#1
- Sept. 10th- 4th completed their FAST MATH PM#1
- Sept. 11th- 5th completed their FAST MATH PM#1
- Title I Parent Meeting and Open House were on Thursday, Sept. 11th.
- Friday, Sept. 19th- CHUCK E. CHEESE Fundraiser Night- we raised \$525.85

Next, Michelle shared with the Board the upcoming events at Marion Charter. They are:

- 5th Grade field trip to Silver River on Tuesday, Oct. 14th
- 4th grade field trip to Silver River on Wednesday, Oct. 15th
- Friday, Oct. 17th- NO SCHOOL! Teacher work from home day!
- Health Screenings for K, 1, and 3rd on Oct. 20th
- Tuesday, Oct. 21st- K-2nd visit with the Fire Department
- Report Card Conferences begin Oct. 23rd
- Red Ribbon Week- Oct. 27th-Oct. 31st- "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free!"
 - a. Monday, Oct. 27th- "Lei" Off Drugs- Wear your favorite Hawaiian/Tropical clothes
 - b. Tuesday, Oct. 28th- "Drugs are so out of style"-Wear your tackiest clothes/hair
 - c. Wednesday, Oct. 29th-"You snooze, you lose!"-Wear your favorite pajamas-EARLY RELEASE
 - d. Thursday, Oct. 30th - "Outlaw drugs!"- Wear western or law enforcement clothes.
 - e. Friday, Oct. 31st - "Characters don't do drugs!"-Character dress up day-Costume parade 9:00 out front
- K-3rd Grade to Ocali Days on Nov. 7th
- Staff Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 12th /Early Release Day for MCS
- Friday, Nov. 21st- Mid Florida Credit Union to read "Parker's Place" to Kdg.
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 24th-Nov. 28th
- Winter Festival Part I on Wednesday, Dec. 17th and Part II on Thursday, Dec. 18th
- Winter Break Dec. 22nd- Jan. 2nd

- **Monday, Jan. 6th (Work From Home) and Tuesday, Jan. 7th- Teacher Workday at school**

Finally, Michelle mentioned that she spoke with Brian at East Coast Modular to get information about building a permanent modular school. She said that she spoke with him about the specifications that will be needed, such as 13 classrooms, a library, cafeteria, etc., and Brian said that he will be sending her information about a 10,000 Sq. Ft. building that they did for Hope Preparatory School in Groveland Park that had pretty much the same specifications. He said that he would be sending Michelle their blueprints so that she could get an idea of the layout. He also said that he will be working on getting Michelle prices for the foundation and buildings so that she has an idea of the type of funding she will need to secure. Michelle said that she would continue to update the Board with the information that she receives.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 20th @ 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., with the first motion being made by Sonya Williams, the second motion being made by Lori Soucey, the third motion being made by Sage Edmond, and the fourth motion being made by Barb Holland.

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